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Who will help us to get old mobile phones and cartridges??

Does anyone have any old mobile phones and/or empty cartridges? We would be very happy with them! We are collecting mobile phones for recycling and get a little amount for them, of course intended for Havonos. So if you have something left, let us know or put it in our mailbox (Weidelaan 99, Raalte). You can also put them before our front door in a plastic bag. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Greetings 2014

We live in the dark days before Christmas. To drive away the darkness we use lights: lamps, candles, they all work, as long as they spread light.

Shadows cannot exist without light. Without the light, we don't realize there is also darkness sometimes. And no matter how dark life seems to be sometimes, there is always a spark of light on the horizon. For the people in Sri Lanka, you are, with your attention for our projects, this light in the shadows of their existence. They show their gratitude with this Christmas message.

Our dear

Director and the
Supporters of "
HAVONOS" Holland



We say a big
THANKS.



**We wish you
Merry xmas
And**

**Successful New Year
2015**



**Baby Jesus May
Bless you all**



From
Students of obtec
Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka

To The Director and all the supporters of

HAVONOS.

**We the Director, staffs and students of
OBTEC**

**Would like to wish you
a very Happy Christmas Day.
While thanking you for your wonderful support**

**We too
Like to wish you a prosperous
New Year 2015.**

Thank You God Bless You.



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We, the board of Havonos, are equally thankful for the continuous support and attention to our work. Without your support, in all the different ways possible, we could not have reached what we have so far. We are very aware of this and your support, also for Cor and Sieni in these days of personal shadows, warm our hearts, more than you will ever know. We wish you al a Christmas filled with light and warmth and all the best for 2015!

The Board of Havonos

November

The end of the year is coming near. Although the sun is shining on this moment, it is cool outside and

the central heating is operating. Weather conditions in Sri Lanka are quite different at this time ! We would like to inform you about the progress of our work, both in Sri Lanka and here in the Netherlands.

Construction of second community house in Kokkali is progressing steadily



In the previous newsletter we wrote that the construction of the second community house has started up (the project we can realize with the financial support of the “Wilde Ganzen “ fund) and now we got the message and photos of Fr. Joy showing that the construction is actually progressing nicely. As we see on the photo, the walls are as good as ready and if the rain of the monsoon season are not interfering, the roof can soon be placed.

Gift from the Parish Board of the Protestant Church of Raalte

Gift of € 240,- from the PKN (Netherland Protestant Church) in Raalte . Thanks very much for this wonderful gesture. We assure you that we will find a good destination for this sum , in line with the objectives of the Parish Board.

Havonos was founded 10 years ago. Let us celebrate together !!



The Tsunami disaster on Christmas day of 2004 , causing a terrible trace of destruction in Sri Lanka, was the immediate fact that led to the start of the Havonos Foundation in February 2005. Coming February that will be 10 years ago. We want to celebrate this with as many people as possible with a benefit dinner, of course serving delicious Sri Lankan food. As soon as we have set a date, we will publish that on the web site. So keep an eye on the website.

Annual financial statement 2013

Accountant firm Brinkhuis en van Hoogstraten has again (unselfishly) drawn up the financial statement of the year 2013. We thank the accountants for their contribution by which we can save money for the support of our projects.

Ed van Houselt, New member of the Governing Body of Havonos

After months of searching , we finally found someone to reinforce the governing body of Havonos in the position of vice chairman, Ed van Houselt. Ed will be introducing himself in the next newsletter. We are very happy that Ed has joint us. In the previous months Ed already contributed to Havonos by several necessary activities. We welcome Ed to the governing board and we hope we will have a long and pleasant cooperation.

Cor and Sieni became grandparents!

Many readers of our newsletter know Cor and Sieni Schouten, the founders of Havonos, personally and know that they are going through a difficult period in terms of their health. Than it is extra special that we have a wonderful news now : Cor and Sieni have become the real grandfather and grandmother of Noud Cornelis Jaap Schouten, the son of Sander and Lies Schouten. The word “real” refers to the many Sri Lankan grandchildren, also calling them grandpa and grandma.



