

# HELLABEEM FOUNDATION

*school for 60 disabled young people aged 12 – 18 in Sri Lanka*



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## THE PROJECT SO FAR

In March Jan and I were in Sri Lanka for four weeks. We were there to clear in the containers. You may remember: we have been able to send, with the help of many volunteers of the “Children in Need Foundation”, two containers filled with all kinds of practical things for the Tsunami victims in the Galle area.

With the help of Lahir we have been able to find a good destination for all these things that are so normal to us, like toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, buckets and rags. The many clothes that had been collected have been distributed by the Weligama Lions on the spot and we have given exercise books, pens and books to the local schools.

Near Hellabeem one of these days an orthopedic workshop will be opened, where disabled people are measured for a prosthesis and where they can stay for a fortnight to get used to it. In the future, when we too have opened our doors, we will certainly work together with them a lot. At this moment we could give them things from the container like kitchen utensils, clothes, towels and sheets.



The second reason why we were there was to see how the building of Hellabeem is going on. Well, it is going on very well!. The long school is nearly finished (see photo above) and the hexagonal school, financed by NCDO and our contributors, is in an advanced phase. Before long, both water pipes and sewer system will be operational. When Jan and I are not there, Lahir of course supervises the project and informs us about it. Nevertheless it was good to see the progress with our own eyes.

At the same time it makes me realise that I have to get used to the idea that I will leave for Sri Lanka permanently in about eighteen months. I will leave Holland at the end of 2006 and will move into our new house, which still has to be built, on the Hellabeem site. Jan will follow me six months later after having finished his duties here.

## NASURDEEN

In our last newsletter we told you that Nasurdeen and all his family had drowned. Now we learned and have seen with our own eyes that his father, mother and two brothers survived the tsunami. The deaths of Nasurdeen, his sister and his grandmother, unfortunately, appeared to be true. His family lost everything and is still living in a tent. Thanks to your gifts we could give them, and two more families in the same situation, a small wooden house, so that they have at least a solid temporary dwelling.

## FINANCE

On behalf of Mahrooza, Lahir and Jan I would like to thank everyone who has given a contribution for the victims of the tsunami (€ 6.585,00!) and for the Wild Geese campaign. The money for the accommodation of the first twenty inhabitants, which was the target of the Wild Geese campaign is nearly there and the campaign is continuing till August. The donations for the tsunami victims have all been spent very usefully up to the very last penny.

On our website you can find a detailed survey of the expenditure. For the record: our travelling and accommodation expenses are paid for by ourselves, they are not paid for by the foundation.

## ACTIVITIES

By way of fundraising for Hellabeem, Lions Club Gooiland organized a “Grand Diner Racontant” in the Grote Kerk in Naarden. The 160 guests have enjoyed a lovely dinner in this beautiful old church while listening to music and wonderful storytelling. The proceeds have amounted to € 10.000 and this amount will be doubled by the Wild Geese!



We go on building Hellabeem and your help is needed more than ever. We welcome your gift very much!

Kind regards, on behalf of Mahrooza, Lahir and Jan van Beek and Helène Heijen



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