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December

At this time of year, just before Christmas, we wish you all very happy and joyful days and a healthy and loving 2009.

The workers of "De Oude Kassa" in Veenendaal have thought of Havonos again when sharing the results of selling old and second-hand articles. We gratefully accepted a gift of € 1.700,=.

Some time ago we mentioned that the birth of baby Doutzen van der Worp, C1000 in Heino, was a reason to ask for money, instead of presents. That money was meant for Havonos. The results of this action was € 600,=. With this gift we bought a "Doutzen-playing attribute for the school. Thank you again very much Marlinde and Kim van der Worp for this generous gesture.

Through Chantal in Belgium we received money in a very special way. Mr Ewout Meijer took his doctor's degree at Maastricht University. Such a promotion is very often a reason to receive Gifts. Ewout, however, asked for money, just instead of presents. Through this generous activity he raised € 1.200,= for Havonos. Ewout, we congratulate you on the occasion of your promotion and we thank you for your generous gesture. We wish you all the best.

Unfortunately we also have less positive news.

We were offered some space in the container by the Authentia Foundation. We were very glad about that, but it all turned into a drama. This container finally arrived in Trincomalee. The clearance and the release of the goods caused so many problems, that we from Havonos have decided never to send goods to Sri Lanka again. The legislation and rules are so complex, especially for the Tamil area, that extra taxes had to be paid in order to release the goods. Everything had been opened roughly; it was a destruction. We had noble and positive meanings, but it turned out into a disaster; we learned a hard school. It confirms our goal: collect money, send it to the local authorities and buy things on site: that Works out!!

Just before the end of this year Father Gunam makes new plans for the local population, together with his foundation SAC. And, of course, he needs the support of Havonos again, and so your help as well!

In 2009 they would like to realize, with support from The Netherlands, the following projects: Renovation and furnishing of a school in Nilaveli; besides of that, a new toilet building and drinking water supplies. As a consequence of the tsunami they are heavily damaged and out of use. A stage and attribute for sports, games and cultural activities and the furnishing of a computer room. And especially for women: a sewing machine project, so that the women can work for themselves after education. For that sewing machines are required. Next time more about these projects.

This letter came from Father Gunam:

Dear our Benefactors,

Greetings from Nilaveli Trincomalee.

We are now in the season of Christmas. So, I take this favourable time on behalf of the people of Nilaveli to wish you a Joy spread with Gladness and Cheer you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**.

We too, appreciate value, and cherish all the **FINANCIAL HELP** and the **MORAL SUPPORT** that you have given to us during and after Tsunami.

Dear members of **HAVONOS** and **DONORS** in nutshell I would say that "**YOU 'RE MORE PRECIOUS TO US THAN WORDS CAN SAY**".

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GOOD WORK.

YOURS TRULY
DONEES AND BENEFICIARIES,
REV. FR. V.G.GUNAM OMI.

September

Havonos is very happy, in spite of the battle between the Sri Lanka government army and the LTTE, the projects can go on.

Gunam is our strong man. He does everything he can to make the lives of all the inhabitants as pleasant as possible.

Together with Gunam and the population we are very proud that the Centre for Knowledge & Wisdom has been finished and it is in full action. We really hope that everybody will have the advance of this school. Now we are wishing for playing tools by this school.



Very special are the donations we received on the occasion of Doutzen's birth. His parents, Marlinde and Kim van de Worp (C1000 Heino) thought that the gift on the occasions of their son's birth should be spent on charities: Where people in poverty live, who can use the money. The van de Worp family did this before, when their first child was born.

Thank you very much to this family. We congratulate you on this occasions and we wish you all the best, for you and your family.

We were shocked to see that the messages through contact-information did not arrive us on the Havonos website.

The problem has now been solved by our webmaster Noël Peeters.

August

For most people the summer holidays are over now. People in Raalte are preparing the annual harvesting festivities "Stöppelhaene". Last year Havonos received gratefully the harvest gift. With that money many activities have been realized.

[For the final report of the harvest gift you can read the full report here.](#)

The new centre for Knowledge & Wisdom is almost finished and many lessons are being taught.

The results of the action with the Lilly bulbs was € 1,850,-- quite a record!! Thank you very much, Family de Weerd!!