We wish Noud a very happy healthy and long live together with his parents and we wish for Cor and Sieni that they can enjoy him for a long time to come.

With this joyful message we end or Newsletter. Many thanks for your support , efforts and interest in our foundation and its projects.

Warm greetings.

September

Time flies, it's already autumn! Time to inform you about our projects.

Building second community center in Kokkilai did start this time

In the last news item, you could read that the starting ritual, which usually takes place before the building starts, couldn't happen because of Fr. Joy's accident. Luckily, he is recovered enough to let the ceremony take place. Now the ceremony has been done, the building can get started... And that's what happened: the first lines of the community center are already visible! Good that we are able to make this project possible together with 'De Wilde Ganzen'.



Gift 'Oude Kassa' in Veenendaal

This year again, we were happy surprised with a gift from charity shop 'De Oude Kassa' in Veenendaal. €1700 this time! This money is more than welcome, because we're not finished with just the building of the community center: furniture and course material are important for the center to function properly. So we don't need much time to decide what to do with this nice amount of money. Maaïke Drok, staff and customers, thank you so much!

Donation of Foundation Herbahortus in Dedemsvaart

The Foundation Herbahortus in Dedemsvaart states on their website: they have the goal to support social and societal organizations in the field of education, health and



societal wellbeing in the Netherlands and worldwide.

This foundation gave us a donation of 2500 Euro. We were surprised and pleased. Given the goal of this foundation, it is appropriate to spend this gift on the education of adults in the community centre of Kokkilai. On behalf of the Board of Havonos we thank the foundation for their generous gift. www.herbahortus.com

Gifts 'Protestantse Gemeente Hellendoorn - Raalte'

While having a look at our bank account last week, we went from the one surprise to the other. Also from the 'Protestantse Gemeente Hellendoorn', we received a nice amount of money. € 608,74 was collected for Havonos during a 'avondmaalscollecte'. And the diaconie Raalte again a nice amount of € 240. We want to thank all the givers.

New volunteers for Havonos

We are very happy with Ed van Houselt's help. He will take over the function of the Vice President. He will help Sieni with everything and take over some tasks. We are also happy that we have a Sri Lankan volunteer again who will be our translator and who will do the communication with Sri Lanka.

O.M.I. Has a new paymaster

As you may know, after reading the news items, working with a contact person you can trust in Sri Lanka is unmissable. We found that person in O.M.I.. Last time, we mentioned Fr. Edwin taking over Fr. Paul's tasks. Now, we can inform you that also O.M.I. has a new treasurer. We welcome Fr. Victor, successor of Fr. René, and we wish to build up such a nice contact with him as with Fr. René. We wish Fr. René all the best at his new working spot.



Action for Havonos by schools in Raalte

We are so thankful for the mentioned gifts, and we can do a lot of good work with all these gifts. The people in the project area in the Vanni are also really grateful, because now, they can finally start to build up a better future, for themselves and also for their children. The people are proud and they would build their community up with their own power if they could. But because of the violence of the war, so much is damaged, and the poverty is so bad, that they really need help. They accept the help with very much gratitude. It feels so good that we, with the support from you and many others, are able to offer them that help. There is needed much money, to achieve something in not that much time. That is why we are looking with schools in Raalte for options for actions in behalf of Havonos. We will inform you about the actions in the next news item.

July

Last month, you could read an extensive report. This month, we'll have a brief news report.

Photo presentation of the diploma distribution



In the last news report we wrote that Cor and Sieni were allowed to distribute diplomas to the women who just graduated in the sewing school in Kanagapuram in Kilinochchi, during their journey to Sri Lanka in May. We have received a nice powerpoint presentation straight out of Sri Lanka, full of photos and information.

