

# Newsletter

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### NEW ROOF FOR SCHOOL IN ROEMDEEN

The money for the school in Roemdeen was received later than expected, we have already broken down the old roof and made a new metal frame with real tiles laid on top for the upcoming school year. Thank you very much at Mill College in Tilburg, the Wild Geese and NCDO. The rest of the planning is work in progress. We are still one classroom short and the small old water pump is in urgent need of renovation, caused by the iheavy usage of the surrounding school and families. Just missing the money yet!



I know there are still many actions about which we certainly will pay attention to as soon as we have more information.

### FOOD, EDUCATION & HOUSING

I am very pleased with Tara from Canada who volunteered here and worked alongside all the busy activities of the Roemdeen family (the man with the hump and the kids), a new roof has been donated and she is going to donate their monthly food program. The roof has already been repaired so Tara was around to see how it goes and she will also return here. Thanks so much Tara!

Michel also thank you very much for the hard work you have done as a volunteer. Michel educated one of the monks in between the classes and also restored our computer. Step by step we can use the generator in our hospital and for computer classes for our local guys. Michel has also made a donation for a new house for the Khmer young mother with her seven kids in Khalkhnay (in the rice fields). We are still looking for additional donations for this.

Yvo, a rotary club from Tilburg and ourselves are very active to help more than 50 families living in the rice fields. I hope the Rotary Club and the Wild Geese will help these families. These people live in remote forests accessible only by a very bad road. We have created a roadmap for this: first, improve the road, then delivering food, repairing shelters for the children, arrange transport for them to go to school, build water pumps and water filters and then make vegetable gardens.



# Takeo

## PROGRESS IN TAKEO

In Takeo Sanne, Richard & Pauline returned home. They have been fully engaged in improving education, many new ideas, a new teacher (recently retired monk) Leakhana, extra English lessons in preparation of a second teacher. Very good news: Richard and Pauline come back early next year and will support Leakhana! They also helped a lot at Baca Villa, thank you Richard and Pauline!. Photos at <http://s299.photobucket.com/albums/mm288/Cambodia-Dutch/Jan/Takeo/volunteers/>



## CD BY HAGELSLAG!

The second bamboo school is finished in Takeo with help of the band Hagelslag ([www.hagelslag.info](http://www.hagelslag.info)). They have donated their CD proceeds of \$ 6530, - to us by which we could build a second bamboo school building and improve the road to our house and school. We also have new gutters so we can collect the rainwater. We also filled up our stock of notebooks for the kids.

Thank you very much and good luck with your band Hagelslag!

See many beautiful pictures at <http://s299.photobucket.com/albums/mm288/Cambodia-Dutch/Jan/Takeo/Teaching-English/>

Everybody buy their CD! Check <http://www.hagelslag.info>



Rita is also back in Cambodia for three months, and after visiting Baca Villa, the family, the many kids and of course our hospital and schools where we teach, the many families that we deliver weekly food, Rita returned to her destination in Takeo.

Good luck Rita and many thanks for all the help in the Netherlands and here in Cambodia. you can read all about Rita in Cambodia at <http://www.cambodia-dutch.org/blog>

Mid / late July, in Takeo we will build two toilets as a pilot launch of a range of sanitation and toilets in our plan as you have already read, together with Lewis of Engineers Without Borders, Aqua for All, walking on water and with the help of many schools in the Netherlands. It is a daunting task, toilets are misunderstood here so it will require a lot of effort and education to convince people why not to use the rice fields as a toilet, and why you should wash hands after using a toilet etc etc.

One of the main reasons why girls drop out of school is because there is no sanitation in schools present! All help is still welcome here. For help, visit [www.cambodia-dutch.org/Donaties\\_nl.html](http://www.cambodia-dutch.org/Donaties_nl.html) (mention Takeo water and sanitation in your transaction details) Our sincere thanks!



# Khnar Po

## TOO MUCH TO MENTION

Also Derani Ross is back from Australia. Last year she has worked very hard here as a nurse for 3 months and now she works in our hospital. Welcome back to Cambodia Derani! It's already very busy day after day in our hospital. Thank you Derani for helping out!

Together with the Dutch medical student Michael Meesters, they work every day to take care of the medical problems in our hospital and find out how to work with greater efficiency.

Last month once again a new record number of visitors. As many as 3429 patients! Every day filled with people who wait and come from near and far, walking for kilometers to get to our hospital. The most common diseases are infections, abdominal complaints (parasites), diarrhea and diarrhea with blood, urinary problems, diabetes, gynecology etc. ... almost a miscarriage recently. We urged to the hospital in Siem Reap and it all had a happy ending.

