

Asian foundation

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

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A beautiful summer time full of activities

A few years ago EO Metterdaad broadcasted a program about our work on national television. They raised a lot of money for us to expand our organization. Last June one of their managers visited us to see how we are doing so far. He was very impressed with what we do in Mongolia and as a result we have received an extra fund to buy an apartment for our teenage girls. During this time one of our board members, Okke Huising, and his wife, Elke, visited us as well. They were also very touched by the work we do in Mongolia and most of all by the children.

During summer time the children went to the country side for several weeks. They really enjoyed being outdoors almost all the time. Being outside was also very good for many of the children who have a growth problem in their bones. It helps their bones to grow like they should.



In August we had our annual camp week. This is a week filled with sports, games, bible studies, singing, companionship, etc. A team from the U.K. helped us during this week. We are very grateful for their work. The camp week was very special for all of the children. In particular because of the extra special attention they received.

After summer the children went back to school. Some of them for the first time and others to a higher class. Unlike in the Netherlands it is very common in Mongolia to wear a uniform to school as you can see on this picture.



Wintry weather

Winter started early this year. A lot of snow has fallen already and the temperatures have dropped. In winter time temperatures can get as low as -30°C and sometimes even -40°C .



Therefore winter is an extra difficult time for the poor. They don't have the money to buy coal to keep themselves warm. The weather is also a very big problem for wanderers. Many of our children used to live on the streets. We are so glad to know that we can now protect them from this terrible cold.

Winter does mean extra costs for us. We have two houses with no central heating system, so they need to be heated with coal. The price of coal rises each year and this is always a large cost item for us. And each winter some of our children need new winter coats, just like now.

New children

Just recently we have welcomed 4 new children in our organization! Because new children rarely have their own clothing we have to provide for all the clothing they need. They also get a health check and medicine if needed. Especially the dentist is very expensive. Often a lot of dental work is needed for our new children, because they have never been to the dentist before.

We are glad with each child, because they are given an opportunity to a better life and a better future. To them, it is like their dreams come true when they first arrive. They suddenly live in a safe and warm environment and they get clothing and more than enough food. Some children know what it is like to experience hunger. These children can eat far too much if we wouldn't stop them in time.



One of our children got married!

Just recently Boldoo got married! He used to be one of our foster children and he is now a grown man. It is wonderful to see how he is living his adult life, knowing where he came from.

The Christmas party

Everybody is looking forward to the Christmas party. Besides camp this party is one of the major highlights of the year for our children. The children of each foster home perform a short play or sing songs. It's nice to see how creative they all are. At the end of the evening everyone gets a gift, which is mostly a piece of clothing and a bag of candy or fresh fruit. The younger children each get a toy as well. A few poor families are also invited and they will be given blankets.

Needs and thanks

We have had a very blessed year. Above all we thank and praise God for all the blessings we received this last year. The bible verse above this letter is the absolute truth.

We are also very grateful for all the people who have so faithfully supported us. Recently a benefit was organized and half of the proceeds were donated to our organization. And there have been other fundraising activities for our children. We can only be grateful, it is wonderful!

If you consider giving a Christmas donation you can do so for the following needs. Our new apartment needs to be decorated once it's ready. We still need a big amount to do so. Also the Christmas party is coming up, for which extra income is needed.

And as you read in our newsletter there are always developments which require extra income, like the cold winters or new children that we can foster. We are grateful for of your support, also in the upcoming year.

*We enter the year of 2017 with trust in our hearts.
We wish you all a Merry Christmas!*

*On behalf of Asian Foundation,
Corry Vreugdenhil*

