

NEWSLETTER and REPORT WORKING VISIT

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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.

We can look back on a successful year. Both in Sri Lanka as in the Netherlands a lot of work has been done.

Committee of Recommendation

Ine Spee working senior advisor with the KPC Group, an organizational education advise group in Den Bosch has recently joined the committee of recommendation. She fully signs the goals of the Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka. We appreciate her involvement and readiness to use her knowledge and experience in favor of our foundation. On the website you can read further about her motivation.



Realizations

In the first year of the 3-year contract with Eureko Achmea Foundation and the first contract with Wilde Ganzen we started our planned projects. It has been an enormous success. Both organizations are quite satisfied with the results. An elaborate report and accountability to both sponsors have been approved by them. The second contract with Wilde Ganzen is running at the moment. Last year, with help of financial support from private donations and sponsors we have been able to carry out 18 water and sanitation projects worth € 60.000



Presentation/actions in 2011

One by one it were great actions with great results and a lot of enthusiasm.

A movie appeals to the imagination and that's why we try to cover each action on tape and place it on our website. Here you can find the movies and pictures of most projects.

Acties 2011

De KVO Vught, Carnavalsmis St. Norbertus parochie Berlicum, Onderwijs Kerstactie, de Wereldwinkel Berlicum, Lionsclub Heusden, Vraag en Aanbod Wijchen, gemeente 's Hertogenbosch, diverse basisscholen met wandelen voor water, actiedag Theresiaschool Berlicum, Rabo Share for More, Rabo Maas en Waal, glaskunst Splintergroep Wateringen, St. Jozefschool Uden, 1^e communie St. Albertusschool Loosbroek, De Lage Landen Estafette marathon, Haganop bedrijfsevenement, KVB Middelrode en particuliere jubilea en (kinder)verjaardagen

Working visit November 2011

Accompanied by Joke Ringma employed at Rabo Maas & Waal in Druten, among others as an ambassador of Share 4 More, Jan van der Steen has again visited Sri Lanka to inspect the projects.

Below you find her report.

"My special and unforgettable journey!"

"At the end of November I left for Sri Lanka together with Jan. For me an unknown destination. At once I found it really exciting to experience how different traffic users show much tolerance to each other.

We visited many schools, running projects and schools which have made an application to Chaminda for toilets and sanitation or just drinking water. Everywhere we were very welcome! Schools which already have clean drinking water and clean toilets, keep them all really tidy. This is also one of the requirements of the foundation. Very proud the school board showed us the cleaning schedules. We moved on to the North-western area in which you have the feeling to be alone on the word.

Far away from cities, there are a lot of schools, very poor schools. We arrived at a school with 525 children with 20 teachers. Everybody used the same 2 toilets! The children walked on bare feet... The government provides for a school uniform but shoes they have to pay for themselves.

We went to a fishing village from 350 inhabitants. The village is situated at a lagoon with beautiful surroundings. However the people don't have access to pure drinking water so they have to drink brackish water.



Bathing, washing etc also takes place in the lagoon. The application concerns a water tank and well with pure drinking water. A difficult project here! A water sample has been taken and now it is surveyed to decide which type of water filter can be used best. It's just too much to write everything down here. Chaminda and his crew carry out a terrific job! Absolutely no 9 to 5 mentality and they do the work with much love and commitment. They want to give the children a better and a more healthy future. And like Jan always says: invest in children, they are the future. And once you have experienced a tap with clean drinking water and a clean toilet, than you will fight for this and you want to keep it for the rest of your life! Also I want to compliment Jan for his achievements to complete all projects successfully. His positivism and ongoing enthusiasm are of great importance to the success of the projects. It's amazing to experience how much we can do over there and it really feels good to experience it yourself. It would be great if we could deal with all the applications people send to us. This can only be done with our help. Please let us reflect on the children

and of course all the other people in hospitable Sri Lanka during Christmas times.

For sure I will return to have a look at the projects which are going to be carried out now.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a healthy and loving 2012"

Kind regards Joke Ringma.

A look ahead of 2012

Also in 2012 we will do our utmost to get your attention for the water- sanitation- and hygiene problems. Among other things we again will offer the sponsor walks to (primary) schools in Holland. During an introduction lesson the foundation takes the pupils to a world in which clean drinking water and a clean toilets are not taken for granted. As a finishing touch a sponsor walk, with filled water bottles **in a rucksack donated by the foundation**, will the child be symbolized in the faraway country. School can also make other propositions of course!

Sometimes success is our enemy. The crew in Sri Lanka works at the best of their ability and they enjoy the thankfulness of the local population. It's really great to see their effort in realizing the projects. Even though we have to adjust the pace of the projects because the money which comes in is not sufficient to realize all of the projects. More and more requests, diligent crews, but insufficient capital. In 2012 about 20 projects will be realized with a budget of € 60.000 Also we have commitment of de Vastenactie in Berlicum/Middelrode for the coming year and we have ongoing contacts with interested parties for other actions.



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 Eureko Achmea Foundation, Wilde Ganzen 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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