Tough luck, the water was dried up in our water pump, we now have built a great ringwel. For more than 100 visitors a day enough water is present. Our new donated generator broke down, so many blown bulbs etc. So we added a new diesel generator we purchased. Maintenance is very important otherwise you get the same as with many health cares in Cambodia: it looks dirty, broken, there is no water etc.

Partly due to the large number of patients each day, we also have to buy many drugs, last month for over \$ 1600, -!

Through Rako Belgium, the volunteer Cisca is coming to help and we have good news from Pro Avalanche Paul, Philip and their teams. With a group of physicians they will help us in the months January - February 2011 (also dentists, dental assists, nurses, etc paradontologen) many Thanks Filip Paul Stroop, etc. Next to that Jan Mutssaers, a dentist, is coming in November one day to help us with dental problems. That will be a very busy day! The healthcare newsletter is available at <http://www.cambodia-dutch.org/update-Health-Care-June-2010.pdf>

I also want to thank medical volunteer Nicole Vermeulen very much not only for her work, but also the fact that she has dragged the suitcase with drugs from Jack and his friends. Next to that she donated \$ 1500 - to buy a full month medication and donate on a monthly basis for a mother and 3 kids in Sombath who we help (this is where the father died at a young age). The mother and kids are always very friendly and they work very hard on the vegetable garden we gave them. The local medical people were very happy with Nicole!

She is also lobbying for someone to pay the monthly medical support, which is starting to be a big problem. Nicole plans to return later this year! Thank you!



*upper: family Sombath  
right: our 'ambulance'  
below: the first twins born  
in the healthcare  
entirely below: Tara  
teaches at pagoda*



# Netherlands



## NEW CONTAINER ON THE WAY

Together with Raben Logistics Germany GmbH Mönchengladbach and the Lions Club midden Betuwe, Rendev makes sure our container soon heads to Cambodia with a lot of clothes / toys, educational equipment, bicycles and paramedical material! Thanks a lot for this!

## DONORS

Angelique and Eric thank you for donating to the salary of a teacher in Takeo.

Jaap is back in full action! Besides the fact that in collaboration with Pharmacy Betuwe and Peter Kroeze for several months medication for our hospital are donated and they have collected a truckload of paramedical equipment, he also initiated a water filter donation program and wants for the whole Champei commune in the Takeo province a filter, he needs 500 pieces. There are already plenty of people who have responded and donated. Jaap, you're doing well again, our heartfelt thanks to you and the Pharmacy Betuwe.

Nathalie Koole, and students of the Albeda College in Rotterdam, thank you for the action, the donation for Chat, our deaf kid who is also almost blind, we have severe concerns about him. At least he is now financially supported!

Good news! We get the entire promised amount by the walk for water project in collaboration with aqua for all and start with education and the construction of latrines in Takeo.

Many heartfelt thanks to the following donors; Mr. / Ms. De Ruyter, hr / mevr.Y. Beyert, Fam. C.A.C. Iron Man, Hr. J.M.A. The Bekker, Elizabeth Reeser, R. Jansen and R. Ruumpol, A.M. From Puijjenbroek (new English teacher Takeo, we will work hard to find). Frans Vermeulen and Arja.

## VARIOUS

I would again strongly urge you to take a look in your neighborhood to see whether you can make a school excited for us to walk for water. For more information you can always mail me (voorzitter@cambodia-dutch.org). Unfortunately the government does not subsidize aquaforall anymore, so the yield is not doubled. This is a very good action, so that children become aware of the lives of children in underprivileged countries. Unfortunately the government discontinues to help, but we keep going anyway and we can only do this with your help.

We so gladly want to make the water in our communes safe to drink for the people... you help them?

Our two students from Fontys social studies have presented their final project at school and graduated. In cooperation with Fontys Eindhoven there will also be more students in our communes and on our projects. The next step is one year of internships for students here in Cambodia.

May 29 was the opening of our new home in the Netherlands and the special cambodian market there. Beautiful weather, fun everywhere, skype with Jan was a huge success and we collected 1400 euro. Many thanks to all those who helped us on this day.

## SUCCESSFUL EVENING

Lions Club Wodancella Eindhoven had an asparagus dinner combined with additional services and art sales. Revenue go to Cambodia-Dutch!

After a very enjoyable evening, for the second time, Lions Club Wodancella realised a great revenue for us. Last year, they have ensured that the container could be sent to Cambodia, this year they are helping them to realize the large water / sanitation project in Takeo province in the commune Champei.

Over 5000 euro was collected during this evening! We are very grateful for this! Comprehensive report will be made!

*Thanks everybody! Greetings from Cambodia, Jan*