

Asia Care Foundation

Newsletter April 2012

Dear Madam / Sir,

This is the second 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.

Food Project

The work of the foundation consists mainly of supporting the food project that was already running. Bob purchases food monthly. He delivers it in Pala - U, where the Karen tribe has a Bible school. Leaders of the Bible school then ensure a fair distribution of rice, shrimp paste, salt and oil among widows, orphans and disabled people of this tribe.



Bob buys 350 kilograms of rice per month



A new mortgage system* and the major floods in October / November in Thailand's made that the prices of rice recently increased enormously. However, for only twenty euros a month you can support a family with food. Your support is needed to continue the helping of the people in Pala-U. Do you participate with this project and support the foundation?

Karen

The Karen tribe, which is supported, is originally from Myanmar, the neighbour to the west of Thailand, formerly called Burma. These people have fled the terrible military regime and are now living temporarily, sometimes for generations, in Thailand, at various locations along the border. On one of these places Bob monthly brings food. He also plans to visit all households once to find out what their personal needs are.



Aung San Suu Kyi

The media has occasionally focus on Myanmar. In November 2010, opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been released from prison and on January 31, 2011 a new constitution came into force which formally ended the military administration. Yet there are still villages burned, so the hopeful changes may take longer to generate a positive impact.

In recent elections the party of Suu Kyi won 43 districts. In these elections only 45 of the 440 seats were eligible. However this result is a step in the right direction.

* The mortgage system was introduced by the new government in October to ensure that the rice farmers receive a fixed and better price for their rice.

Visit

Carola and Dinant perceived the situation in Pala - U with their own eyes. These were friends of Bob and visited they found poor families. One family with a father landmine in 2005 in become completely blind. the other side a part of his family is spastic and there are cared by the mother tries to work as much as nowhere near enough to be able to maintain the family somewhat.



him in the autumn. In Pala U in very bad circumstances: that has stepped on a Burma by which he has Besides he lost an arm and at fingers. A daughter of the are two other children which of the family. This mother possible, but the income is

Another family consists of a sixteen year old spastic girl being raised by her grandmother. When the girl was nine years old her mother died. Her father did not care for his disabled daughter and ran off with another woman. The girl is incontinent and receives only two diapers a day because grandma can not pay more. It smells awful in the house despite it is a poor open bamboo hut. Also, to the skin and general well of the girl obviously it is awful that she has to live with a soiled diaper a large part of the day. One can read more about the travel experience of Carola and Dinant in Pala at our website:

http://www.asiacarefoundation.org/en/Travel_reports. You can also participate in the diaper project: For five euros per month you can sponsor ten diapers for the spastic child.

Action

After their journey Carola and Dinant organised an action to support the foundation: They have baked cookies and sold them. The proceeds went entirely to the foundation. On behalf of Bob and the board of the foundation: Thanks a lot!

The cookies that are sold on behalf of the foundation. →



Study



Every day except for the many national Thai holidays Bob goes to school for his study Thai language. It is a difficult language. In April 2011, Bob started this, first of all to learn to read and write.

Bob visits a school in Hua Hin. He got in touch with this school through a woman from the local church where he goes. That woman is an English teacher at this school.

Bob often also helps other people from abroad to live in Thailand. These are often Dutch, but also people from other countries. For example, he helps them finding the way in Thailand or filling in forms. When Bob gets to know new people, he says that he works as a missionary in Thailand. Probably that's why they tell personal stories to Bob listening carefully.



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Bob in the Netherlands

Bob will be in the Netherlands from June 12 for about four weeks.

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 besides.

-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 our preferred over a larger amount once.

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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

*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.