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If you click the [allegoededoelen](#) link, then you will find yourself on the site of Havonos, where you can find information , photos and the videoclip.

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You can find information about the new project for women:

www.1procentclub.nl/projects/Havonos/

November/December

1% Club to Hold 24-hours' Action for Havonos!

This year, we have once again the honour to be among the 24 projects for which the 1% club will campaign during their 24-hours' action. On Thursday, December 09 (from 3PM) and on Friday, December 10 (until 3PM) you will have the opportunity to purchase beautiful bridal gowns and evening dresses for € 300,=. Prices of these garments usually vary from € 1.350 en € 2.500!

During last year's 24-hours' action we managed to fully achieve our aim of purchasing sewing machines for women graduated from the vocational sewing school. Of course we hope to gain similarly great results this year, so that women in Sampalthivu will be able to specialize in dressing and taking care of brides, or take sewing courses.

Christmas Greetings from Pastor Gunam

Father Gunam sent the following Christmas and New Year Greetings to you and us:

Dear members of Havonos!

Pastor Gunam, staff and students are happy to send this Christmas message to all benefactors and members of Havonos.

We have many reasons to smile and celebrate the year because, in the words of Havonos, you have given your LOVE -HEART for us.

You have given us LIFE by your cash & kindness. Thank you so much for everything.

At this joyous time of the year may you be blessed and know the joys of that first holy night so many years ago, and may the blessed infant be as near to you on Christmas Day as he was to those who worshipped him standing at the manger where he lay.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Gunam, Staff & Students



Project Wild Geese Now Finally Completed

Recently, we have received a message from Wild Geese that, by submitting our final report, the project has been fully realized. Gratefully, we can look back on a jubilee year in which we managed to bring this large project to a successful end.

We are keenly aware of the fact that we could not have done this without your help! Therefore, we want to sincerely thank you again for your support to this project. The results are wonderful, and the RCTM-school can move on now and keep on doing what it does best: teaching 250 to 300 children, and help them to pursue a better future.

New Projects for 2011

After completing the project on the RCTM school we can relax a little. At this moment we are not engaged in any large projects, although we know that the SAC, led by pastor Gunam, still has a wish list.

However, it is our custom to consider applications for projects only when they are based on a solid budget and supported by realistic offers. And that is what we are waiting for now.

Next year, we hope to be able to inform you about new projects to be targeted

www.goededoelen.nl

We would kindly ask you to vote for Havonos on the site in the paragraph title. The more votes it gets, the higher Havonos will rise on the list of eligible charities. In that way, we will receive more attention. Voting is very simple and will only take a few seconds of your time.

Thank you in advance for your support!

New Visual Identity

You may have noticed already: Havonos has a new trade name and logo. It was about time to rejuvenate our visual identity. We are eager to hear whether you like the changes! You can mail your comments to the undersigned. Thanks to the designer.

Still Help Needed

Unfortunately, our request in our previous newsletters has not led to the desired results yet. Would you please consider whether you or anybody among your acquaintances might be willing to help us with our activities?

You may have been thinking about it, but are still in doubt. For more information (without obligations!) you or your acquaintance can contact:

Sieni Schouten, telephone (0572) 35 34 47 or by e-mail: sieni@havonos.nl.

You can also use the contact form on the website.

Thank you in advance for thinking along with us!

So much for now. Of course we wish you

A Merry Christmas and a Good and Healthy 2011,

- in which we may achieve fine results again...together with you.

Oktober

No news was posted in the month of September, as there were not many announcements to be made. The scarcity of topics was due to various causes: first, Pastor Gunam's health prevented him from being present in the project area, which inevitably slowed down communication; and second, we are currently waiting for details about forthcoming applications, among which the traditional Christmas special. We hope we can be more specific about the latter in our next issue.

Nomination Overijssel Volunteer of the Year 2010

(from board member E. Holland): this year, our president Sieni received a well-deserved nomination for the title Overijssel Volunteer of the Year 2010.

Although many people voted for Sieni - for which we wish to express our gratitude - the title went to Anna Baker from Luttenberg. In their report, the jury wrote the following about her:

“Anna Bakker from Luttenberg has been campaigning for her village for decades. More than 35 years ago she was very progressive in her commitment to the playgroup. As a 72-year-old, she is currently still chairman of the KBO (Union for Catholic Primary Education) at the department of Lutterworth, which she co-founded in 2004.



