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1%-club Action

For already one year the "Chances for women" is on the 1%-club site. With the funds received by this promotion, we can buy sewingmachines, which we, in a form of micro-credit, (by SAC) place to proposal of the women who got their professional diploma in sewing. In this way this women can provide as well in their own support, as their childrens. On a regular basis we received donations for which we are very thankful.

The project got an extra boost because Mylene and Astrid from **SheShuit BV** held a 24-hours action on the 1% club, where they promoted our project in a very enthousiastic way. They succeeded in collecting an amount of € 4.996,- for our project.

Mylene and Astrid, the 1%-club and ofcourse the 105 members and all the people who supported with their donations, very many thanks for your effort and gifts. We are impressed and thankfull for your support. You're getting families in Nilaveli to get a better future. In this christmastime a wonderful thought.

In 2010 we will, motivated by the success of this promotion, put a new project on the 1%-club.

Christmasgreetings, also from Father Gunam

The end of 2009 is approaching and in these days before Chrismtas, we want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support to Havonos in whatever form.

Donations are needed very hard to continue our work. But also we appreciate the support of people who sympathise and the effort of all the volunteers in all activities and fundraising.

From the bottom of our hearts, and also on behalve of the people of Nilaveli and the Nilaveli areay, we say: VERY MANY THANKS!

We like to speak out our hope that we can rely on your continueing support in 2010

From Father Gunam we got the following message:

DEAR BENEFICIARIES, DONORS AND MEMBERS OF HAVONOS,

FOR A WORLD OF GOOD WILL.... PEACE AND PROSPERITY WISH YOU FOREVER. THIS LOVING WISH AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TIME JUST COMES. TO LET YOU KNOW YOU ARE THOUGHT OF IN DAYS THAT COME AND GO. AND AS FESTIVE TIMES DRAW NEAR THIS COMES YOUR WAY BRING A WISH FOR CHRISTMAS JOY AND ALL THE BEST OF EVERYTHING.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

YOUR LOVING, FR. GUNAM



Board and volunteers of Havonos wish you:

Very Merry Christmasdays and a fantastic, healthy and prosperous 2010!

November

Photos and film material from the Sri Lanka-trip

Cor, Sieni and their kids have shot hours of filming material and took more than 2,000 pictures during their trip to Sri Lanka. Luckily we have found a volunteer who's going to work with the material to make a presentation and a movie. If your organization considers to hold a campaign in Sri Lanka or to donate to Havonos, you can contact Sieni Schouten or Els Holland (see "Board" under "About Havonos"). We'll gladly help you out with your project with our filming material.

Gifts and collects

We have received several gifts and benefits from collects from nearby churches and from churches in Twente, like churches from Nijverdal, Tubbergen, Denekamp and the PKN-church in Raalte. Knowing that the people from the churches support our work brings us great joy.

Christmas collect Roman-Catholic church Nijverdal

The Caritas/Diaconie team has decided that the benefits from their Christmas collect from this year goes to Havonos. The benefits will be fully invested in our Nilaveli-project, the rebuilding, the renovation and the decoration of the RCTM-school.

Campaign for the RCTM-school-project in Nilaveli

In cooperation with Wilde Ganzen we have a campaign for this project. It pleases us to announce that both the RC-primary school De Bolster and the PC-primary school De Schutse, both settled in Raalte, are willing to hold a campaign for this project next year. In the next news message there will be more information about this project.

Running dinner/anniversary action Havonos

Havonos will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2010. We want to commemorate this fact in April during a running dinner, intended for the RCTM-school-project. We are furiously looking for space for this event in Raalte or in its near vicinity, including a place to cook. And of course, in order to save money for the project, without rent or additional costs. If you have suggestions for a location or if you'd like to have more information, please contact Sieni Schouten or Els Holland.

Graduated!

Daan and Alan Kazzaz (students from the TU Delft) support and help Havonos for many years. They can regularly be found in Sri Lanka and they visit our projects,

alongside the projects they start there themselves as foundation Pro Poor Projects. Subsequently we receive pictures and filming material from our projects for our site and presentations, with which we are very happy. We are happy to report that Daan recently has graduated for his 'revolutionary' study. Daan, congratulations, great job! We wish you a lot of success for the future. And because we know that you'll be going to Sri Lanka again, we wish you and Alan a great time.

Oktober

Familie Schouten travels to Sri Lanka

Sieni and Cor Schouten went to Sri Lanka in September with their kids to celebrate their 40-year-marriage-anniversary. This fulfilled a wish they had for a long time, to visit the projects in person. Father Gunam toured them around the area with suitable pride and they got a remarkably warm and compelling treat. Sieni: "It's unbelievable to see with my own eyes what is already reached at the moment. With the money that is raised by so many people, our loyal sponsors and donators.