Building of the second community center

The community center in Mullikulam is completed, that's why this week, on July 15th the ritual would be held that the launch is for the building of the second community center, in Kokilai. Because of sad circumstances, it had been delayed. Fr. Joy, the man who is responsible for this community center, has had an accident. We really hope that he will recover soon and well. We wrote about this project, which we will do with Wilde Ganzen again, in our news report from May/June.



Short explanation of the ritual

In Sri Lanka, people do a starting ritual at the beginning of something new or big. The start of the building from this community center is of course something that goes together with a starting ritual. Special about this ritual is that spiritual representatives of all four religions in Sri Lanka (Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians) bless the ground and pray for a prosperous building. Many people who are going to use the community center will be present at the ritual. During the ritual, oil lamps will be lighted and a coconut will be broken. The spiritual representatives and future owners will also dig a little sand.

During one of their journeys to Sri Lanka, it became clear to Cor and Sieni, why a community center is so important to the people in Vanni. Above all, a community center is a place to meet. It's a place to meet cultures, different religions, men, women and children. Everyone is welcome and equal in the community center. It's a place to celebrate things, but also a place to mourn. To be short: it's a place of connection and hope. This perfectly fits our goal. Our goal is: ***'When someone is hungry, you don't give him fish, but you give him a fishing rod and learn him how to fish.'*** We work according to this goal and we want to bring the quality of life in our project area to a higher level, by improving the social and economic standard of living. The self-reliance from the people is most important in this situation.



Welcome to Fr. Edwin, the successor from Fr. Paul

The full name of the Successor from Fr. Paul is Fr. Edwin Selvarathnam Vasantharajah. We wish Fr. Edwin success with his function as a Provincial Superior in the O.M.I., and we also hope to build a nice contact with him.

So far this news report. We wish you all again a lovely, sunny summer. If you are going on holiday: have a nice holiday. We hope you will return healthy.
Thank you very much for your attention and support for our projects!

With kind regards.

May / June

It is already a long time ago that you received the news report of Havonos. Now it is high time to catch up. The reason it took some time to provide you with news, has to do with the fact that Sieni and Cor made a trip to the projects in Sri Lanka. But on the end of May they came back home again. Soon you will receive a report with pictures of their unforgettable journey.

We can already give away two important and impressive events they have shared:



Opening of the new "Sieco" Centre

Sieni and Cor have celebrated the opening of the brand new and beautiful community centre in Mullikulam. In the last news report we told you that the constructing of the building has started. This all has been possible through the support of De Wilde Ganzen.

The people of Mullikulam welcomed Sieni and Cor with gratitude and gladness as never before. This gratitude came also to expression by giving the name to the house: Sieco (**Sieni/Cor**). It was of course a very special and emotional happening.

Start of the construction of the second community centre in Kokilai with support from Wilde Ganzen.

The request of the community of Kokilai to substantiate a community centre at that place, we accepted and adopted too. We requested for help for this project to De Wilde Ganzen too, to realize the building. Wilde Ganzen has accepted the request. They paid a deposit, so the constructing can be started. As we expect, it will be the building will be finished the end of this year. We are looking forward to seeing it.



Graduation ceremony

Sieni and Cor had also the privilege to hand over the certificates to the ladies who were graduated on the sewing-school in Kanagapuram, Killinochchi. This is already the fifth group who graduated and the ladies and girls are as proud and happy as the ladies of the first group. Look how beautiful they are in their sari, made by themselves. Soon we will get a PowerPoint-presentation from Sri Lanka about the training and pictures of the graduation ceremony.



Farewell to Father Paul, who has reached retirement age.

Although priests do not retire, Father Paul, the leader of OMI in Jaffna, resigned at the first of June 2014 and delegated his task to his successor, Father Edwin. During the trip in Sri Lanka, Cor and Sieni had to say goodbye to Father Paul and they had a short meeting with Father Edwin. The "goodbye" of Father Paul is not for ever: We stay in contact and he certainly will visit us in Raalte again. (About this later more). Of course the contacts will be less frequent in the future, which we regret. We have not cooperated with OMI very long yet and the contact with Father Paul was always easygoing and intensive. We hope that we will build strong ties with Father Edwin as well and we wish him every success in his new task. We wish Father Paul a very beautiful time, in which he can still do a lot of good things for the community in Sri Lanka.