She is also a member of the community development committee and the Vitality of the Village committee. She teaches handicrafts in retirement/nursing home Maria Oord, and is active for parish and Caritas. All these facts are well perceived. In addition, she continues to do enormous amounts of work behind the scenes! To conclude, Anna does everything in a down-to-earth fashion; she is very modest and unassuming."

Well, who could possibly compete with that...?

We sincerely congratulate Mrs. Baker on her title and find that she fully deserves to be in the spotlight. And we? We remain proud of our own super-Volunteer of Many Years, "our" Sieni!

Henk and Florentina de Weerd Visit the Projects

This year, board members Henk and Florentina de Weerd chose Sri Lanka as a holiday destination. Of course, they could not pass up the opportunity to visit the projects.

In the picture below you can see pastor Gunam being presented with the check from the Soroptimists Raalte-Nijverdal.



Florentina herself reports about the couple's experiences in Sri Lanka:

(from board member F. de Weerd): Mid September we (Henk and Florentina de Weerd) visited all current and completed projects in the Nilaveli district. It is a fantastic experience to witness everything that the Havonos foundation has accomplished with all the money raised.

As Havonos, it was our goal to achieve self-sufficiency for the people in the Nilaveli district within a period of five years. So far, Havonos has successfully realized this goal, except for the latest applications made.

It was the first time we visited Nilaveli and we will definitely return to Shri Lanka in the

future. At this moment, we are busy writing a comprehensive report of our visit, which will be posted on this site together with a photo gallery of the projects ".

www.YouBeDo.com

In our previous newsletter (August 2010) we already told you about the site YouBeDo. By now, we as Havonos appear on this site, with logo.

St. Nicholas and Christmas are coming again, so if you plan to give someone a book, surf to the site of [YouBeDo](http://www.YouBeDo.com). We would greatly appreciate it then, if you were to choose Havonos as your Charity, and a portion of the profits from your purchase can be donated to our organisation.

Still: Help Wanted

So far, our call in the last newsletter has unfortunately not yielded the desired result. We are still looking for people, young and old, to help us with our activities. Would you please consider it? Even if you do not feel called upon personally, you might know someone in your area who can and wants to contribute a bit. For more (and free!) information you or your acquaintance can contact Sieni Schouten, telephone (0572) 35 1934 1947. Or by e-mail: sieni@havonos.nl. You can also use the contact form on the website.

Thank you in advance for thinking along!

August

Have you had a nice holiday and are you ready for the Autumn and Winter season, rested and fully recovered, just like us?

Of course we hope so very much!

Active fund raising and canvassing traditionally slowed down during the Summer months. Yet, we can make mention a couple of noteworthy events that took place in this period. These are listed below:

Father Gunam Visits the Netherlands

We briefly informed you about it in our last newsletter: Father Gunman spent a couple of weeks in Europe and the Netherlands. Unfortunately, he was not feeling well immediately after his arrival from Sri Lanka; therefore, he was not wholly fit when he attended the Lily and Asparagus show held by the family De Weerd.

Father Gunam is currently back in Sri Lanka now, and has fully resumed his activities. Henk and Florentina de Weerd themselves will shortly be leaving for Sri Lanka and have a holiday in this beautiful country. They will be guests of Father Gunam's for a day; and the Father will show them the results of our efforts, which we could not have achieved without your support. We already asked Henk and Florentina to take lots of pictures of the projects. These will be posted on our site, so that you can see the latest results.

You will be reading more about their stay in Sri Lanka in one of our next newsletters.

As of the time of writing, Cor and Sieni Schouten have received a cheque amounting to the nice sum of € 500,-. The cheque was handed to them during a pleasant meeting with some of the "sors".

In our last newsletter you could read that the Soroptimists Raalte-Nijverdal campaigned for their cause and earmarked the proceeds for the work of Havonos. The full amount is meant to be used for the women's project "Opportunities for Women: A Sequel, for which we are using the **1% club Advocacy**.

The check comes along with the suitcases of Florentina and Henk de Weerd. During their visit to the projects, they will surprise Father Gunam and the women with this very welcome gift. Soroptimists SallAnders van Raalte and Nijverdal: Thank you very much!



