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Psalm 127:1 **Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.**

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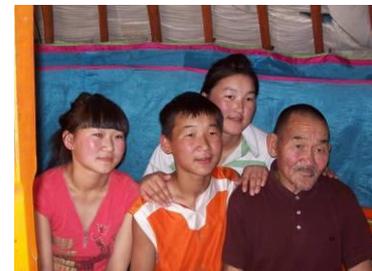
This time we would like to inform you from a different point of view.

We, Connie Pot and Ank Verboom, visited Corry in Mongolia. As committee members of Asian Foundation we were very impressed by the work Corry is doing for her children. Normally the children go to school, but due to foot-and-mouth disease the children were not allowed to go out. About a 1000 children were suffering from this disease. Fortunately there was nothing the matter with our foster children. Therefore we had plenty opportunities to visit the children in their homes, play games en have dinner with them.



Dinner consisted of noodle soup with hardly anything in it and for dessert the children had a glass of milk mixed with water. In fact meat, milk and vegetables have become extremely expensive for everybody in Mongolia and therefore also for our foster children. We found this very difficult to see because these children already are well behind in their growth. Coming from the abundance of the Netherlands it made the contrast even bigger.

A positive aspect we saw when we spent time with the children, was that the children really function as a family in the different foster homes. It was really fun being with them.



We also spent a considerable amount of time at the haschaas in order to get to know the people better. It was good to see that mothers and their children who used to live in the streets, are now living in a sheltered place (a ger). Our foundation enables them to send their children to school and to feed their families. But also for them it is hard to get by. In the picture on the left there is one of our families. The mother is almost blind and the girl on the left has had her toes amputated because of frostbite. In the picture on the right there is a granddad with three of his grandchildren. The two girls lived in the streets and the boy is deaf. Granddad is 78 and now they live happily together in one of our gers on the haschaa.



We also would like to share some of our employees' concerns. On the last evening we spoke with them and they told us that they couldn't buy food and pay for tuition from their present salaries. The husband of our bookkeeper (Jachaa) had a serious accident and is in bed with a cast around his torso and is unable to work of course. We promised them to share their concerns with you. The office computer also collapsed. Almost daily we saw repair men coming into the office, without any result!

Last time we wrote about the terrible state the beds were in. Thanks to a generous gift we were able to see the new and beautiful bunk beds which had been bought. The children are very proud of their new beds.

We are very thankful for all the good work which can be done in Mongolia thanks to your support! However, we were confronted with several direct needs while we were in Mongolia and we do hope that you will continue to support us so that we can offer our children in Mongolia a home as good as possible!



Back in Holland we heard from Corry that a little girl (Arunzaja) had come to live with them. She was warmly accepted by the other children. Immediately they shared their newly received barbies with her.

In the picture on the right: a singing performance of our children in traditional dress.



The bible verse with which this newsletter opens, remains Corry's hope in the midst of all the difficulties!

On behalf of Asian Foundation,
Ank Verboom and Connie Pot



The trip by train from Peking to Ulaanbaatar. It was quite an experience!