

# Mothers Do It Every Day...They Make The Impossible Happen!

**Fact:** In 2003, the Jakarta Post reported that the maternal mortality rate in Indonesia is 373 per 100,000 births. This number reflects the number of MOTHERS who die in childbirth in Bali annually. To bring that fact closer to home and heart, in the U.S. that number is 12 per 100,000.



**Tsunami to Terrorism, Balinese Culture Crippled with Rising Malnutrition:** In 2002 and 2005, following the devastation of the Tsunami in Indonesia, terrorist bombings in Bali led to the collapse of the tourist industry, resulting in economic devastation, mass poverty, and malnutrition on the island. As a result, the poorer families on the island lack the money needed to receive the health care they need in pregnancy and birth. When a mother is malnourished from poverty and then gives birth, there's a far greater chance she will tear, and without proper medical attention, the mother can bleed to death, which explains the high maternal mortality rate in Bali today.

## Hope Exists For Mothers in Bali!

In 1999, Midwife Robin Lim set up a birth clinic for women to come and receive prenatal care, as well as to give birth in a safe, compassionate environment commensurate with their ability to pay. To learn more, please visit the website of Yayasan Bumi Sehat [www.BumiSehatBali.org](http://www.BumiSehatBali.org).

## No Woman is Ever Turned Away

Bumi Sehat began receiving 50 mothers per year and offering them a safe place to birth their babies. By 2007, that number jumped to 600, and projections are 750 to 800 births in 2008 *with the same number of staff and facilities*. Based on the numbers of women that come for prenatal visits every week, 2008 has already stressed the facilities at Bumi Sehat beyond maximum capacity. With a policy at the clinic that no woman is ever turned away, building a new facility in the same village that can accommodate all the requests for help has become critical.

### The solution is as simple as one dollar!

If each mother who hears or reads this story gives \$1.00, then passes it on to all the mothers she knows, and THEY each give \$1.00 and pass it along to all the mothers THEY know... you begin to get the picture!

Bumi Sehat would then receive the gift of **A Million Mother's hearts and intentions**, building the miracle of a new birth clinic for the women in Bali...one dollar and one mother at a time.

## **100% Goes Directly To New Bumi Sehat Clinic, Bali**

100% of every dollar sent will directly go to funding the purchase of land, building and supplying the new clinic, and buying a much needed ambulance.

There are two ways to donate:

1) Put one dollar or a check payable to Sakthi Foundation (a tax exempt 501(c) 3 U.S. charitable organization) into an envelope and mail to the following address. Please note on your check, "donation to Bumi Sehat."

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2) Make a donation by credit card or PayPal by going to <http://www.sakthifoundation.org/mother.htm> and follow instructions for designating the donation to *Yayasan Bumi Sehat*. (Specify that this goes directly to the clinic fund.)

\*\*\*Note: Please only use the online method of donation for group donations over \$10, as the fee for donating through *PayPal* costs \$.30 per transaction and 3% of any amount donated.

Join my heart and turn it into A Million Mother's hearts, manifesting safe and proper care for mothers and babies in Bali!

One Million Mothers CAN create a miracle—we DO make a difference. Please pass this to your childbirth classes, teachers, mother's groups, breastfeeding friends or mothers everywhere. The mothers on the island of Bali DO feel your caring. I make sure of that. *Contact me directly, if you can help me spread this word to a million more mothers!*

In gratitude!

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