

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

December
2020

Great need

It is almost the end of an eventful year. After a strict lockdown at the beginning of this year, normal life in Mongolia could start again because there was no outbreak of the Corona virus among the population. All borders remained closed and the virus could not spread. Since mid-November there has, nevertheless, been an outbreak among the population. That's why everyone is now in a very strict lockdown. Mongolia is currently in an emergency state. Everything is closed. Nobody is allowed to go to work, but also nobody is allowed outside. The schools are also closed again. There is police all over the streets and the government even considers to call in the army for control. All shops are closed but supermarkets are open in the evenings from 7-9 am. Because life has come to a standstill, many people have no income and many will die of hunger and cold.

Our children also have to stay indoors all day. Our childcare leaders are not allowed to alternate so there is one leader in each house and she must stay there without rest periods. A tough task, but the children are helping and so far they are all doing well.

I (Corry) came to The Netherlands in June on a repatriation flight. I had hoped to be able to go back at the end of the summer, but because Mongolia had closed its borders, I couldn't go back yet. It's a very difficult period for Hongoroo, our manager, but she has everything under control.

Kharkhorin

As you know, we also have a house in the countryside in Kharkhorin. This house was financed in 2013 by "Nederland Metterdaad". It consists of two separate wings. In one wing are 14 children living now and the other wing is, unfortunately, still empty. We would very much like to take in children there, but we don't have any sponsors to make that happen. Hopefully we also get sponsors for this so that we can offer many more children a home. There is also a lot of need. Children who do not have parents or have parents who do not want to take care of them, are often placed in another family. They will be used as slaves there. They do not go to school and are physically and / or sexually abused.



We took in a 9 year old boy once. He was the same size as our three-year-old. He was previously with foster parents. He was barely fed, beaten a lot and treated like a dog. A girl who also lives with us in this house didn't have any dreams for the future. She used to live very far away in the countryside. She had never been accepted by her own family and had never known any love. When I asked her what she wanted to become, she said she couldn't say that, because nothing would ever become reality. She was without hope. When I insisted that she would tell me her dream she told me she wanted to become a doctor. She was convinced it could never happen. We told her that it was possible if she did her very best at school. She will come to the city next year and live in our girls house. We will make sure she can go to university. She has gone from a depressed girl with no hope whatsoever, to a girl with hope for the future. Another girl wants to become a dentist, we are going to take her to the city next year. We want to help more children in Kharkhorin.

Would you like to help?





Our house is on a property with space for a vegetable garden and a greenhouse. With help from the children vegetables are growing in the summer.

Dear sponsors and supporters,

It was a year with many challenges for the whole world. The children haven't been to school for two months. We are in a complete lockdown. As soon as it is back to normal, our children will go to the countryside where we are blessed with our holiday gers.

Our teens have started sewing lessons. They've made masks for all children because we still have to wear them. They enjoy learning how to make all kinds of clothes they need as well. The Christmas and New Year celebrations are not allowed. We do hope that we can easily celebrate Christmas in one of our homes with only the children and a childcareer. This celebration is very special for the children. They will receive a gift that they look forward to all year round.

Our children miss Corry very much, especially now that she cannot be with us for Christmas. We do hope that the borders will reopen soon and that she can return to us. We thank all sponsors and supporters who have changed the lives of the children a lot through the care that they receive. We all pray that God will protect you from the Coronavirus. We wish you and your loved ones a special Christmas. Many blessings for the New Year!

Hongoro (manager)



Sewing lessons

Last year the girls in Kharkhorin had sewing lessons and also this year we want to give sewing lessons to our girls in town. The response to our call for sewing machines in our previous newsletter was very positive. Donations allowed us to buy sewing machines for the girls in Kharkhorin, but also for the girls in the city. We were even able to pay for the sewing lessons and the necessary materials. We are very grateful for that!

Also this year, all children will receive a gift at Christmas. That is usually a piece of clothing. The younger children receive some toys and the older children a book. If you would consider to help us, we are grateful for every donation. To sponsor a child in Kharkhorin, please refer to our website: <http://www.asianfoundation.nl>.

We thank all of our loyal sponsors and people who were interested, for what you did for our children. You gave them the prospect of a good future. We are thankful to God, He kept us and our children safe this year and we thank God that our children are doing so well despite all the limitations.

On behalf of Asian Foundation and every staff member in Mongolia, we wish you a blessed holiday!

Corry Vreugdenhil.

PS Unfortunately, it is currently not possible to send a letter or package to your sponsor child. Borders are also closed for mail. We will inform you as soon as it is possible again.

