

# Newsletter

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### OPENING DATE HEALTHCARE MARCH 18TH

A lot happened. Not only with regard to the healthcare and the amazing opening ceremony, but everywhere up until the hot and dry Takeo .

Many very busy days. Every day to the building site of the healthcare, the finishing touch always requires the most time and attention, especially here in Cambodia!

However, the opening ceremony of the Healthcare was a huge succes and we are up and running as you are reading this. Thanks a lot to everybody who contributed to this amazing project and I hope you enjoy reading about the results in this newsletter.

### THE OPENING!

Getting new local medical personnel, payroll issues, medical issues such as more medication, more tools and different medical equipment for the healthcare and next to that the teachers who had to teach for a while without volunteers need extra attention. Lhaom and Lhea grumble that they don't see me enough, the Baca Villa kids at home I see very little and also in Takeo everyone needs attending, the volunteers also want a chat, the local people ..... a lot of hassle, I can tell you!

Until the last day it was exciting who would organize the opening: the District or the Ministry of Health of the Commune. It was the Ministry of Health and it was not easy to get everything right and quickly buy everything. We bought the flowers and the red ribbon ourselves.... Well so it goes.

But it was rewarding when we got up in the morning at 05.00 because the ceremony would start around 06.00 and early in the morning is always the best. Some guests and people from Pure For Kids joined us at 06.00. It was very crowded on arrival, the famous green banner is already in place (a beautiful ritual that we missed, unfortunately), music plays, 10 monks there and many old people as usual. The comuneman, Chief Chhuk already exist and are already run into.



Present were amongst others:

- The president of the District (High Police supervision)
- The director of buildings vh District (a super nice guy, always happy to talk English with me, very interested and asking what we do all the time).
- The Director of Health of the District.
- The Director of Health of the Province of Siem Reap
- There also were several delegates from the Angkor Children Hospital.
- And many others!

## NEWS FROM TAKEO

Rita gone, Maaïke gone, Kim has gone ... Now is Sanne there and she runs it perfectly with Reth. She likes it so much that she stays even longer, amazing!

Kim, again many thanks for the many little things that you've donated: food for babies, games, medicine etc etc, every day hauling buckets of water in addition to the shower, thank you!

Many thanks for your hard work and what you have done there. As everyone knows Rita and Maaïke have been here together for 4 months in the middle of nowhere, but you are doing it all by yourself!

Thanks everyone for the donations for Takeo startup! It was a big success! Perhaps, not all volunteers notice, but I hear nothing but praise for you and everybody is very grateful for our help!



*classroom in Takeo*

### 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



## A LOT OF WORK IN TAKEO

I just got back from Takeo (March 16) and Sanne works very hard over there, perfect! Both as a teacher and as a nurse!

The English couple Endrews agreed to arrive a bit early so that we can run without interruption. We are very pleased that they help us in Takeo and that everything can continue as usual. Sanne ends March 26 and then the Endrews couple will run Takeo for 6 weeks.



## FURTHER IN TAKEO

Just took a look with Sanne at the entire list of families from which we took care of thanks to the donors.

I've just visited a girl with a big tumor in half her face, her mouth and jaw for which we currently have no (financial) solution. If you have a solution please let us know!

Again there is a mother asking for milk, many mothers have difficulty giving mothermilk. Donations for powdered milk are always welcome. For \$20 a month we can provide a baby with powdered milk! Contact us if you would like to donate: [voorzitter@cambodia-dutch.org](mailto:voorzitter@cambodia-dutch.org)

## CHHUK



It is now March 19 as I write this and the opening of the Healthcare has been a success. But it took a huge effort....Fortunately, Silvia and Anouk are present as are the Dutch doctors Nirma and Jules.

Jessica is gone and I would like to thank her for her tremendous enthusiastic commitment on all fronts including the medical documents created for the healthcare, also thanks for the tasty bag of candy (hmmmm!) and getting us in touch with Herman.

Silvia goes twice a week to a girl who could not walk around all day lying in her hut, and now can sit! Awesome to see what she is doing and how she progresses!

## BABY FOOD DONATION

Miriam van Veghel has donated a number of times in Takeo now. A baby's diet with powdered milk makes Thavy, our baby with Down syndrome, stronger every day and also allows us to get her medications for her heart condition. Thank you so much Miriam!



## MEDICAL SUPPLIES

A lot of great support for me right now that we can put to good use for our healthcare startup.

I am also delighted that the latest list of drugs (antibiotics, malaria Check and medications, worm tablets for parasites too many to list, over \$ 484) published by the Dutch doctors Nirma and Jules is donated by the present medical volunteers, a very welcome surprise! Thank you all very very much.



## DONORS

Below the list of donors to the Health Care, thank you all very much! Main Sponsors:

- "Wijngaard HEES" <http://www.wijngaardhees.nl>
- Papendrecht School CSG (Daan Eusers als grote steun hierin)
- Wilde Ganzen die het total met 70% heeft aangevuld.

Verder extra van donateurs ontvangen :

- Rako Belgium USD 6976,- (Flink gedoneerd !)
- Stichting PURE FOR KIDS
- SBO School Papendrecht (Eric en Ferry en kinderen en ouders)
- LionsClub Gouda
- Thijs en Rikky
- Derani Ross uit Australie
- Charmain Fokker
- Jop de Bakker
- Ad de Haas (2x Printers)
- Pien Garvelink
- R A van Soest en M C H uit Lederdorp
- Hr PGWM Willemsen via onze Yvonne Grijzen actie
- Y Peters en M van Raak (De buisman band optreden voor het Health Care) Bedankt mensen !
- Jan en Carlo, weer opnieuw bedankt jullie !
- Opnieuw Yvonne Grijzen actie health Care Khnar Po
- Hr H J Hunnik

Also greatly thank the people who have done a general donation, the overheads are always very worrying. Cars break down all the time, extra money for kids who go to school, petrol costs, and high prices in Siem Reap don't make it easier.

Thank you very much for the general donations:

- R. Jansen en R Ruumpol
- Theo Pattipeiluhu
- W. Heldoorn
- R de Vos

## GOOD NEWS

Also good news from the money raising action of Marco and Dominique. They have gathered € 1500 for new water pumps in Khnar Po, when the hospital is open and we got a little rest, we will start building. The same goes for the new Khmer Education donated by the Fam. Mellink and the new school teacher sponsored by Nathalie.

*Everybody thanks a lot again! Greetings from Cambodia, Jan*



## THANKS

Yvonne for replying our volunteer applications by e-mail reply, Robert and Ingrid for their donation for Neang for the coming year, Jop for making the newsletter and helping wherever he can, Olaf and Elke for CDO movies and the 'walking for water' project, Lieke for a lot of things, the husband of Rita, the beautiful family of Rita, Piet Heijl again for his 2 teachers CHHUK donation for one year, the fam Mellink for the donation of Khmer education which we will commence after the opening of the healthcare, Nathalie Koole for paying the BTC teacher who will teach the Khmer teachers in this new book, J. Grevelings Steenwijk donation for helping my father Dad, thanks Dad, The fam Hunink from Hilversum, Fam. Garvelink from Hilversum, Fam Vos from Dordrecht.

## THE REAL WORK JUST STARTED

A major concern continues to persist: how do we continue running! The monthly salaries and maintenance costs for the to keep up the good work are about \$2000 per month! We don't have a stable financial solution found yet, so suggestions and ideas are more than welcome.

There was some ambiguity if we are allowed to deploy foreign medical personnel, but it is clear now that we have permission to do so. So, medical volunteers are more than welcome!