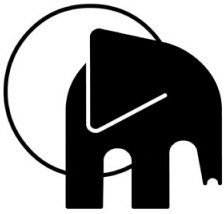


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Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka

It's very important to inform everyone who financially bears a warm heart or gladly shows particular interest in the work of our Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka. By means of this letter we would like to inform you about the developments and activities of the previous six-month period.

“Walking for Water” 2011 by the primary schools from Uden, Wijchen and Borne

Also this Year primary school students and teacher have committed themselves enthusiastically to the Walking for Water [projects in Uden, Wijchen and Borne]

In March 260 Pupils from 5 primary schools, *de Viersprong uit Wijchen, 't Oldhof uit Borne, de Meent, 't Mulderke en de Palster uit Uden* have been walking for our projects of our foundation.

Through sponsoring they have collected a nice amount of money: € 6.030,-. Before the walks the foundation has provided for some guest lessons in which the foundations projects have been subject of discussion. The naturalness of turning on a water tap or going to a toilet were compared with the water- and sanitation facilities of the Srilankan children. On the site of AKVO you can find two realized projects of the Srilankan communities.

<http://www.akvo.org/rsr/project/149/> en <http://www.akvo.org/rsr/project/266/>

During the visit of Jan van der Steen in Sri Lanka there has been made a video about two of the “Walking-for-water-projects”, for more information, look at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAsNjb7n3Mg> en http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHilUIB1OIU&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

The children in Sri Lanka are very pleased with the fact that again some schools have registered for participating in the “Walking for Water project”. They count on you!

At the moment the foundations have received more than 70 Srilankan school requests, asking for support! For more information: www.wandelenvoorwater.nl, an initiative of Aqua for All.

Actions / presentations

In the first half year of 2011 presentations/actions have been taken care of by: KVO Vught, Carnival service at St. Norbertus parish Berlicum, Lionsclub Heusden, Education Christmas Action, city of Den Bosch, the World shop Berlicum, Supply and Demand Wijchen, Action day Theresiaschool Berlicum, Share for More, Rabobank Maas en Waal, Glass Art Splintergroep Wateringen, St. Jozefschool Uden en 1^e communion St. Albertusschool Loosbroek.

The revenues will be used in new projects which also will be supported by Foundation Wilde Ganzen from Hilversum.

(look for www.wildeganzen.nl)



Visit Sri Lanka May 2011

In May, accompanied by Willeke en Gerard van der Doelen, Jan van der Steen again has made new visits to inspect the projects. Below Willeke describes her personal experiences.

“First they were our enemies, now they are our friends!”

“Some complimentary words of the school principal who spoke to some 300 parents about the work of our Foundation, carried out for this particular school of 1500 children. More toilets and sufficient and clean drinking water, also during the dry season.



The parents, teachers and children have gathered to express their thanks and their appreciation to the foundation. We feel very humble by all the attention, This is only our second day here and still the beginning of all we are going to experience.

Let me start telling that Sri Lanka is a beautiful country with beautiful customs, traditions and hospitality, even bigger than Ikea in Eindhoven. It touched me deeply.

The underdevelopment and it's forthcoming problems are very striking! There is need for help and this is offered by our foundation in the form of water and sanitation projects. This is supported by health classes in the rural schools, carried out in a very transparent way of working.

In a day we visited before 14.00 hours several schools. So we didn't take it slowly. The work of the foundation is the mindset of the day! Schools of 2000 children who used previously only 4 toilets, now use more than 25 toilets: boys' toilets and girls' toilets! Children who go to school now have access to as much drinking water as they need. I saw them drinking greedily from the water taps. And so we can mention another 159 examples of request which Chaminda has received. Jan even has problems to tell them all apart so he has made a memory supports like: the happy school, the Jan toilet school and the nice principal school etc.



What strikes me is the existing of a big network and the way it is being organized, updated and "kept alive". Here also the update of the network is of utmost importance and the way it is done makes no difference from as it is carried out in Holland. You need each other to get good work done! Already after a short period of more intensive commitment to the work of the foundation, I was very eager to go to Sri Lanka to see and experience how the foundations succeeds in helping so many children, parents and communities in respect of their water and sanitation projects..



I feel privileged in many ways to live in richness and by making this journey.
 A small donation can already make a huge difference.
 Chaminda and all the men and boys who work for the foundation, see and feel it as their obligation, a way of living to spend our donations to the best of their abilities!
 That this works out for the best is a fact, I have seen it with my own eyes!!
 On behalf of myself and everybody who I was fortunate to meet during this magical journey I say:

Byeeeeee....."

Willeke van der Doelen

Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka en Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka

In Holland The foundation is active since June 2006 and active under the name of "Stichting Kansarmen Sri Lanka" and in Sri Lanka she is registered since a few months as "Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka". By having this carried out we find that it makes our work easier in Sri Lanka and it takes care of a better governmental cooperation.

Presentations

Often we hear requests for a presentation. Also for your company, school, organization, acquaintances or club we gladly provide without engagement a presentation about (solutions for) the drinking water and sanitation problems in Sri Lanka.

Investing in the youth of Sri Lanka!

Next to the support of our main sponsor Eureka Achmea Foundation other donations and volunteers are of utmost importance to realize our many drinking water and sanitation projects. Because of that many thanks to all involved!

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