

Newsletter 2016

Dear everyone who is involved in the work of Asia Care Foundation,

In this seventh newsletter we present an update about the projects that are supported by the Asia Care Foundation.

On behalf of Bob and the board, we wish you a nice Christmas and a pleasant 2017. We thank everyone who supports the efforts of Bob.

Travel to Umphang

Bob has traveled with the Rescue Foundation Phetkasem to a school of the border police in January this year. This was in Umphang in Tak province. To get there, he had to make a journey of about 900 kilometers (one way). The last twenty kilometers were on mostly dirt road and even off-road, see picture below.



When they arrived, Bob delivered both 2500kg rice and a lot of secondhand clothing.





During the visit
Rescue
Phetkasem made a
lively karaoke
party for the
children and
parents. Asia Care
Foundation
donated the
snacks, chips, lots
of non-alcoholic
drinks and
disposable cups
for this party.

About four months a year, during the rainy season, Umphang cannot be reached with motorbike and / or four-wheel drive cars. In an emergency, they depend on an Army helicopter. The current landing site in the village is crumbly and need replacing. Asia Care Foundation will contribute to the construction of a new concrete helicopter landing, which will also serve as a sports field.

Family in financial need

In the church in Hua Hin where Bob goes there is a family that is in financial trouble. This family was found during the placing of food in the slums of Hua Hin. Church members will take care of the daily maintenance of this family and Asia Care Foundation pays the rent of the little house where they live.



Food, diapers and medicine

Meanwhile, the projects that had been initiated earlier are going as usual: Each month, diapers and medicine, and a lot of food for 27 families is delivered in Pala U. Leaders of the Bible school in that place distribute food to the poor and needy families.

Goats Project

Last year, Asia Care Foundation started a goat project. The goats have been purchased. For their food, a motorbike with sidecar and a chopper has been bought. The farmer takes care of the goat now. Soon she will receive instructions on how she takes care of the goats well, to make them fatter, so that they can produce more. Herefore drugs are used. Also, a roof over the entire farm will be built, so that bird droppings are not falling on the food of the goats and the cattle won't be ill. The materials for the roof have already been bought.

Finish the house

In our last newsletter we wrote also about a family that had a half-built house because the father of the family was deceased. This house is habitable now. There is still some minor work to wait for implementation, such as probably connecting a solar cell panel and one or two water barrels and a gutter for collection and storage of rainwater.

Orphanage Padeng

The children's home in Padeng, whose financial support suddenly had disappeared last year, now receives monthly support, namely food, from Asia Care Foundation. They also had leaky taps that have been renovated now at the expense of the foundation. This orphanage has 24 children aged between 2 and 17 years old.

New projects

Through Bob, the board get in contact with two other initiatives, also supporting the Karen community in Asia. The first one is about a traveling eye doctor and the second one is about the launch of an advanced school of the Karen tribe. The board will decide next year whether the foundation could also support these projects.

Planned trip to Mae Sariang

On January 13, 2017 Bob has planned his next trip to Mae Sariang, in the Mae Hong Son province. He then goes into a convoy of cars with Phetkasem Rescue Foundation to this very isolated and poor area in the far northwest of Thailand on the border with Burma. They bring 2500kg of rice, 500 blankets, 300 children's winter coats and lots of second hand clothes. Asia Care Foundation donates 200 blankets and above 2500kg rice. There are around 300 children there. The blankets and children's winter coats are necessary because in the nights the temperature could be around freezing during that period.

New families

This and next month Asia Care Foundation may support four new families. Currently there is an investigating of the financial and physical situation of these families.

Guided tour

Bob likes to lead people around in his area, so if you are in the area: make an appointment, please send us your travel report to post on the website.

Bob in Netherlands

When it is known which period Bob is in the Netherlands in 2017 and at what location he presents about his work, this information will appear on the website under the heading "current".

If you yourself want to organize a meeting for this purpose: Bob wants to give presentations in that period, briefly during a church service or an afternoon or evening-long presentation. Contact bob@asiacarefoundation.org to make an appointment with him.



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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 beside.
- 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 example one euro a month) is more practical than a larger amount once, however that too is welcome.
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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 and Matthias

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