

HELLABEEM FOUNDATION

School for 60 disabled young people aged 12 - 18 in Sri-Lanka



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THE PROJECT SO FAR

Last October Jan and I went to Sri Lanka to keep a close track of developments of Hellabeem. This time we were accompanied for a week by Professor Pim van Doorenmaalen from Bussum. Pim has made an enormous effort to get money for our project from North Sea Lions. That is why we asked him to open the Long School. (see photo above).

Every time we were walking around the building site, we were very much impressed, everything looks so beautiful. But apart from enjoying this we had to work very hard too. A lot of things still have to be done and the building is slightly behind schedule. We found out, e.g., that the toilets were too small for wheelchairs. Fortunately we had brought a wheelchair to make measurements and the damage could be repaired.

It was the rainy season while we were there and so we planted a lot of cuttings: about fifteen bougainvilleas, some temple trees and some fruit and shade trees.

The Long School is nearly finished now. The local Social Service will use the building in 2006 to give sewing and computer courses to the disabled from the area. We expect to be able to have them from January.



The Hexagonal School is nearly finished too. The floor is being finished with fine red and black cement and will be very smooth (see photo on the left). In future we will give the computer lessons in this building and the children will learn to make jewelry in here. Besides, there will be a sickroom/treatment room and our office.

Meanwhile Jan and I are organizing a great number of things in Bussum, so that we can make the final move to Sri Lanka in twelve months. With the interest of the proceeds of our house here we can pay, for the greater

part, for the costs of exploitation of the school.

The planning is to receive the first children in Hellabeem in the beginning of 2007.

TSUNAMI

The government spends the money they received via relief actions mainly on the repairing of the infrastructure. Thanks to the NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations) some people got a new house. This time we have been able to help a couple with two small children and give them a wooden house and another family a cement floor and a proper roof. In the name of Cordaid, Lions Club Bussum-Naarden and Hellabeem Sri Lanka 100 fishing nets have been distributed.



FINANCE

We are very happy with the action of **Plan Nederland** to double the amount of money for the kitchen. Every contribution we receive is doubled by Plan Nederland, and so is yours!

We received € 5.000,-. from the **Lotusbloem Stichting**. We used this gift to provide the worktops and basins in each classroom with shelves and drawers.

Els Schaap and Dick Verschuur of the **Stichting Klein Verzet** are cycling through The Netherlands to tell their story about their cycling world trip to service clubs. With the money they collect in this way they sponsor small educational projects like ours.

Also we received money from several contributors, money they had been given as birthday or wedding presents. All of you, many thanks for this!

We go on building Hellabeem. There are many projects to be sponsored, like the water supply, the well, the sewerage, the pipelines, the road, the gutters and the staff studios.

If you would want to sponsor one of these projects, with your friends or your company, please contact me.

We would welcome your gift very much!

Kind regards

on behalf of Mahrooza, Lahir and Jan,
Helène Heijen



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