Dear friends,

We extend our warmest greetings from EBPP family during these challenging times and hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Even though all of our schools are closed, our staff remains very active and vigilant supporting our students’ education remotely, continuing health outreach for the most vulnerable in our communities and supporting Ban village Govt COVID-19 Task Force with transportation, etc. We’ll keep you updated as the situation changes, but until then we want to inform you of our current situation and activities.

Our students continue staying positive while studying at home, with weekly lessons delivered by our teachers, with whom they share a WhatsApp group for communicating questions, sharing humour, discussing problems and any matters needing advice. Today, our teachers delivered comprehensive hygiene kits to each child including soap, towel, shampoo, toothbrushes/paste and face masks. Our students and staff have also written articles about their current situation which we’ll be posting on our social media and Blog in the coming weeks.

Our Health team continues communicating with the village leaders and the Puskesmas (Tianyar Community Health Centre) representatives so we can support them on preventing outbreaks in our village, all delegated responsibilities for their own areas and key activities below:

• Follow up visit to severely and moderately malnourished children at home:
• Food supplements distribution to malnourished children and a child with disabilities:
• Evaluating three children with disabilities through video sharing with YPK staff:
• Follow up with a child who had an operation in January:
• Transporting a child with a broken right arm to get immediate attention at Karangasem Hospital.

Our WASH team continues monitoring the 34 new toilet/bathroom blocks for our Pucang community, with completion due in the next few days while our bamboo artisans continue providing hands-on training for our Pengalusan high school graduates and ready to prepare bamboo bike frames for new orders.

We appreciate your continued support as we face these difficult times together and we are ready to answer any questions or concerns. Please do reach out, and thank you again.

Warmest regards,

David
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