

# Asia Care Foundation

Newsletter 2015

Dear reader,

**This is the fifth newsletter of the Asia Care Foundation. This foundation was founded in the summer of 2010 to support the work of Bob van Rijn in Asia. In this newsletter we describe the progress of the ongoing projects and the new initiatives.**

The board and Bob thank all those who support the work of Bob. Bob loves to guide people through the area he works in. So if you are in the neighbourhood do not hesitate to schedule an appointment with Bob. We see forward to receive your travel report to put it on our website.

## Goats Project

The goats project that was launched last year has evolved the last few months. There are now almost sixty goats. The foundation purchased about 35 and has given them to one of the families of the food project. Of these, 14 were pregnant. In addition, the brand new farmer herself bought some pigs and ducks.



Furthermore, this family got a shredder. This is necessary to grind the branches which are eaten by the goats. It is intended that the young goats will be sold from the summer and the family then can buy themselves food and other necessary items. The food help will then gradually be reduced. In the first half of 2016 the project will be evaluated. Moreover there will be researched whether there are more families eligible for similar projects.

## Food project

This project continues and now provides monthly 22 Karen families of rice, shrimp pasta oil and salt. These families have fled from Burma and live in Pala - U. Target of this project are the disadvantaged, such as disabled people, old, sick people and widows with children. The leaders of the Bible college in Pala - U determine what families need food aid. All these families received a bonus as a New Year gift from Asia Care Foundation: A bucket containing among others soap, dishwash detergent and insect repellent, but also fish sauce, noodles, mackerel tins, palm oil, snacks, soya milk, five kilos of rice and salt.



## **Rescue Phetkasem**

For several times Bob has traveled with the people of Rescue Phetkasem Foundation, of which he is also a member since this year. Rescue Phetkasem Foundation is an organization that drives by ambulance along the roads and picks up wounded people and possibly provides first aid. A few times a year they travel with relief supplies to isolated Karen villages that are only accessible in the dry season. In a convoy of fifteen to twenty cars they bring than (dry) food, used clothing and other relief supplies.

### Trip of December 2014

Last year, the foundation has helped these villages with donating blankets, sweaters and walkie-talkies. These walkie-talkies are needed in the rain period during emergencies to invoke help. Besides a pastor and his wife had asked Bob to deliver fifty Bibles, to do Bible studies. These have now arrived at their place. Unfortunately, Bob's car have been damaged during this trip, making him nearly four months without having a car.

### Next trips

In the future Bob will drive and bring necessary items more often. The next trip goes to a small Karen village near the border in county Sangkhlaburi. This is more than 500 km from Hua Hin. For this trip among others twenty bags of fifty kilograms of rice are needed. This ton of rice costs 600 euros. Bob starts a new project for this, named "Save it for a ton."

## Power Of Love

Bob is member of the Power Of Love Church in his hometown Hua Hin. Every Tuesday from 17:00, people of this church go along the slums of Hua Hin with the pick-up of Bob loaded with plastic bags filled with rice, oil, toothpaste, vegetables, fruit, noodles, used clothing and more. Last year, during one of the visits in the slums, they encountered a family of seven persons: Grandma and Grandpa, daughters and several grandchildren.



The eldest daughter of the family resides in jail and her children are with their grandparents. The second daughter was 16 years old and heavily pregnant. Her friend was, as so often in Thailand, left without any responsibility. This daughter has now been given a healthy son. His name is Marcus.

This family is supported by members of the Power of Love Church. They also paid the house rent for this family but can not afford this any more and therefore Asia Care Foundation will continue the support from this month.

## Progress other ongoing projects

Furthermore, the diaper project will also continue. If people need a wheelchair or other medical device, Bob can arrange this through the RICD Wheelchair Project in Chiang Mai and when drugs are needed, Bob can, due to his background in pharmacy, arrange this.





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### Bob in the Netherlands

Bob is in the Netherlands from June 4th for about six weeks. When known, presentations of Bob about his work will be announced on the website on tab 'News'.

### Website

The website of Asia Care Foundation is present at [www.asiacarefoundation.org](http://www.asiacarefoundation.org). On this website more information about the work of Bob can be read. Also links to photo pages are added. 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, Jan, Hans en Matthias

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