

# Asian foundation

Psalm 127:1 "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain..."

## Newsletter

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A lot has happened this last year. We bought a beautiful new apartment for our children with the money we received from the television programme 'EO Metterdaad'. In the first few weeks that our children lived there, they said: "When we wake up in the morning, looking at this beautiful home, it is like we are dreaming."

We are very glad with how our children are developing, both physically and mentally. Some of our children struggle with anger and difficulties from their past. But we found a good psychologist, who helps us for one day a week. She talks with the children and she trains our workers. We are very thankful for her support.

### They grow up so fast



On the left you can see Otgonjargal, Otgongerel and Gerlee, three girls who were the first occupants of our first foster home back in 2001. They each have jobs now and they live together, like sisters. It is great to see how they take care of each other.

Boldoo, one of the children who grew up with us, and his wife Ochma visited us in Holland last spring, where he thanked the people who used to sponsor him. Boldoo is like a big brother to our children and he visits the foster homes often. Boldoo and Ochma got married a year ago and they now have a baby (see pictures below). When the baby was born, I (Corry) visited them in the hospital and Boldoo said: "You have become a grandmother again!" Hongoroo, our manager, grew up in our organization as well and I am also a grandmother to her children (see picture to the right). She is a role model for our children, just like Boldoo.



Unfortunately not all our children end up like them. When our children grow older we can't make all their choices for them. We can warn them about the dangers in life, but some children still make the wrong choices. That is very sad.

### Our board members visit Mongolia

Two of our board members visited us during our annual camp last summer. This is what they would like to share about their visit:

*"The purpose of this trip of Jan Paul Polderman (accountant) and myself, was to strengthen the relationship with the local team, get to know the children and help out during the annual camp week.*



*The camp is meant for the children to get away from the concrete jungle of Ulaanbaatar and to get the chance to play together, do sports, help each other and learn to be responsible in every aspect of the camp week, while being in a nature filled environment. All the children do their very best to help out with preparing the food, cleaning up after meals or helping out around the campsite. There was lots of singing and everybody was joyful.*

*The 50-60 children didn't even fight once, even though almost all of them have had some traumatic experience in life before living with the foundation. So this was also very special to see and experience and is, to me, one of the many blessings of the local work of Corry and her team.*

*Okke Huising, PR & fundraising*



### **Private schooling**

A few of our children went to private school last September. They have difficulties concentrating and they don't get the attention they need, because regular schools have classes of 50 children. But the private school has classes of only 10 children. We can see the difference in their performances.

This is what Tuvshintor, Otgonbat, Hulugun, Kanaa, Oyuka, Adya told us about their new school:



*"We have nice toys and we play together in school."*

*"I really like this school. We only have a few children in our class."*

*"We have interesting classes; we learn English, Japanese and we play chess."*

*"Before I didn't do so much in school, in this school I do a lot more."*

*"I have a lot more friends now. The teacher is also very nice to us."*

*"I wasn't a very good student before, but now I learn very well, much better than before."*

### **Needs and thanks**

Our houses needed a lot of maintenance work this last year. In Mongolia it is necessary to do so every few years, because the houses aren't built well like in Europe and our children use the homes to the very maximum. But in one of our houses we had a lot more problems to fix. The costs are about € 15.000,- of unforeseen expenses.

All our children are really looking forward to the Christmas celebration, which is one of the highlights of the year. If you would like to help us make this celebration another memorable day: your gift is very much appreciated.

We have been blessed in this last year. We are mostly grateful to God for giving us the ongoing opportunity to take care of so many children, giving them a better life and a future.



To our loyal sponsors and to everybody who helped us in our work with their prayers and donations: thank you very much! And a special thanks to the people who collected money on their birthdays for our children, a wonderful idea!

We wish you a blessed holiday!  
On behalf of Asian Foundation,  
Corry Vreugdenhil