The treat was grand and heartwarming!



A good development is taking place here. Super! We are so grateful that we could see and experience this; it cannot be described by words!

They have made a [travel report](#) from their visit to Sri Lanka. A report of their visit to the projects can be found at page 8.

For now, we are happy that Sieni has endured the journey excellently and that the whole family returned with a great feeling.

The guided tour with Father Gunam

In the past weeks we have received various gifts, among others from a women organization from Vlagtwedde (Groningen) and from various churches in Overijssel, for which we thank them wholeheartedly.

We forgot to mention that our accountant has checked the books of 2008 of Havonos and validated them. If you'd like to peruse our financial information, you can make contact with the treasurer of the foundation, Cor Schouten (see contact information/management).

Don't forget to vote for Havonos on www.allegoededoelen.nl!

Extra news message September 2009

What a festivity it was in Raalte during Stöppelhaene! In the news message of August we mentioned that Havonos was present at the Boerendag with a stand and that the Queen would visit the Boerendag. The stand can be seen at the pictures that are coming along with the message. Unfortunately, our stand wasn't on the Queen's route so we can't show you a picture of Her Majesty in front of our stand.



But we were lucky that a lot of people wanted to see the Queen, so we had a lot of attention nevertheless. We had the opportunity to work hard on our promotion; the renown of Havonos' work and our latest project, together with the Wilde Ganzen, concerning the RCTM-school in Nilaveli (the substitution of the toilet unit, the accommodation of the classrooms and the obtaining of sport- and play material). Wim Hoekman, thank you kindly for helping with promoting Havonos during the Boerendag!

August

The summer passes on. Just a little while and it's already September. Time for a new news message.

The current situation in Sri Lanka

In the previous news item we wrote elaborately about the chaotic and dramatic situation in the North-East of Sri Lanka. Since then not much has changed. In fact, the foreign relief organizations that still had some access to several camps are now refused to enter the camps and are sent away.

Father Gunam is still doing whatever he can, even as the emergency is far too big to fight. There is still a great shortage of food, fresh water, medicines and gear for the daily personal hygiene as well, like clothing, soap and "ladies' business", as Gunam calls them. This means that the emergency help, supported by Havonos, still continues. We hope that you understand and support this.

Wilde Ganzen and Havonos on the Boerendag of Stoppelhäene

In the previous news item we already mentioned the RCTM-school project in Nilaveli and the cooperation with the Wilde Ganzen for this project. One of the actions for the RCTM-school is to ask attention for the project during the Boerendag of

Stoppelhäene, on Friday the 28th of August 2009. Look for the stand with the logos of both Havonos and the Wilde Ganzen. It's possible that you encounter some more material of us at the WOR stand (see below). We'd like to presentate our harvest-gift-report of 2007 there.

The Queen in Raalte during Stoppelhaëne

We hope to get more attention and publicity because of the Royal visit of the Queen during the *Boerendag* of *Stoppelhaëne*. We hope that we can show some pictures of our stand and of the Queen's visit in the next newsletter. Of course, we are very happy and honored with the Queen's visitation and her interest. Of course we hope that Her Majesty also pays some interest to Havonos.

40 years WOR

The WOR (*Werkgroep Ontwikkelingshulp Raalte*) can already anticipate for a well-earned visit of the Queen. This organization celebrates its 40 year anniversary. A 40 year anniversary of such an initiative can be called quite unique. The anniversary is already celebrated on the 14th of August with both a varied and interesting program. And on top of that, as the cherry on the pie, the Queen will attend them to pay them respect for their work. The WOR is committed to determining the destination of the harvest-gifts. In 2007 Havonos received the gifts for a farming project. Havonos congratulates the WOR with the 40 year anniversary and wishes them many fertile and significant years

June

This month we share both hopeful and worrying messages with you. Let's start with the latter:

The current situation in Sri Lanka

It is still a chaos in the northeast of Sri Lanka. People die daily in the refugee camps, waiting in line to receive aid. The messages we receive are really distressing and we are deeply touched in our hearts. We are very worried about the current situation. Foreign relief organizations, like the International Red Cross, are still not granted access. The government of Sri Lanka explains this as follows: they say that they first want to cleanse the area of the Tamil Tigers, before they –eventually!- want to allow auxiliary services. There is a great shortage of food, fresh water, medicines and gear for the daily personal hygiene as well, like clothing and soap. Father Gunam has access to one of the refugee camps and there he does whatever lies in his strength. Our thoughts go out to the families in Holland that we know of, those families that all lost one or more family members in the recent war. The least we could do is to keep struggling for the projects in Nilaveli and surroundings. An area that is a war area indeed, yet where no fight has taken place (yet). The consequences are visible and noticeable, because dear ones fell there as well. Your support, through your support for Havonos, you can help them to see that things can be done differently. Therefore the projects are still continuing.

