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***“Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor will cry out himself and not be heard”
Proverbs 21 :13 Amp.***

News flash August 2018

Dear friends,

It has been a bit longer for this news flash to be issued. As much as we would like to send you updates every month, not always we have special items to share with you. Even though we have a big family, also here in Baan Zion we have periods during which life continues at a steady pace.



We are blessed with the health of all our girls. Of course, we have the normal dental checks, removal of wisdom teeth and some glasses here and there.

The latter becoming evident, because both High School and University students must

read a lot and are sort of glued to computer screens for hours daily due to the enormous amounts of home work and papers they have to write.

Contrary to High School and elementary, our Uni students did not have a long summer holiday, but just about three and a half weeks this month. And that even was not a real full time of leisure due to some compulsory activities they had to attend and the normal preparation before the new semester. But most of the time they really could and choose to chill out.





One of our girls though, Wan, who as most of you know has a special leadership position in Baan Zion, made a remarkable choice, of which we are more than proud.

In stead of staying home, enjoying her time of, spending time on herself, working on some things for the new semester and attending special activities, she made the choice to serve full time for a month in a small home annex school for differently abled children.

Here she by the staff was trained in taking care of these children in all facets of their daily lives and also participated in the educational program for these children.

Apart from voluntarily serving these children, doing everything needed for them and by this gaining lots of experience, she of course will be able to integrate this experience in her recent study by writing a paper on this. As said we are extremely proud of this special choice she has made, to serve these children.

Houses

Yes, finally we on September the 21st will have the government inspection of our two houses. Being small and old compared to the one we in February 2017 had to vacate since it was deemed as not suitable due to a fish pond on our grounds, among some other vague reasons, we have no idea how this inspection will turn out.

But in itself that now is not so relevant anymore. At date we are very busy with house hunting, since as previously communicated we finally after 15 years will be



able to buy our own property. And the moment is here and it is now.

We already looked at some suitable houses. But of course, we have to take in account the rules and regulations we are under as an NGO. We do not want to take the risk that finally our own property is rejected by the government.

And needless to say, we have to operate within a designated budget for which this has been made available.



Moving will also will give us a lot of financial space. We do not have to pay our monthly high rent any more. Also looking at staff we will make a change the moment we have moved. Most of Baan Zion's running and spiritual welfare, next to me, is done by my manager Kwan and my oldest girl Wan. The other staff members are involved in daily house hold tasks like going to the market, cooking, cleaning etc.

Tasks that looking at daily practise for the biggest part already automatically have been taken over by the girls. Looking at staff costs being, salaries, insurance, food etc. we in fact also considering the age of the older girls in perspective with some changed NGO rules for this, could make a major change per January 2019.



Doing with less staff combined with savings on rent would enable us to spend more on our girls, financially guarantee their University studies and help more girls in need.

Grateful as we are for all we receive, it must be said that in fact we are in a constant financial struggle to make our financial ends meet. Cost of living here are on a constant rise. The cost of schooling and University are high. This while our 2018 sponsoring went down. This simply means that we already even had to cut down on food expenses and often in fact hardly can buy our girls their needed clothes, school uniforms and other school stuff. Let alone pay the high the University tuition anymore.

One of the most difficult things being a missionary is and will stay talking about and asking for money. But without it we can not do the work the Lord has called us for. Being, saving the unsaved, helping the helpless, the downtrodden and the abused. Those that in the societies we work in are neglected, discriminated upon, persecuted and trafficked.

God bless you all and may the Lord touch your hearts,
Rev. Dr. Jan and Ps. Ellen Smit



Thanking points

His Grace and mercy

All we have

All we receive

All sponsors

All prayers

All girls

Prayer points

That we may find the house where the Lord wants us to live in His presence soon

That all proceedings will go smoothly

That we are allowed to move a.s.a.p.

That we will receive the so needed growth in our finances

Our own family

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