

NEWSLETTER asian foundation

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

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After a relatively warm autumn we realize winter has definitely arrived; the first snow has fallen. The face masks for protection against the air pollution have come out of storage.

A world of difference

Things are going well with the children. The situation with the carers is also stable at this moment. Unfortunately, we know there are still many children who need a safe home. The centre where the child protection agency and the police take children found on the streets to, is full. These children often have to wait a long time before they can transfer to a home such as ours as there are so few places available. This means they can be kept there for months without going to school and in less than desirable circumstances.

We have been able to give 4 young children, from 2,3,4, and 5 years old places in 2 of our foster homes. One of them, Ganbayr is 4 years old and his sister 3 years. (photo left, when we picked them up). They were very shy and fearful when they came to us. They had already been through a lot in their young lives.



Their mother is an alcoholic who lived on the streets and left her children alone when she was drunk. These badly neglected children had already been picked up three times by the police and brought to the administrative centre. When they located the mother, the children were reunited with her, only for her to disappear again. She has now been missing for almost 6 months and the children were on the streets alone for a long time. They were badly neglected and malnourished, they had also eaten the contents of a box of medicine and made themselves ill. For several months they were in the central home and nobody wanted to take them in. Mother didn't want to have them back and it is not known who their father is. What a heartbreaking situation, that at such a young age there is nobody who wants you, and that at such a young age you are left to survive on the streets, not knowing what love is. After a week with us you can see a world of difference: Happy children (photo right top), now living in a safe home, receiving love and attention. Fantastic to see the difference that makes.



You can also help make that difference by becoming a sponsor. The four new children we have taken in and several others all need sponsors.

Letter from Hongroo, Manager of Mongolian Children's Foundation in Mongolia.

Hello everyone,

We have almost reached the end of this year and we can look back on one filled with many good things but also many challenges. As many of you will know we had the inspectors visit to check our homes and office. They were impressed with the way we took care of the children and gave us a permit for two years instead of the usual one year. One of the inspectors recognized a girl whom she herself had brought to us several years ago. She was really impressed to see how the girl had changed not only in appearance but also in behaviour and thanked us for the care we have given her. Last month four new children arrived in Foster homes 1&2. We were able to take them in as we were able to reunite some other children with their families. It was so nice to see how the other children in the homes immediately accepted them as brothers and sisters. The children are aged between 2 and 5 and the older ones love being able to help take care of these little ones. For the carers it



makes it busier having little ones around, but they are really happy to take care of them. This last summer two lads who are students here were invited by one of the sponsors to visit Holland. For me personally it has been a special year as we had a baby in September, we are now a family of five. I am fortunately able to continue my work part time and am pleased to say there is no stress in combining being a mum and my work. I would like to thank all our sponsors who make this work possible and provide for the needs we have. God bless you! Hongoroo.

20th Anniversary dinner of Asian Foundation

A fantastic evening of celebration was held together with many sponsors and supporters. There was bingo with lovely prizes, an auction where the bids just kept coming in and a delicious 3 course dinner prepared by Laurens and Maarten. Corry gave an interesting flashback on the work of Asian Foundation over the last 20 years in which so many children have found a safe and loving home, thanks to many faithful sponsors. The evening raised over €4500 (see www.asianfoundation.nl).



A nice encounter

I recently got talking to a man from South Africa. He is a doctor and works in the SOS clinic in Ulaanbaatar. We have kept in contact and his wife is now coming to give our older children English lessons. Through this couple we have also been put in touch with an organization who gives courses on how to deal with children who are traumatized. This organization is now willing to come to Mongolia and train our carers in this. The training is of high standard and it is fantastic that they are willing to come to Mongolia to give it.

A letter from Nak an Nyamka who were invited to Holland this summer by a sponsor

Hello,

We are so happy to tell you about our trip to Holland. We had never dreamt that we would ever get to go abroad but thanks to some sponsors from Asian Foundation this became possible!



I, Nyamka, came into foster home 4 when I was 9 years old and Nak came when he was 10 years old. For 10 years we have grown up together as brothers. We are the first children from the organization to visit Holland and it was a really amazing experience. Everything was so new for us; flying, the huge airports, seeing the sea for the first time and meeting so many people. We have many happy memories of staying at people's homes and being able to see a totally different way of life, for us a different world. We knew life in Europe was different but to experience it, we realized it was really more different than how we had imagined it. Since our trip we realize there is so much more in life than we had thought. We had assumed that life in Mongolia was the norm, but thanks to this trip we are now motivated to grow further. We are back to school now and plan to study hard. We want to thank everyone who helped make our trip so memorable by welcoming us

into their homes, being hospitable and helping us in so many ways. We shall never forget this trip to Holland. Thank you all so much. Nak and Nyamka.

Looking back

As we look back over this past year, we realize there is so much to be thankful for. We have been able to continue to give many children a warm and loving home. Sometimes there were anxious moments, but each time we were just able to realize the finances needed to provide for them. Celebrating the 20th anniversary we were again reminded of



God's faithfulness to us. This summer we were again able to welcome a team from England who helped us with the camp. So many blessings. Again, many thanks to all our faithful sponsors, without you this work would be impossible. Soon we will be celebrating the feast of Christmas where the birth of Jesus shows God's love for each of us.

**From all at Asian Foundation we wish you a blessed Christmas.
Corry Vreugdenhil.**