This is the news report for today. We wish you all a lovely, beautiful and sunny summer. And we cannot say it often enough: Without Your (financial) help and support we can't do anything. We thank you very much for this.

Our special thanks to all shopkeepers who are willing to put our deposit boxes, and of course to our

customers, who donate their deposit coupons. By this support we reach beautiful results. We can only report the joy and gratitude of the people by pictures and stories, but in reality it is much nicer: You should see it!

Thank You all for the attention, support and your effort.

March

Two months after our previous news, we can report that a lot has happened that is worth mentioning. Time for an update on the news.

Sponsored and closing action by the Community School in Raalte



In the last newsletter we told you about a Christmas Fair to be held on 13th December at the Broad School, Raalte. This raised 195 for the HAVONOS. In February the school also held another charity event for the HAVONOS. The children put a lot of effort into these events earning a stunning €1,103. Because the action covered by the project that we run is in conjunction with Wild Geese Mulikulam, the total yield of these fundraising events increased to €1,709.

This money will contribute to the establishment of the classrooms of the multifunctional buildings under construction in Mulikulam. During the celebration of Carnival the funds raised were presented to Sieni and Cor Schouten. A great result! They should be very proud. Pupils and teachers from the Broad School, Raalte – we thank you. Your involvement was heartwarming.



Collecting Funds for HAVONOS

At a local Church, Cor has been telling the congregation about the work of HAVONOS and about what we are trying to achieve. A collection of €268 was raised, which will also go to the project at Mulikulam. How wonderful that so many people support our work this way.

In memoriam: Johan Hemme

On February 13, 2014 we had to say goodbye to Johan Hemme, brother to Sieni and Cor. His passing has brought great and intense grief.



From the first hour of the setting up of HAVONOS, he was involved and has worked very hard. He always emptied the collection boxes on Oldenzaal and Denekamp, where, over the course of time he had built up particularly good relationships with the retailers. Johan was very good at explaining our work to others, and created a lot of good will in the area. We are very grateful for this and we miss Johan already. Not only as a volunteer for HAVONOS, but also as a member of our family. That his daughter, Pauline, is taking his HAVONOS tasks over, proves how important the HAVONOS is in our family. We are delighted that Pauline wants to do this for us.

Johan, also on behalf of the people in the Vanni in Sri Lanka, thank you very much for everything you have done for us, and for them. We love and appreciate it immensely. To your wife and son, Arjan. To

your daughters Annie and Pauline, and to your grandchildren Nick and Job, we wish you strength and our support is dealing with this great loss.

New Collection Boxes

Under the guidance of their teacher Wim van de Merwe, the pupils of the CSG Reggesteyn in Nijverdaal have made for us another 10 collection boxes. The boxes are M-Ring from Heerde, finished with a nice coating and are once again, free of charge. (www.m-ringcoating.nl), We are grateful for this wonderful contribution.

The name of the school on M-Ring Collection Boxes and HAVONOS are now spread nationwide, With the help of a good friend of Limburg, Foundation Just Now, the boxes have also been taken there.

New Project – 1% Club

The 1% Club has received and approved our new proposal. Under the name Beautiful, Powerful Women, we will raise funds to be able to put up the new sewing school in Mulikulam. Because of the policy of the 1 club, we have 100 days to collect the target amount. If you are already planning to support us financially, then please look at the site of the 1% Club at <https://onepercentclub.com/nl>. You will be doing us a big favour by contributing to this great project.

Construction started in Mulikulam and Expansion Project Wild Geese.



Update about the project in Mulikulam:- in the last newsletter we wrote that the construction of the building was launched and we received the first pictures. The Wild Geese project is aimed only at the construction of the buildings, Unfortunately, people cannot work in a bare and empty building.



