

Asia Care Foundation

Newsletter 2018

Dear everyone who is involved in the work of Asia Care Foundation,

In this ninth newsletter we bring you the latest developments of the Asia Care Foundation. We also take a look back to the past eight years. We are greatfull and feel blessed that we may receive so much support for Bobs work. We are very grateful to you!

Looking back at eight years of missionary work.

We all have that wish to be truly meaningful for others in this given life. But how to realize this in reality?

This wandered through Bobs head, while marching, which was his hobby.

He dreamed of helping the underprivileged in Asia from the early nineties. Philippines, Cambodia and / or Thailand? Although he had never been there, these countries came into his mind.

In Kockengen he met Hein Hoéré. Hein is missionary for more than thirty years in Cali, Colombia. In 2006 is Bob



travelled to Thailand visited Bangkok, Hua Hin and Pala - U. Bob then visited Thailand and now also Cambodia in 2007. He went to Thailand again in 2008 during a 4-week holiday to make his final decision. Coincidentally, an American missionary, who had temporarily taken on a small food project for widows, asked if Bob wanted to buy a monthly amount of food and bring it to Pala - U because he was staying longer than planned in America. That's where Bob came in handy with his business skills and sense of numbers. He asked for and received a discount when he purchased larger quantities of rice. His dream

was taking a flight. Bob arranged his personal finances in such a way he probably will be selfsustaining up until his retirement in 2024. In August 2010 Bob actually emigrated to Thailand.

The Asia Care Foundation, which was founded by Bob in 2010, provides a controlled overview of the donations and what is done with them.

Current status of the pending and completed projects

And there have been many:

- In the vast village of Pala - U regular support to 28 Karen families
- A needy Thai family (old lady, 91 years, with a mentally disabled son)
- Thai family in Padeng near Pala - U (young mother with a blind and deaf child under two years old, she gets diapers and milk powder).
- And one family in Hua Hin
- The Padeng Orphanage (5 km from Pala U)

Let us take a closer look into this project: A young man from the Karen community has been picking up children for years who can not be with their parents for various reasons. For example: children of which one or more parents are in prison, living far away in areas where there is no sufficient education or the children are being orphaned. Times went by and he got married and they have been blessed with two children of their own. But also 24 (mostly temporary) fosterchildren! From the Asia Care Foundation they receive monthly 7 x 50kg rice, 5kg shrimp paste, oil and salt. Last year and early this year Bob, together with a German living in Northern Thailand, was able to realize a grand renovation project for this children's home. Many leaky roofs have been renewed, new houses have been built, for the animals that are needed for income of the home, and the gardens where their own vegetables and herbs are grown have been renewed. All this is 90% sponsored by the German embassy.



- The local government hospital in Hua Hin indirectly requests from time to time whether Bob can help with the transportation of aids for disabled people, meaning wheelchairs, hoists, walking frames and beds.
- For more than six years now Bob is working with the Rescue Phetkasem Foundation.

This is a foundation that has three ambulances and a hearse car. They pick up people at home or on the road to provide first aid and often also bring them to the hospital. Bob has become a member since a few years. One or more times a year, Bob and his organization will visit schools in very isolated areas for a number of days in a convoy of 15 to 20 four-wheel drive cars. In January of this year, Bob went to Ban Watoo with his four-wheel drive pickup truck in the Mae Sariang province of Mae Hong Son, Northwest Thailand. It was a journey of more than 1000 km one way of which the last 80 km mountainous area. This took 12 hours of driving, regularly off road and through rivers. A lot is brought here: 2500 kg of rice and other dry foods. Also second-hand clothes, children's toys etc.



- Fortunately, Bobs' work has been given enough local recognition that he will receive goods from his Thai and foreign local residents to bring the Karen and the isolated schools to those in need. Usually it concerns second-hand clothing, children's toys, milk, cans of fish or delicacies such as sweets.
- In addition to these projects, Bob also carried out several other ad hoc projects that you could read about in previous newsletters.

- Last but not least, the composition of the board has changed.
In the previous newsletter we made a call for a new board member for the foundation. We received two responses to our joy. Gerard Oostveen has joined the board as chairman to replace Jan Strijker. And Zahira Velthuis will assist in administration. We thank Jan Strijker for his more than seven years of dedication to the foundation!!

Plans for the future

- First of all we hope to continue the current structural aid and expand it if necessary.
- Bob is in Cali, Colombia at this moment. He hopes to equip himself with more spiritually and practically by visiting, at his own expenses, pastors Hein and Teija Hoéré. As a result, Bob will be home in the Netherlands for two weeks during the return journey home. He mainly needs these two weeks to arrange things, such as personal finances.



- Bob is currently trying to get money from the German embassy again in order to be able to realize another big project in 2019. Hopefully we can tell you more about this later.



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Board:

Gerard Oostveen – Chairman
Matthias den Hartog – Scribe
Hans van Schaik – Treasurer

Guided tour

Bob likes to lead people around in his area, so if you are in the area: make an appointment and please send us your travel report to post on the website.

Website

The website of Asia Care Foundation is present at www.asiacarefoundation.org. On this website more information about the work of Bob can be read. One can also find the story of Bob.

Support

You can support Bob's work in Asia and also himself in various ways:

- By sending him a postcard. The postal address in Thailand stands beside.
- By praying for him and his work.
- By donating a cash amount to one of the following Bank accounts:* A small fixed amount per month (for example one euro a month) is more practical than a larger amount once, however that too is welcome.

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Money coming into these accounts will be used among other for the purposes specified in this letter. Thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely, Bob, Gerard, Hans, Zahira and Matthias



*The Dutch bank account is controlled by the board of Asia Care Foundation and the Thai banking account is controlled by Bob and checked by the board of Asia Care Foundation. From donations of donors outside the euro-zone a lower part of the money is lost by the rates of exchanges if they directly send the money in Thai Bath to the Thai Bank account