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Ps. 127: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain'

NEWSLETTER

Dear people,

Spring is upon us, and with it are sandstorms and unstable weather. Days of 20 degrees C are followed by snow days. We're looking forward to summer with nice temperatures.

The children will have 3 months of summer vacation, starting June first. We will have one week of camp, starting June 18th, followed by 6 weeks of countryside for them. There is a Dutch farmer, married to a Mongolian wife, living as nomads. Our children will stay with them for 6 weeks in 'gers'. The children will help taking care of the animals, swim and hike. It's paradise to them.

The students still need to finish some tests for school, before finding a summer job.



The children are doing really well. School has been good, although some need some extra tutoring. We try to educate them as much as possible. Most kids are attending afterschool programs as well. Some are taking paint classes, Mongolian folk dance, wrestling, English or swimming lessons.

Dorjoo



Dorjoo lives in foster home 2, since 2003. Before he came to us, he was tied to a robe, while his mother would live on the street. He hardly had any clothes and sat in his own dirt. He looked like a one-and-a-half year old, although he was three. Now he is our big clown. His mother got two more children from other fathers. She does not care for the children, but enjoys the social security benefits she's entitled to. She is mentally challenged.

These two children, a 5 year old boy and a 9 year old girl went through a lot. They lived on the street en collected empty bottles to make some money for food. Dorjoo knew he had a little brother and sister and asked us many times if we could take care of them as well. Their mother loved the financial benefits, although she neglected the children and refused to give the children to us. She became very ill and gave us permission to take care of the children. Dorjoo had prayed for many years for his brother and sister. He's so happy now!

It's wonderful to see those children taken care of, with enough food and clean clothes. I gave the girl a Barbie and the boy a toy-car, when they arrived. They never had something this beautiful, and just held it and looked at it.

They will attend school as soon as the summer break is over.





In foster home 1 was room for one more girl. She is 7 years old and lived with her grandmother, because her parents are homeless and alcoholics. Her grandmother is an alcoholic as well and after her 'ger' burned down, she didn't want to take care of her granddaughter anymore. As young as she is, she has been abused and molested. Her grandmother left her at the police station, where we could pick her up. She is so happy with her new life! One of our boys said that he was going to run of. He did not mean it, but said it in anger. Urna, the little girl, thought he was really going to leave and told him not to go, because everything was so nice here and everyone so loving. The other children accepted her right away and are very nice to her. It is beautiful to see the children change, and we are so grateful to see their change and how close they have become to each other in their new 'family'.

The teenagers

In our new girls home are three new girls. These girls came from an orphanage run by the government. After finishing school they are on their own, en would be homeless if we hadn't taken them in. They are attending college right now.

Two other girls finished their professional training and are looking for a job. They live in our old girls home. Although they are supposed to live independently, they are not ready yet, and can stay with us a bit longer.



We also had some sad events. Two boys, students, left us. One of them went to Turkey to find a job. Fortunately he came back. The other boy left school and our organization. He realized that his new life is not all he hoped it to be, but he had to experience it first. We are still in touch.

We are enormously grateful that we are able to care for so many children and hope that there will be many more.

We could not have done it without your prayers and help!

Have a wonderful summer,

On behalf of Asian Foundation,
Corry Vreugdenhil

some vacation pictures