From left to right: Elise Venemans, Dorothé Aa, Sieni Schouten, Antoinette Reimert

www.YouBeDo.com

Some of you may have found your way to this site already. We would like to bring it to the attention of others. YouBeDo.com is an organisation/online shop where you can buy books just as safely, simply and trusted as on the site with the fat blue man.

The big difference between the sites is that YouBe.Do.com directs a part of the proceeds to a charity as selected by the customer. You do not pay extra money for that; a certain sum is taken from the profit of YouBeDo. It goes without saying that Havonos functions as an intermediary between charities.

In short, if you want to buy somebody a book online (for Saint Nicholas or Christmas), do check whether it is available on www.YouBeDo.com. May we give you

a good advice as to your choosing a charity? – you will find us under the letter “H”...

Help Needed

We have noticed that it is becoming increasingly difficult to execute all the activities we want to do as part of our fundraising for the Havonos projects. There are too few shoulders to carry the burden of work to be done. We are urgently looking for help and support. Both (creative) thinkers, as (practical) doers are welcome to perform all kinds of tasks, from (light) administrative work to the assisting at an information stand or emptying deposit buses near shops.

Do you have an average 2 to 3 hours to spare during the week, and are you sympathetic towards rewarding voluntary work of Havonos, please contact us. You can do so by telephone or use the contact form on the website. You can reach Sieni Schouten on telephone number 0572-353447.

Of course you could ask someone in your area who you think may be perfectly suitable for the job.

"Our world needs people with passion and commitment,
to find a place for those who are excluded,
people who are ready for their fellow men
and who continue to believe in goodness."

This is all for now. On behalf of the Havonos administration, cordial greetings to you all.

June

Various circumstances, under which Father Gunam's visit to the Netherlands, prevented us from publishing a more extensive newsletter on our site in the month of May.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. Again we wish to express our gratitude for all your support and interest in our work. Hereby we want to inform you about the following.

Continuation Project Wild Geese: also achieved with your help!

The Continuation project that we requested at Wild Geese has been realized!

We thank all of you who contributed to its realization. A total of € 19,316.84 for both projects had been collected for the renovation of the RCTM-school in Nilaveli. With this money, classrooms were renovated and furnished, the toilet block was completely renovated and water pipes were installed; the area around the school was raised and drainage constructed so that rainwater can drain off; finally, roof and floors in the school were repaired. The 250 students of this school benefit optimally from the renovations and repair. We hope to be able to publish a number of photos of the results in the near future.

Collection Reformed Church Wierden

We are grateful for the gift of the Reformed Church Wierden. The church earmarked their the Lord's Supper collection for the work of Havonos.

Gift Connexion

An employee of Connexion's NCC-call center nominated Havonos as the charity to be given the price

of € 250,-. if her team were to win “best results” award of any month. Earlier this year that proved to be the case. Therefore, we received a cheque of € 250,-., for which we will obviously find a good use.

The accompanying photo shows the presentation of the check to Joyce Niehof Alinda Boyer.



Asparagus & Lily Fair De Weerd

In the last weekend of May the traditional Asparagus & Lily Fair took place at asparagus farm De Weerd in Raalte. Visitors could enjoy the beautiful lilies and be informed about the processing of asparagus.

Various companies were represented at the fair, all of which process asparagus in their products in their own unique way. This ranges from paper to lumpia, from soup to...you name it!

Havonos was also represented with a booth. Besides, Father Gunam attended the fair; unfortunately, he was not fully fit. He had arrived from Sri Lanka the day before the fair, and the voyage had taken its toll on him.

Despite that, we can all look back on a very successful fair. With the sale of various stuff from Sri Lanka we managed to collect more than € 200, after deduction of purchase costs. Next to that, many visitors were able to frequently find their way to our collection box.



1% -club: A Sequel

Do you remember? Last year we managed to successfully realize the project “Opportunities for Women” via the 1%- club. In this way, women who graduated

from a sewing school by micro credit, received a sewing machine and have an opportunity to found their own sewing firm. This year we will see a continuation project: "Opportunities for Women: A Sequel"

The enthusiasm of the women who graduated last year and subsequently started a business of their own has inspired other women in their environment. Therefore, the decision was made to arrange a course especially for women, in which they will be taught how to do cosmetic work and bride styling. In addition, a new sewing school was started in a village near Nilaveli. Money is needed for these courses too, and we plan to collect it via the 1%-club. We kindly request for your support in this. For more information on the subject, please visit:

<http://www.1procentclub.nl/projects/Havonos2>

Soroptimists Raalte-Nijverdal SallAnders

The Soroptimists Raalte-Nijverdal SallAnders campaigned for the work of Havonos too. In our next newsletter you can read more about it.

