

Newsletter

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HEALTH CARE IN KHNAR PO

It is extremely hard work and help people all along. Especially the mayor of CHHUK and his wife are always there and the wife cooks for the workers. Interesting is that they pay close attention to the details and decorations. Nothing is standard or out-of-the-box, everything is made by themselves. You notice that it is their building!

Around the building beautiful pavements are constructed and behind the building people work hard on the toilets and the water storage facility where clean water is stored and filtered through rocks and sand. Then the water is pumped through to the 1000 liter storage at 5 meter height and through another pump into the building. This way the health care has clean drinking water, two sinks with a crane and a real shower. Unique in a rural hospital in Cambodia!

WORKING HARD

CDO is very busy to get the medical equipment donated by Pure for Kids to Cambodia in time for the opening.

Next to that there is obviously staff needed to get the health care running. We are still looking for donors who want to help in terms of personnel, maintenance, medical drugs etc. Medical volunteers are more than welcome to contribute!

Thanks to WJngaard de HEES, Daan Euser on behalf of the school from Papendrecht and the Wilde Ganzen. Also many thanks to the SBO School and other small school donors that enable us to proceed with the other facilities such as water and toilets, fences, a gate etc.

Also we are busy working on the electricity to get light in all rooms, two outside lights and a small fan in all rooms. The donated generator is strong enough to power a computer in the near future.

Derani from Australia: many thanks to you for your action in Australia that has raised \$ 2500, - for further finishing of the master-plan and I hope to see you come back as a nurse!



NEW SCHOOLBOOKS

Thanks to the parents, family and friends of Els Mellink for newly purchased khmer primary school books and school supplies (\$ 3180, -) and Nathalie of the Albrecht college has enabled a real certified BTC teacher in the commune. This way local teachers will be taught how one should really teach in accordance with the new books for the children and for the teachers.

ACTION SBO SCHOOL

Ferry and Erik support us impressively with their school and I am very happy that we can use their donation of \$ 2935, - to finance our rural hospital in Siem Reap. Thanks a lot!

Very unfortunate that the drawings of the school children of the SBA school that have been sent have not arrived as so often happens, too bad. Boys and girls of the school SBA still thanks a lot for this and if they come after all I will give them, because the children don't know about this surprise and they enjoy it a lot when they get something from another country ... I will keep you informed!

Construction of the health care in Khnar Po



Did you know ...?!

- that for € 15, - you can sponsor a set of new pens and books for an entire class .

- that we receive a commission when you book your trip through the travel agencies listed on our website?

- that for \$ 25, - you can sponsor a water filter for clean drinking water.

- that for \$ 150, - you can sponsor a water pump including concrete construction.

- You also can become a monthly donor

PERFORMING FOR CHARITY

I am also extremely pleased that the "HUISMAN" band on February 4 has played again and the proceeds are donated to our health care.

Dear members: if I could I would quickly fly over! I have your posters hanging everywhere over here!

I hope that with your contribution we can finish the construction of the health care. All band members many thanks!



RESTORATION ROEMDEEN

Again, the Mill College of the Third World school in Tilburg on behalf of Yvo has contributed through their annual flea market together with the Wilde Ganzen enabled us to renew the school roof, a storage shed and we can make a big water pump in the village Roemdeen. The coming weeks I will start building and I will also try to build a classroom-like warehouse.

Furthermore, we will renew the roof, two toilets, a large water pump and a flagpole site. I have requested a price indication for 24 new wooden school benches, to see whether they can be bought from the budget. In total from Tsjob (This village has no school) and Roemdeen 343 children daily come to this school classroom! That is 85 children per classroom!



EDUCATION IN TAKEO

In Takeo everything goes well. The structure of the classrooms went smoothly, the teachers have a lot of enthusiasm and we have a lot of enthusiastic kids who want to attend lessons at a lovely new school next to the volunteer house (thanks again Dave and Maartje).

Five hours of teaching per day given to children from 3 years to 16/17 years, from the Let's Go book series. Next to the children seven monks also like to attend our classes.

The volunteer house looks even nicer now it is decorated. Both on the first floor and below are cozy sitting areas. The house is decorated with bamboo furniture (With a donation of Elizabeth Reeser). The four bedrooms all have a stretcherbed and a cabinet, two of the rooms have a fan that runs on a battery.

It is a lovely house to live, especially the veranda has a beautiful view and there is almost always a breeze so that in the very warm time living is good there!



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

The week with Engineers Without Borders was unforgettable! A lot of soil- and watersamples were taken from different water sources.

Research on these samples are almost analyzed and in March / April EWB comes back to the region for new and further research. What are we happy with this group of people!

WALKING FOR WATER

The sanitation project has been approved! Project applications require much time and energy, but if they are approved there is a lot of satisfaction from a commune and it is a big step in the right direction. Through the organization Aquafor all children from several primary schools, will be walking for water and sanitation projects. More information can be found at the site www.wandelenvoorwater.nl

This will be a major event in the week of March 22, 2010, more info follows.

CLEAR WATER IS EVERYTHING

In the commune Khnar Po we have built a total of 53 water pumps! A great improvement, but for the 10,000 people who live over there, plenty of places are still in need of waterpumps. Especially the distant villages and families who live in the rice fields still require more waterpumps.

The new water filters clearly contribute to improving health. Drinking water quality improves significantly and thus there's a huge demand for these filters. Many people find their general health improved immediately after they started using them. For \$ 25, - (+ / - € 18, -) you can donate a standard filter.



RAKO BELGIUM

RAKO Belgium donated 15 water pumps, 15 water filters, 2 Khmer teachers who help us with English lessons and all activities occurring and donated a years worth of food for a family. On top of that 50 children who have none or very old school clothes got a set of new school clothes!

Thanks a lot Michel on behalf RAKO Belgium! All waterpumps are extra deep drilled so they can access water even in the dry season. Thank you RAKO Belgium! Still we have a long list of these wishes. We look forward to a long partnership!

Also Fanny Dooms Rako of Belgium who has donated an additional water pump thank you very much.

Enjoying a cool shower Cambodian styler



MORE

The beautiful movie that Olaf and Elke have made during their visit to us in Khnar Po can be seen on our website. Again thank you very much for your constant contributions Olaf and Elke!

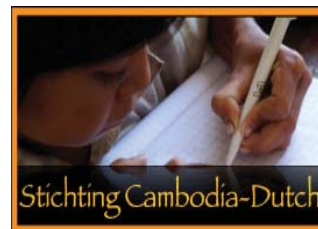
In Takeo Rita and Maaïke have worked very hard and it is amazing what they have done! Four months of their time and savings to do this heavy work. The project is fully implemented: everyday teaching, many procedures are set up and information provided. Ton who greatly helped us with various chores and of course Dave, Kim and Maartje who have worked here all this time. I would also like to thank the daughter of Rita, Lieke, very much for her visit to Takeo and the actions she is doing for us in Netherlands!



YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE

Everywhere we work we regularly hear a Cambodian phrase often heard: "sabay Chat Tsjraan": that people have a happy heart. I would like to thank everyone again for everything and for all the people I forgot to thank 1000 times sorry, but there are so many areas where so many people work so hard ...!

CDO ON THE WEB



CDO has recently created its own Facebook page. Go to Facebook at www.facebook.com and search for "Cambodia Dutch" to join and get access to more current pictures and information.

Everybody thanks a lot again! Greetings from Cambodia, Jan