

Newsletter

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WORKING HARD IN THE NETHERLANDS

There has recently been done a lot of work in Cambodia, but there also has been done a tremendous amount of work in the Netherlands. For example, a lot of money was raised by the very successful 'Walking for Water' fundraising and we have worked very hard to realize a new home for the Cambodia Dutch foundation.

Invitation!

This new housing for our foundation has become a fact and therefore we would like to invite you all to the opening of our new place on Saturday the 29th of May.

We hope to see many former volunteers, guests of Baca Villa guesthouse, donors, friends and members of our organization, anyone is welcome!

More information can be found on page 4 of the newsletter.

WALKING FOR WATER

Walking on water was a great success!

The **Oasis Elementary School** in The Hague and **SBA Bernard School** in Steenwijk together have gathered more than € 9.000.

We want to thank these schools and all children who have walked for that amount and all teachers who have put their effort in there very much.

The large rural water organization **Aquaforall**, is to double a part of that amount, our heartfelt thanks.

A sanitation project was submitted and approved by Aquaforall. We can also start with a sanitation project in the region **Takeo**.

As with all our projects, we will keep you up to date of the progress through pictures and updates on the website, newsletters and Facebook. We hope to start in July or August.



NEW TEACHER IN TAKEO

In **Takeo** we have a new teacher and his name is "Leak Khana". He just quit being a monk. We wish him much success.

We also thank the volunteers **Richard and Pauline van Engeland** who helped us again as volunteers in Takeo and will continue to provide Leak Khana financial support. They will pay the salary and related matters such as a water filter, etc. Thank you very much Richard and Pauline!

After their tour they will help me Baca Villa for a while and February next year they come back in Takeo! What more could you wish for, many thanks Pauline and Richard.



HELP YAYIE AND CHAT

Yayie, one out of 4 sokrie kids in Takeo whose father died of AIDS and her mother ran away, has no donor anymore (she now lives with us). She is now about seven years and we are looking for a monthly donation to support her primary and English school, home, clothes, bicycles, medical care etc for a total of € 75 per month.



Also Chat, deaf and blind in one eye, has no sponsor. Supporting Chat costs little each since he eats on the deaf school every day, his monthly costs are € 40.



DROUGHT A BIG PROBLEM

I did some driving around to see the state and condition of the water, see the examples. The pond **Muen Prochaeon** is not used because the pond is only one year old and nobody can use the water, only after a few years. The rest is blank and from the pond by the pagoda **Tra Kiet** no water may be taken out because then the monks have no more water ... the only option left then is the pond in Phreat, see pictures below.

Lewis (of Engineers Without Borders), is coming back June 5th and we get to know what further plans they have for this issue.

Photos from left to right: 'water', a water source in Takeo, this picture resembles a road, but this is the river in this dry time of year.



PROGRESS HEALTH CARE



Since opening in March 19th, our healthcare is busy everyday. More crowded than in other healthcare programs we found out this week. Wven the Angkor Children Hospital is following our progress since a visit with some patients we brought them, because we could not treat them ourselves.

It is still clean and neatly arranged. Transport is paid from the proceeds of the fee (\$ 0.38) for those who visit our healthcare. We have, thanks to donations from Jaap and his many friends some wheelchairs. Silvia has explained many people how these work.

Thanks Silvia and Jop and other friends we have collected many boxes with medical supplies from Holland and sent hem to Cambodia into a container of another organization. We are very happy with this possibility and the supplies we have received here.

In severe cases, we have to send (we can arrange transportation) the people to the hospitals in Damdek or Siem Reap. Many snake bites (also toxic), severe and in progressed state of infection to the bone, fractures, and one childbirth were sent to Siem Reap because of complications (with a happy ending!)

We have neat new medical documentation created by two Dutch doctors who are very good and helped with the start of the healthcare. Nirma and Jules together with Anouk as a nurse and Silvia as a Physiotherapist.

In the meanwhile we can proudly write that five children were born alive and well in our healthcare.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is always more work to do and therefore we are always looking for volunteers and in Takeo and Khnar Po (Siem Reap). People who want to teach basic English and could provide some useful technical or medical practice. And of course for our rural hospital. For more information or to apply e-mail to volunteers@cambodia-dutch.org

DONORS

Silvia

Silvia already donated \$ 450 - for drugs used in our healthcare last month. Thank you very much.

For the 63 (probably more) families in Po Khnar a bigger plan is made and we certainly plan to plan for the coming three years as the cost will be higher than we had expected. Our secretary is working on it in the Netherlands and he makes sure the focus will be on water and sanitation.

Dinand Kolkman

Approval by friends of the parents of Yvonne (Dinand Kolkman), through CD sales over 5,000 euros raised and goes for the construction of a vocational school, 2 classes, school desks and bamboo school classroom repairs. If any money is left over, we will add something to the plan. Again thanks a lot everyone!

Mellinck family and friends

Start Grade 1 and 2 in the community Khnar Po of the donated money from family and friends of Mellinck.

Twan and Monique Verstraten

Pay the extra costs for Sokchan for the coming the year.

OPENING NEW CDO BASE

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12:00 am start of the Cambodia market, selling used goods, snacks and drinks. Address: Floralaan Oost162, Eindhoven.

14:00 Opening base

Wijngaard Hees with its delicious Dutch wines here! While enjoying a sixties music, a snack and a drink we hope to have a great day. Of course, all income from these projects will be donated to the communes.

Every Saturday between 9.00 and 16.00 you are welcome for information about our projects.

There are PowerPoints and photo presentations of the beautiful Cambodia and a reading table where you can enjoy a coffee or tea and can find information about traveling in Cambodia, but also through Thailand, Laos and Vietnam.

Experiences to share with other people who venture through Asia, who experience the huge gap between rich and poor and want to contribute by combining their trip with one month volunteering in one of our two communes. We are just starting but we ensure expansion soon. We also sell Fairtrade products, some of them made in Cambodia.

Every last Saturday of the month starting at 11:00 and 14:00 there is a special guide for new volunteers, people who are thinking of volunteering in the future in one of our communes. We ask volunteers for their stories about working in the communes.

In May, the volunteer information days shifted to Saturday, May 22 due to the opening of our new base.

LOOKING FOR....

We are looking for....

Those volunteers who have been active in our communes and like to support us once or twice a year with telling their stories.

Sign up as soon as possible and mail your name and email address and which Saturdays you are available to: stichting@cambodia-dutch.org

We also are looking for people who live in the south of the country and can help us in the shed on Thursday from 19.00 to 20.30 with the packing of goods to send to Cambodia, providing guest lectures in schools or in the shed. (You can indicate how many times you can and want to do this). For more information about this, please send an email to voorzitter@cambodia-dutch.org

Thanks everybody! Greetings from Cambodia, Jan