

# NEWSLETTER Asian Foundation

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

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## Asian Foundation celebrates 20th Anniversary

What a lot has happened in those 20 years. We began with nothing but after we started the foundation, we soon had sponsors and received gifts which enabled us to buy an apartment where we began our first home with seven children (right photo). Here you can see their anxious faces, but that quickly changed because for them. It was as if they had landed in paradise as they said themselves. On the photo you can see three frightened girls. The photo below shows what has become of them. These three young ladies are all working and living together as

sisters, watching out for each other. They are doing really well. This is just one example what a difference we have been able to make in the lives of so many children. They came to us feeling worthless, having been neglected and mistreated and became boys and girls who know what it means to be loved and cherished. Many have gone on to study and get a good job. So many have gone this path and we have much to be thankful for. We now have 4 apartments and one small house on a small piece of land in the city, and a house in Kharkhorin.



## The need is still great in Mongolia

At the moment the situation in Mongolia is not good. Daily we get telephone calls asking us if we can place another child. We have been able to take in a couple more children where we had room in our family houses but in the city they are now all full. Some children we have been able to place in our home in Kharkhorin. Half of the home there is still empty so we could take in a lot more children but at this moment we do not have the finances to do so. Let us introduce some of our new children.

In the photo on the right you see three children from one family. Their mother is an alcoholic and was never there for them. The oldest sister is 14. She has always had to look after her younger siblings. Because of this she has never been to school. She is now in the first class and is really proud to now be able to write her name. When they arrived they did not know how to laugh. But as you can see on the photo on the left and in the middle they are quickly settling in and feeling happy.

The photo on the lower right shows a small boy who has been reunited with his sisters who were already living with us. They had been living with their grandmother who abandoned them on the street.



This boy in the photo on the right has also recently come to live with us. He is 13 years old. He hasn't got any family to take care of him and was living in a foster family but was used there as a slave. This meant he hasn't been to school for several years. We have fortunately been able to find a place for him at a remedial teaching school for older children.

This means each child gets the chance to learn in the best way for them. For some girls who are way behind their age level we also give sewing lessons which they will be able to use in the future to make a living.



### Visit of Asian Foundation board of trustees to Mongolia



The goal of our visit was to speak with the employees of Asian Foundation and to interact with the children. It was an intensive week with lots of different activities. We visited all the foster homes, ate with the children who then entertained us with song and dance or organized games for us to play. We were able to speak with all the carers from each home. It was clear to see that they truly care about this work and lovingly take care of the children. With the office personnel we looked into how the communication with us as administration in Holland can continue to go well.

The family house in the countryside at Kharkhorin fulfills a great need in that area for children who are abandoned. What remains with us the most is the happiness and

especially the thankfulness of the children that they have this opportunity to grow up in a safe environment. It was especially great to see the children who have gone on from us to find their way in society. More information about our visit is on our website [www.asianfoundation.nl](http://www.asianfoundation.nl). Nelly van de Merwe, for the board of trustees.

### Message from Hongroo, manager of Mongolian Children Foundation in Mongolia

Last month we were visited by the inspectors from the welfare services. They were looking at three main areas; the environment the children are living in, the care they are receiving and the office administration. Happily we passed the review on all three areas.

Our social worker left, and it was difficult to find a replacement. Fortunately we have now managed to and we are very happy to have her.

At our home in the countryside at Kharkhorin we have a large garden, part of which we are using to grow vegetables and have a greenhouse for growing tomatoes and cucumbers. We hope to share this with all our foster homes.

Everything is going well with the children and they will soon start their three month long summer holiday. We have now got two brick gers at a lovely location in the countryside at a national park. The children and carers are really looking forward to going there for 5 weeks. It is really beneficial for their health to have this period in the fresh air.

We thank all our sponsors who have made the impossible happen in the lives of our children and we are so happy to tell you how blessed the children are because of your help. Thank you for supporting us! Hongroo



### Anniversary Dinner on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 (invitation enclosed)

Asian Foundation is 20 years old and we want to celebrate this milestone with a special evening and a dinner. We hope that you can join us. It would be wonderful if we could have 20 new monthly sponsors, or even 200. Its possible to sponsor us for any amount, 5, 10, 20 euro or more. Regular gifts can be declared for tax relief. But also a one off gift of 20 euro for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is very welcome.

These last 20 years we have experienced God's faithfulness in the ups and downs of this work and through your faithful giving and support we have been able to help so many children. For this our grateful thanks!

*From all at Asian Foundation we wish you a great summer, Hongroo, Nelly van de Merwe and Corry Vreugdenhil.*