The Asparagusfair and Lilyshow de Weerd

In the weekend from the 5th of June till the 7th of June the asparagus company and lily boll nursery "de Weerd" held an "Asparagusfair and Lilyshow" at their farm on the Nieuwe Deventerweg 34 in Raalte. A couple of thousand people came to the event and that resulted in a pleasant bustle. It was a great event for Havonos as

well, because we stood there with a stand, where we provided information about our work and where we sold pens and cards among other things. The profit we made from gifts and sales was all destined for Havonos, an amount of € 311,42. On top of that we received a gift of € 50,- from corporation de Parabool through Florentina and Henk de Weerd and a gift of € 10,- from another stand keeper. In total the weekend brought up € 371,41 for Havonos. We thank de Parabool, Florentina and Henk and the stand keeper very deeply for their good gifts.

Also we received a gift of €300,- from Sander Schouten. This was the compensation that he received from the KLM, because his departure from Kenia was delayed by a day. Sander, thank you kindly!

Havonos and de Wilde Ganzen

Much to our pleasure we can report that “de Wilde Ganzen” approved our project, the renovation and the design of the RCTM-school in Nilaveli. Among other things that means that we can work very closely together this coming year at our fundraising. You will see the name and the logo of “de Wilde Ganzen” come by every now and then this year, first of all at our website. In a next newsletter we will provide you with more information on this subject.

Royal attention for the person who sponsors us from the beginning,

Marlé Nijhuis of Interimair

Marlé was and is the person who sponsored us first and is involved in our work from the founding of Havonos. We don't want to keep back, so we'd like to tell that Marlé recently presented her project, Met Kompas Koersen naar Eigen Kracht, aimed at the reintegration of the long-term unemployed to Her Royal Highness Princess Maxima. The project turned out to be successful to such an extent, that it is officially certified by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment recently to one of the 7 national best practices for the benefit of the target group of long-term unemployed. Marlé, we are very proud of you and we wish you good luck with the further elaboration of your beautiful work.

New Savings-boxes

A great source of income for Havonos is the profit of the deposits at supermarkets. Therefore we are very pleased that students of CSG Reggesteyn in Rijssen recently made a couple of savings-boxes for us, so that we can use more boxes at supermarkets. Wim van de Merwe and your students: thanks a lot!

Of course we thank M-Ring Coating from Heerde again for the finishing of the boxes with a coating layer. The results are wonderful.

Furthermore we had a lot of promises of churches in Nijverdal, Oldenzaal, Denekamp and Raalte, who want to support our work and want to cooperate through actions and collects.

To conclude:

It's obviously summer again and almost time for the holidays. We want to wish you – wherever you are- delightful, rest and energy-giving holidays!

May

Our new website:

Many people have found their way to our new website. We have been happy to receive many positive reactions. We would like to receive your comments and remarks in order to continuously improve our website. Thank you!

Still problems:

The media informed us about the fact that the civil war in the north and east of Sri Lanka would be over. This is based on the information given by the Sri Lanka government. No way! Skirmish is still taking place and aid organisations do not get access to refugees camps, not even the Red Cross. The price of the war was incredibly high. Thousands of people have been killed, injured or were crippled. The refugees live in their camps in inhumane circumstances.

Fortunately, our contact person has access to a camp and can give help and deliver goods. Eyewitnesses call the situation traumatising. Havonos is taking action for help for the victims in the refugee camps who really have nothing left, not even the most basic things.

Our cry of distress is: WILL YOU HELP?

No matter how relative it all seems compared to the urgent situation described above, we keep on taking action in our normal projects. It must go on. In these difficult times every sign of support is a point of light for the people in our project region. Each sign of support from the Netherlands is a message of hope. It shows the people of Sri Lanka that they are not forgotten and that we do not let them down in these hard times, where the consequences are even more serious than after the tsunami in December 2004. Then it was the destroying nature that caused great misery, but now the destroying work is done by other human creatures who carry death and destruction.

1%-club:

Did you discover it? We are taking part in the 1%-club with our sewing machine project! We were already promised the amount of € 824,=. However, a lot more money is needed (€ 4.996,=) to place the sewing machines at SAC's disposal. SAC lends these sewing machines for a low price to the woman who finish their study in sewing (according to the principles of micro credits). The sewing-study has been made possible by the support of Havonos. However, we have not yet reached our goal.



Therefore we decided to prolong the project by six months up to the end of December. Of course we hope that you will support this great project. Please visit the website of 1%-club (www.1procentclub.nl/projects). You can search for country: Sri Lanka and / or for projects: opportunities for woman (sewing machines).

