

2022

### Rita back from Cambodia

Finally it was again possible for Rita to travel to Cambodia and spend several weeks there. After the many zoom sessions over the past two years, it was nice for everyone to meet in person and see together what progress has been made. Rita's specific goal was to make the organization stronger and to optimize the connections.



Proud farmers with their pepper harvest

Rita was picked up by Phea from the airport and in the following weeks he visited all schools and projects with her. Many meetings were also organized. She would have loved to have her brother Jan by her side in these activities. That he is also missed there was evident from the many reactions of the people. A small ceremony was also held in his memory.

***BETTER LIFE FARM***



We are proud to announce that our new project has been approved by Wilde Ganzen. It means that the plans are well thought out and the project has a solid foundation to get. The project consists of an education center for farmers next to moringa plantations and fields with varied plantings of lemongrass, peppers and turmeric. These products provide a lot of vitamins and minerals. The aim is by sharing professional knowledge and providing employment to bring the living conditions of the whole commune to a higher level. The interest in the commune is big and it is very special that there are many women joining who see new opportunities to improve their lives and that of their families improve.



Phea provides information about the project and interest is high

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We still need a lot of income to realize the project. Do you know someone, a company or yourself who would like to make a substantial contribution to this plan to be realized in the short term. It's really worth asking for tax deductibility [www.belastingdienst.nl/giften](http://www.belastingdienst.nl/giften)

**Education**

Rita had planned a large number of meetings with the directors of the schools, and there were more and more requests for English lessons. She was always warmly welcomed by the children.



Cheng, who has gained a paid position as a councilor of the commune, has gained more influence over the affairs of the commune and is now better able to judge which people are eligible for social care. He has handed over part of his tasks to Louern. Here Cheng accompanied Rita and Phea on visits to the schools in Khnar Po. They met the teacher who works at the school during the day and then he teaches English afterwards.

In the Netherlands, Rita has also been in contact with Marian Dekkers of the organization 'TheKey2Education', which is committed to make English lessons more accessible and attractive to children in countries such as Cambodia (where they often work with English textbooks from Europe). She also pays a lot of attention to training teachers. There have been discussions about possible cooperation.



Sylvia, project advisor at "Wilde Ganzen" also visited the school in Khnar Po and other projects of Cambodia-Dutch, which her Foundation helped support.

## Healthcare

Volunteers who arrived at the health care center during the morning on previous visits often found only a few waiting visitors and patients in the center. This time Rita arrived at six in the morning and was surprised to see queues of patients asking for help and advice.



Medication



Maintenance badly needed

Peter Kroeze from Midden Betuwe pharmacy gave some of our loyal volunteers a large amount of medicines. Thank you!  
The Health Care occupies an important place in the commune, where the medical staff are very committed to restoring health and also pay a lot of attention to information. It is difficult for us to see how the monsoon climate and the sun ravage the building and cause it to need wall maintenance and a coat of paint again within a short time.  
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## Social Care

It is often heartbreaking to see the conditions in which people are living in Cambodia.



This is one of the situations we encountered. We encourage the families we support to start sweeping the floor and clearing away household goods and waste.

This almost blind woman, whom we already wrote about in May, lived with her family in two tiny houses. One a shelter of planks and rice sacks (you can see in the foreground) and one of rusty corrugated iron, for them a beautiful new house was built. Upon delivery the grandmother receives a document that the house was donated by Cambodia-Dutch, also the commune man (sort of mayor) is very happy.





Kimlang represents Cambodia Dutch at the presentation of the certificate of recognition

In consultation with the commune headman, a few families with a poverty card have been selected that need urgent support. When Rita visited one of those families, one of their daughters is being taught at the sewing school, it turned out that her father was also at home with a broken kneecap. They are waiting here for the arrival of the district nurse. The man has a family of five children





A food package is very welcome at such a time.

Together with the commune man, a number of families have been selected that urgently need support. Three girls live quite a distance from the sewing school, so it was decided to purchase a bicycle for them, so that they can be on time for their sewing lessons.



One of the students of the sewing school was told at the age of 8 that it was better for her to leave school, luckily she is comfortable in the sewing class and enjoys practical work.



Kimlang is investigating how the old students of the sewing class are doing, whether they have found a job in the clothing industry or whether they have their own shop. Recently, there have also been more requests from adult women to learn basic sewing techniques, so that they are more highly qualified when looking for work.

## News from Takeo

No solutions have yet been found for the consequences of the flooding, which we reported on last time. "Mother" has built a larger and more spacious accommodation on the road for her first tiny shop / restaurant. Her son Reth, our enthusiastic guide/driver from years ago, was planning to move from Phnom Penn to Takeo and had therefore built a beautiful house. Due to circumstances, the move will not take place. Reth allows us to use the house as a residence for volunteers. This is a very welcome opportunity as the old volunteer house has become unusable due to being trapped in the sand by the previous road elevation.

Kimlang takes her master's degree online at the university during the weekend. Rita watched with her and was very pleased with the modern tips that were given to motivate students to come to school. Kimlang has big plans for establishing a small education center at the sewing school. A stone building with two classes is her dream. Because so many children want to follow the lessons, she has been looking for an assistant.

Vichet, a colleague from her training, learns very quickly and supports her in her too much work. He has almost completed his education. Vichet is also socially skilled so he can visit the families with Kimlang. For now, he only receives moped money, it would be great if we can find someone

who wants to contribute something so that we can give this young man a monthly allowance.



Kimlang is een rolmodel voor de kinderen uit de omgeving, ze zorgt voor een schone en gestructureerde omgeving, waar het een plezier is om lessen te volgen.

For those who can still remember the Sokrie kids, orphans who were placed with Phea's family by Jan years ago, one of them is now so big and independent that she wanted to return to her birthplace in Takeo. We have given the young woman and her young family who will be staying with an aunt a food package for two months. If they manage to get a job and it goes well, it will be considered to build a house for them.



We wish that we will be able to realize our beautiful plans in Cambodia through the efforts of all enthusiastic employees and people who have a warm heart for us.

Thanks to all donors (in advance) for your generous gifts.

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