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

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NEWSLETTER

Dear readers,

Time flies! This is the final newsletter of this year. It has been a year in which many things have happened and on which we may look back in thankfulness. Although I still couldn't go back to Mongolia because of health reasons, yet our work in Mongolia is continuing as you can read. Our employees are capable of working independently.

New foster home:

In the spring of this year the construction of our new foster home in the countryside started. This project has been sponsored by the Evangelical Broadcasting Company in Holland. Three films of our work in Mongolia were broadcasted on Dutch television. These films can still be watched on www.asianfoundation.nl.

Architect A. Vreugdenhil made the design for our new foster home and Mr. D. van de Velde supervised the whole construction process of the house in Mongolia. This resulted in a fantastic foster home. In November the house was finished and furnished and ready to be used before the winter would start. Children have been selected and the people in charge can't wait to start. Now we only have to wait for the official go ahead from all kinds of governmental organizations. One special contact I would like to mention. We have met a Mongol couple who are involved in an agricultural project among the nomads. This couple will also help our children to start a vegetable garden next to our new foster home.

We are so thankful that we can offer these children a safe place to live and that we can offer them loving care; children who have never had a home or loving parents themselves. Do you want to help these children by sponsoring them on a monthly basis? The children also need clothes and school items, about 150 euros for each child.



Summer camp:

We can also look back on a wonderful summer. Our children stayed in the countryside for 6 weeks and fully enjoyed life out in the open, far away from the smog and bustle of the city. Of course we also had our summer camp. All the way from England a special team had been flown in. This team organized many educational activities as well as fun activities. It is wonderful to observe how these "lost" children open up because they feel loved and safe. They also did a lot of singing and dancing. Thanks to your support all this was possible.

We are very thankful for all the different activities organized by people to support us financially. Here is a list of the activities:

1. A group of enthusiastic women organized a party and an auction;
2. A baby shower where people could donate money instead of give a present;
3. Birthday money was donated;
4. An expedition team came to Mongolia by car with sponsor money for our project;
5. Someone who makes and sells cards and presents;
6. The sale of Mongol bracelets;
7. Children of a Sunday School who saved money for our children;
8. Companies and organizations that sponsored us.

It is fantastic to see that you make such an effort for our children!

Stories of two of our children:



Amraa:

Last summer I received accommodation through this organization. I used to live on the street: in the tunnels underneath the streets in which the warm water pipes run. Later on I lived in big state orphanages where I was bullied and hit. In this foster house where I now live, I feel loved and safe for the first time in my life. These are my relatives and I want to stay with them forever.



Haliuanaa:

I don't have my parents anymore and I used to live with my aunt. There was a lot of abuse. I was forced to work and was not allowed to go to school. Now I live with a real family in a home with a auntie and other girls. Now I am loved. I have never felt so safe in my life. I have food, clothes and go to school. I used to dream of such a home and now it has become reality!

Finances:

However, there are still some concerns. Inflation in Mongolia increases daily and that means that prices for food, clothes and heating are sky high. We have implemented many cuts, but our financial situation remains worrying. Can you help us or maybe you do know people who want to join us by sponsoring a child? It is so rewarding to actually help a child.



Some new children in our foster home in the countryside

Christmas:

And now it is almost Christmas. For all our children and people in charge this is one of the highlights of the year. To celebrate Christmas and to know that God came to this earth also for them and that He loves them. All children will receive new clothes and some sweets. The poor families will receive blankets. For each child this will be around 50 euros.

At the office we have experienced God's blessing for the past 12 months. We are very thankful for the faithful and good workers at our office and in our foster homes. They do their work with a lot of love and dedication. Also on behalf of them and on behalf of our Committee of Asian Foundation we thank you for your support and trust and wish you all a blessed Christmas Celebration!

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