Wilde Ganzen and RCTM-School:

At this moment, we have submitted a request at the Wilde Ganzen Foundation, to financially support a project for renovation of the Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed (RCTM) school in Nilaveli. This school, visited by 250 boys and girls, has no sanitary building and no drinking water since the tsunami in 2004. The aim of the project is to provide this school with proper toilets and clean drinking water. In addition, we would like to equip a computerroom and purchase attributes for sport activities and games.

Asparagus festivities and Lily show De Weerd:

On June 6th and 7th, the annual Asparagus festivities and Lily show will be held at Asparagus- and Bulb concern De Weerd, Nieuwe Deventerweg 34 in Raalte. You are very welcome between 10.00 h and 16.00 h. Havonos will be present with a stand.

April

Attention at last

At last, we experience government and media attention on the problems in Sri Lanka.

The newspapers write about the situation concerning the civil war in Sri Lanka and The House of Parliament is debating on the troublesome situation and assistance for people in real need. And people really are longing for help! Through relatives of Sri Lanka friends, who live in Holland, we sometimes receive terrible messages.

It is hard to imagine the tragedy that is taking place there and we are really hoping for this terrible civil war to end.

You will understand that we, members of Havonos, are focused on help in need, because the refugees and wounded people must be taken care of as soon as possible.

Fortunately there is no active fighting in the region of our project. The projects will be continued in order to keep the building and structural supplies to be continued so that the future plans will not be endangered to reach self support. And that is good; it should be like that.

In these difficult times we keep asking our supporters for help. Your contribution is needed very badly and will be very welcome.

We gratefully accept your gifts, on behalf of the people in our project region.

Renewed website:

We proudly present the new website. We hope that you will like the new version. We'd like to receive remarks from you (e.g. missing issues, etc) through the contactform or through our guestbook. We will use this information to update our website. A next version which will be ready by medio 2009. Of course we will keep you informed about our projects by means of photo's and reports.

March

JOHAN WIND AWARD for HAVONOS.

This annual award of the Johan Wind Foundation was founded in 2004 on the occasion of Johan Wind's retirement as managing director of school for special education in Raalte.

The prize, financed by SCOS (Foundation for Christian Education in Salland) is meant for persons, groups or organisations who dedicate themselves to the developing of education to children in vulnerable situations.

Havonos is very happy with the amount of 5.000 euro. Fantastic. Johan and the board of SCOS, thank you very much!!



This money will be used for the equipments of 2 classrooms and teaching material of the RCTM-school in Nilaveli.

The special day of "The Art of Wishful Thinking" by Janine Vermeulen was very successful. It was a day to confirm your wishes with yourself and with other persons and travelling around a world in which everything is possible by a journey of tones made by framedrums and other musical instruments.

It was also possible to anchor your intentions for 2009 in a symbol. That symbol could be one of the paintings that Janine had painted in the last 7 years and that are now going into the world. The paintings were sold by auction. And also the tone dishes were sold. The result of this day (720 euro) was given to Havonos for the schoolproject in Sri Lanka. Janine, thank you so much for your effort and your compassion. We congratulate you on your 7 years "Atelj de Kim" and we wish you all the best for the future.

January

The committee of Havonos wishes you, also on behalf of SAC and all the inhabitants of the Nilaveli village and the surrounding villages a very good, successful and loving 2009. We hope that everything that you are wishing may come true. This year! And, as far as we did not do this: we all thank you very much for all your support and attention in the year 2008. For ourselves we wish that you will let your hearts speak by supporting Havonos in all the possible ways.

A word of thanks to the PKN churches in Raalte and Oldenzaal, Passage Raalte and all the supermarkets for their cooperation and their contribution to Havonos. We also thank all the people and organizations who have sent their Christmas Gifts to Havonos; we are very grateful and happy with so much support and positive thinking.

Projects:

From Father Gunam we received several applications for which we are actively and enthusiastically going to raise funds. We desperately need your gifts and contributions in order to realize the projects. At the top of the list is the renovation of a mixed school in Nilaveli, the RCTM-school (Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed), that was

badly struck by the Tsunami. The school has no longer toilets for the 250-300 pupils that visit this school. A new toilet unit with water supplies has to be built. And we need money to furnish up the classrooms, teaching materials and an accommodation for sports and cultural activities.

Further we make investigations in order to realize simple houses for single women, widows with Young children, so that they can concentrate on their future. For Havonos this will be a huge project, because there is a great need of more houses that cost between € 8.000 to € 10.000 each.

To conclude we have an application for a sewing project for girls and Young woman. Further information will follow.

As we always do, we will keep you informed about the progress of our projects through our website.