Conclusion

Due to the Father Gunam's visit and various other factors, no news will be published in July. Moreover, the activities in the Summer months will traditionally slow down a little. We hope to be able to bring you more news in August.

We wish you all a wonderful Summer and a relaxing and invigorating holiday!

March

This month we have good and less good news. Lets start with the last one:

Running dinner is cancelled

Several times we mentioned the organization of a running dinner to celebrate Havonos fifth anniversary. Unfortunately we have to tell you that we had to postpone our plans for the time being.

First because of personal circumstances of some members of the board. And second because Father Gunam's visit to the Netherlands has been postponed. At the moment we cannot tell when he will come.

Because his presence was an important cause to organize a great celebration, we decided to postpone it. When we get back on our plans you will read this in our newsletter.

Volunteers certificate for Kasper

Havonos cannot exist without the efforts of all our volunteers. We owe many thanks for all the work they do for us.



We like to put your attention to one volunteer, Kasper, who did very much work for us by giving him a volunteers certificate.

This certificate says: "Everything starts voluntarily"

Kasper, many thanks for all your efforts and loyalty. And of course congratulations.

Extension to the Wilde Ganzen project

In our February news we wrote about the request of SAC for an extension of the RCTM school project. In the mean time we got permission of the Wilde Ganzen for this project. We are very glad for this because it connects beautiful to the campaign of De Bolster.

Fast campaign RKBS de Bolster- school for the RCTM-school

RKBS de Bolster in Raalte succeeded her campaign on March 30th with a fantastic fancy fair. The children could play games, have make-up, eat a snack, had drinks and so on. As a final there was an auction of art of the children and items which were generously made available by parents and business. The bids went very well.

Despite the rain and wind it was very busy in the schoolyard. Of course Havonos was present with a stand because all the revenues benefit the sequel project for the RCTM-school.

On Thursday April 1st we received the beautiful amount of € 1.400,=. With also the donation of the Wilde Ganzen, a total amount of € 2.165,80 was achieved.

We want to thank the children, parents and families, teachers and PTA for their enthusiasm, effort and involvement.



Gift of Charities shop "De Oude Kassa" in Veenendaal

Also in March we were pleasantly surprised by a gift of the Charities Shop "De Oude Kassa" (The old register) in Veenendaal. Earlier these people donated a part of the month turnover to Havonos. This time we received the beautiful amount of € 1.900,=. You can rely on it that we will find a good goal for this money. We like to thank the employees of "De Oude Kassa" and their customers very much for their efforts and donation. By their means it is possible for us to succeed in our projects. Have a look by yourself: The Goededoelenwinkel is located: Zandstraat 187 in Veenendaal.

The shop is open Thursdays from 1.30 pm until 5.30 pm. On Fridays the shop is open from 10 am until 9 pm. And Saturdays from 10 am until 5 pm. For more information: +31 (318) 512 321

February

Although the shortest month of the year, many work has been done.

RKBS De Bolster and the RCTM-school-project

Several activities will take place in and around primary school 'de Bolster', situated at Kastanjelaan 2, in Raalte, from 04.30 pm until 07.00 pm at March 30 2010.

Games, snacks and finally a real auction, with the intention: collecting money for the sequel to our project, the RCTM-school in Nilaveli. Preparations are in full motion right now.

Two tables were set up with pictures and stuff from Sri Lanka. During setting up the tables it appeared that all children had listened carefully about the project during their spring-break. So much interest and recognition. The school got videos from Sri Lanka showing the circumstances children live in and go to school.

RCTM-school-project in cooperation with 'De Wilde Ganzen'

This action was successful and after the cry for help from the SAC, we have requested an extension to this action.

Due to heavy rainfall and other nasty weather, great damage hit the school buildings. Together with the support of 'De Wilde Ganzen' we hope to fulfil this

request. The proceeds of the fancy fair and the auction will go to this project.