At this moment a container with goods is in its way to our area. The container of Authenta gave us some space in it. www.authenta.nl Thanks to this organisation we were able to send the goods.

In the container are:

Computers, a gift by Schutte Informatisering from Lemelerveld www.schutte-informatisering.nl.

Sewing machines, gifted by Henk Steggink Sewingmachines in Nijverdal.

I-mac's, gifted by Micha www.introducingimacs.org.

Clothes, body care products, toys and educational games, etc, gifted by many people in Raalte and surrounding places. We are very grateful towards all those generous persons and people who have been helping with their hearts and souls.

We are anxious to hear the reactions from Sri Lanka as soon as the goods have arrived and of course we will inform you about that.

June

Summer has begun, many people are prepared to go on holiday.

Havonos wishes all of you a happy and fine summer.

The latest news from Sri Lanka.

Jan Kerkhofs, who often cooperates with us, visited Father Gunam last month and has made a little film for Havonos.

That film shows us the multifunctionality of the school: the 'Centre for Knowledge and Wisdom', it really looks beautiful.

The inside of the school is almost finished and can be furnished.

At the back side, where the meeting room is about to be finished, activities are slowed down, because the costs of the building are getting much higher because of the increasing prices.

Besides of that a fence has to be built around the building because of the safety.

The Agricultural project is about to be finished. With the money from the harvest gifts and the NCDO's contribution two garages were built, tractors and accessories were bought. See photos under "Progress" and in the reports in the "News".

Now there is electricity in Kumburupiddy. Therefore there are talks with the farmers to convince them to buy electric water pumps in stead of the expensive petrol water pumps. Prices of petrol are so high that people cannot afford the use of petrol water pumps.

We will keep you informed about new developments.

We are very happy to have the ANBI-status.

April

Good and no good, positive and negative, how to cope with that by relativation. Good and positive is that we received 2000 euro from a newly married couple, which was their wedding gift.

A great gesture; we send our congratulations and we wish them a long, healthy and a very happy life.

Less good is ...complications in the Agricultural project.

Water Pumps

By the coming elections in the eastern province the tension has increased. For that reason the firms in Colombo, among them our suppliers, do not deliver any goods in Trincomalee District. That is why our plan "water pumps" cannot be realized at this moment.

Less good is ... That because of a very wet rain season a major part of the onion harvest has been rotten, pity.

Water Wells

Too much rain kept falling and because of that the ground water table has not reached the lowest level. That is why the building of new water wells is not possible at this moment.

Not until the water level is deep enough, can a water well been digged until the necessary depth.

Positive is that in spite of misfortune and the increasing prices, those projects which are under hand, can be continued.

The second barn/garage in Kumpurupiddy, as well as the renovation of wells (at this moment being worked at), will be finished by the next month.

Positive isthe flexibility and positivism of Father Gunam, who is very thankful for all the help and support from the Netherlands.

On behalf of Father Gunam and all his people we wish you all the best from Sri Lanka.

March

Hereby an update of the progress see Photo survey and progress
These photos were taken by Jan Kerkhofs, who visited Sri Lanka in February.
Here you can also see a report of the harvest-project Stoppelhaene in March 2008

[Intermediate report](#)

Information about the Stoppelhaene project

For more information about the Stoppelhaene project Sri Lanka 2007 - 2008 please select one of the following documents.

[Pressrelease January 2008](#)(Dutch)

[Projectdefinition](#)(English)

[Interim report education](#)(Dutch)

[Interim report finances](#)(Dutch/English)

January

In the first place we wish everybody a happy and healthy 2008!
Secondly some words of gratitude towards all those who who have made a contribution to Havonos.. It is heartwarming that you share your thoughts with us, feel with us and act with us; and that gives us the trust that we can rely on your support this new year. Also a word of well meant thanks to the poor relief board of the Protestant Parish Raalte and Oldenzaal for their Christmas contribution. With the money that we received from the harvest Gifts and NCDO we have been able to bye two tractors with ploughs and trailers.









As soon as the monsoon is over by the end of January, people can go and cultivate the farmland and planting and sowing can begin. They can't wait to start their activities! By the end of January people can begin to build the water wells, which are needed so badly.

Of course we will keep you in touch about these activities.