

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

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This is a newsletter with a difference as different people have contributed to it.

You gave me my legs back!

When it is my birthday children have the opportunity to come and say something to me if they wish to. A lot of children came forward. Erka told me the following. "When I was a small boy the police found me on the street and brought me to a registration centre. I was there for more than a year. I was given almost nothing to eat and what I did get the bigger boys often spat on it and then ate it themselves. I became so weak that I couldn't walk anymore. But then you came, and from all the children there you took me with you. I came into a lovely home, was given nice food but the most important of all "you gave me back my legs". Because I became stronger, I could walk again. Later you also brought both my brothers into the organization. When one of them had to go into hospital I wasn't worried because you took care of him there too" That made my birthday!! Corry



Erka toen en nu.



Medaille winnaar schaken

This summer there was a group from the Netherlands visiting Mongolia.

Here is a report from one of the group, Joy Stok.



July 10th dawned at last, we were on our way with an enthusiastic group to Mongolia to help amongst other things with decorating one of the children's homes.

At last we could see for ourselves the country and the children whom we had heard so much about through the work of Asian Foundation. And what an experience that was.

The children were staying at their camp in the countryside a couple of hours from the capital Ulaanbaatar and that was our first destination. Getting there was something else as the last part of our journey was by oxen cart, not the most comfortable ride! The children gave us a warm welcome, so many smiling faces. They had even learnt a song in Dutch to welcome us which they sang enthusiastically. Our days with them flew by too quickly; each morning we told them stories and in the

afternoons did all kinds of different activities. Soon we had to leave and return to the capital where we set to work on one of the children's homes. This turned out to be a huge task but we were pleased to leave it in a better state than we found it. We next visited Kharkhorin, a 7 hour journey from Ulaanbaatar where the newest children's home in the project is situated. With the children there we were also able to hold a programme of stories and games. For us it was really encouraging to see how all these children, in spite of the sad start they have had in their young lives, are now so full of enthusiasm for life. The love and care they had for each other was also impressive. Our admiration for Corrie and the 'mothers' who take care of them day and night is immense.



As you read in the last newsletter one of our donors took part in the 4 day sponsored walk in Nijmegen. From this money we were able to build 2 brick gers in the countryside where the children can enjoy their summer camp. In the wintertime there is a big problem with air pollution in the city so that the children are not allowed outside at all even to go to school. This can last for a month. We would like to be able to take them to the countryside now that we have these brick gers so they are in a healthier environment. However, to do this we need to install a septic tank and toilet. Cost of this project is 2000 euro. If you feel able to help realize this project your gift is very welcome.



To help combat the worst of the air pollution all the children and workers received a face mask with a replaceable filter from Kingdom Faith Southwest Church in England. Everyone was really happy to receive this.

“Hello, I am Hongoroo and Manager of Mongolian Children Foundation In Mongolia.

My work involves interacting with government civil servants, and that can be quite a challenge as the laws and rules in Mongolia are constantly changing as are the people we deal with. One of the things we face each year is the renewal of the permit for our organization. This year was particularly difficult, and we were even threatened with closure. As a last resort Corry and I decided to visit the government offices and speak personally with the director and inspectors from the child protection services. They had many questions and Corry was able to tell of the work she has done in Mongolia. After this the atmosphere towards us changed completely and they even thanked Corry for her work and the change it brought for the children in her care. They also asked me to give a presentation at a conference for all the organisations who work with children in Mongolia.

This took place last month and I was able to tell about our policy for working with both young and older children. I shared several life stories from the children and also my own history as one of the first children to grow up in this organisation that I am now manager of. Many people were deeply touched by that.

After that we had no problem getting our permit.

My passion is to help the children and see their happy faces in daily life. Life here is still really difficult and we receive telephone calls almost every day asking us to take more children in. Unfortunately, we have to say no because our houses are full. That really makes me sad because every child should have a good start in life.”

So many things have happened during this last year. Sad things but also many blessings. What is wonderful is to see how children can develop through education. One girl has graduated as a social worker and 2 lads have been able to start studying at the university. One is studying Law and the other to be a Customs officer. First, he had to undergo a military training and in the photo you can see him proudly wearing his uniform.



Everyone is looking forward to celebrating Christmas together when we remember how Jesus came to earth for us. This year everyone will receive a book as gift.

This year is almost over. We would like to emphasize that only a third of our children have sponsors. Maybe it is something you could consider for the new year, either to ‘adopt’ a child financially or be a sponsor for our project. So many children need a home but we want to also give them a future in as far as that is possible.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who sponsors and encourages us.

We know and are thankful that God is with everything that has been and will also be with us in the new year.

*We wish you a Blessed Christmas, from Asian Foundation!
Hongoroo, Corry and the team.*