Running Dinner

There is no news about the Running Dinner. We hoped father Gunam would be present, but unfortunately this is not going to happen. When there is news we will inform you, so keep visiting our site!

New project from the 1%-club

The last women project from the 1%-club, 'Chances for women', for buying sewing machines was very successful.



That's why we came with a follow-up for this project with the title:

'Chances for women, a sequel'.

This time it concerns a project for starting and facilitate new professional education for women in Sampaltivu. This is going to happen in the Centre of Knowledge and Wisdom which was realised in cooperation with Havonos. It will be a new sewing course and education in the field of brides-styling and preparations.

This may seem a little decadent, but a wedding is a very special happening in the culture of Sri Lanka. This styling and preparations will give the ladies the opportunity to fulfil their own needs. The initiative came from the women their selves. We support this kind of initiatives because there are so few learning and work possibilities for them right now.

(click [this link](#) for extended information) We count on it that these courses will take part in developing the self-support of women in Sampalthivu.

January

First of all we wish you love, health, prosperity and peace for 2010!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everybody who supported Havonos in a financial way. Heartwarming! This gives us trust and strength for this new year. Thanks again to the treasurers of the ZWO churches of Raalte, Nijverdal, Rijssen, Tubbergen and Oldenzaal.

The christmas collection of the R.C. Church in Nijverdal raised € 1.998,24, send to us by the workgroup Caritas/Diaconie of the "Wilde Ganzen". Thank you Ans!

New savingboxes

From "Mechanisatiebedrijf Graafstra" in Oosterwolde we got 4 new savingboxes for our packing-deposit-action. Together with a gift of € 100,00 for our projects. Many thanks for this beautiful gesture.

Just as we know, has been Daan and Allan in December 2009, to Sri Lanka. Daan and Allan, thank You!!

Skatingfestival de "Schutse"

On january 8th, there was ice all over the Netherlands and also in Raalte. Reason for primary school "De Schutse" to organise a skatingfestival, connected with Havonos

as a charity.

Doing so, the children of the school gathered € 566,50 for our RCTM school in Nilaveli. This project has been organized in cooperation with "De Wilde Ganzen", who added € 309,88 so we raised a total of € 876,38.

Children, teachers and management of "De Schutse", many thanks for this amazing project and gift. We will monitor that the money will come at the right place.

Jumble sale "RKBS De Bolster"

On March the 30th RKBS De Bolster is having a jumble sale. The revenue of this will complete go to our RCTM school project. It is good to see that schools like "De Bolster" and "De Schutse" are working for another school. The jumble sale is the final action during the 'fasting action of this school to support Havonos.

More information about the jumble sale will follow in our newsletter of february.

Royal visit at the Schouten mansion at the Weidelaan in Raalte.

Royal visit



30 January last, Cor and Sieni Schouten got a royal visit of no one less then (former) princes Wil and Frans. Together with Nicole and Erik of carnival association the Stöppelkaters, they were honoured with this royal visit.

Reason for this is the work of Sieni for the Srilankan community of Raalte, and her efforts for Havonos. Their present was a wonderful fruit basket. A very special event. Through this way we like to thank all carnival makers and wish them a pleasant time.

Havonos 5th anniversary

Last Christmas it was five years after the tsunami, which destroyed, amongst others, Sri Lanka. The tsunami was the direct reason for starting Havonos.

So Havonos exists 5 years now. To remember and celebrate this, we are organizing a running dinner. Information will follow, but do reserve the weekend of 24 and 25 of april in your schedule.

Journal from Cor and Sieni's trip to Sri Lanka

Earlier you have been told that Cor and Sieni have visited Sri Lanka with their kids to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Of course on their own expense.

Book ordering? Choose for YouBeDo.com!

When you order books on a regular basis through the internet, we would like to draw your attention to the site www.YouBeDo.com. At this site you can order 1.5 milion titles, for regular prices. The big difference is that YouBeDo donates 10% of their profits to charity. And you can decide which. Soon you can choose Havonos as a charity too. So when you order books at www.YouBeDo.com you don't pay extra and still you support Havonos projects at the same time.

New translator

We are happy to regained contact with a voice from the past, former inhabitant of Raalte: Roel Touwen. And -even more fantastic- he is willing to translate for our

English site. Thank you Roel!