Therefore we have presented Wild Geese with a new project, in addition to and to complement the design of the new building. Last week we received the news that the project has been approved. We are very happy because now we can actually finish the job. The plan is to be able to set up the Sewing School in the new building. We'll keep you informed of our progress.

Action (old) Mobile Phones

Do you still have (an) old mobile(s)? Yes! That makes us happy! We collect old mobile phones for recycling. We are paid a small amount of money which is donated to HAVONOS. If you have an old mobile to donate please let us know. Alternatively, bring it along to Weidelaan 99 and post it through the letter box or put it in a plastic bag and hang it on the front door. Thank you in advance

Finally

We know that many of our readers are aware of and sympathise with our personal situation and we would like to give you a short update. In late January we got back results of Cors condition. There was both good and bad news. The bad news is that more metastases have been detected. Something we had been expecting but came as a shock to us all none the less. The good news is that the doctors are surprised at how slow the growth is progressing. Cor is still feeling good and we are, of course, very grateful. Indeed, when the construction of the first community building is finished and furnished, we hope to be able to go to Sri Lanka to officially open the House. That would be fantastic.

Thank you all for your interest, support and commitment.

Sincerely,

January

As of the time of writing, we are already more than two weeks into 2014. Yet, I dearly wish all readers

of this newsletter a beautiful and blessed New Year. May you all do very well, both personally and professionally. This is what we wish for the people in our project area too: a year full of hope, bright spots and advancement. It goes without saying that we, together with all Havonos volunteers, are eager to help realize this wish. We are very confident in this respect.

Christmas Market Brede School Raalte-dorp



On December 19, 2013 Brede School Raalte-dorp held a Christmas market for pupils and their parents in the schoolyard. The square was decorated with a beautifully illuminated Christmas tree, and there were fire baskets at which visitors could warm you up a little, for it was cold. With hot chocolate and music of the Santas of St. Cecilia the schoolyard was pleasantly crowded. All groups had given something to be sold at the market, such as cute little angels made of badminton shuttles. The proceeds of the sales were for Havonos, particularly for our project with De Wilde Ganzen (the construction of two community homes).

The Christmas market yielded a nice sum of more than € 195. We will have to wait a bit before we can receive the money, as the pupils will still do a charity run for Havonos, to mark the start of the construction of the new school accommodation at the Oude Molenweg. Already we wish to express our deepest gratitude to the teachers, pupils and parents for their commitment to Havonos. We are delighted with their initiatives.

Salland Vocaal sang for Havonos on December 21

Saturday December 21 saw a well-visited Paul's Church,, with people full of expectations. And we were not disappointed. Salland Vocaal put up a great show. Familiar and unknown Christmas songs passed by, and there was a wide diversity of performances. In a word, it was magnificent! After the Christmas singing a collection was held for Havonos at the exit. Indeed, the appreciation of a nice evening was reflected in the gifts: on Wednesday January 8, 2014 Sieni and Cor were happy to receive a cheque of € 1.100,-!



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Fourth batch of students graduated from sewing school



Recently, the fourth batch of students graduated from the sewing school . The graduates received their certificates with great enthusiasm. You can view the information about the course and the graduation ceremony in the new presentation on our site. Simultaneously with the presentation we received a request to continue funding, because there is still a great need for this particular training. The ladies who followed the course and finished it are all capable of providing for themselves. In addition, the project contributed significantly to their ability to cope with war traumas. Obviously, we wish to continue the project, since it proved to be of great value. We are still considering this request, because we are forced to make choices. Unfortunately, we cannot grant all requests. However, your help and contributions enable us to do a lot!

Start construction of community homes

In Mullikulam, the construction of the first of two community homes has been started. Havonos and Wilde Ganzen are currently trying to raise funds for this, which is our joint project. Wilde Ganzen has made the start possible by transferring a first amount of money to Sri Lanka. Soon, we hope to show you the first pictures on our site. Meanwhile, we wish the builders in Sri Lanka a successful project.

We thank you for your commitment, support and interest in our work.