News letter December 2019

Events to come

- **March 6th Quizine (quiz)**
- **June Vespa tour Koksijde**
- **Familiarisation trip July '21**

(more info follows later on the website)

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Message from the president

Dear friends

2019…a year to look back upon with good feelings. Not only because of the beautiful long summer, but also because 51SCAD-symphatisers (an interesting mix of young and a little bit older) could see, taste, experience and evaluate the culture of India, the tasteful Orient kitchen and the projects realised by SOS Zoutmijnkinderen. We are a large number of young SCAD ambassadors richer who with great enthusiasm help to build a world in which it is great to live, also in South Tamil Nadu!!

We ended our jubilee year with a SCAD familily celebration day in Indian mood : a direct hit, we clearly felt the connection in solidarity. Everyone agreed : 'LETS HEED TOWARDS 25 YEARS SOS ZOUTMIJNKINDEREN-INDIA'… as there are still thousands of children and women in the Tuticorin and Tirunelveli District who survive in extremely difficult circumstances. But we did not only travel and party, we also worked hard this year. We prepared files to get subsidies for projects. We made children and young adults aware of our projects. Those who were interested could follow our activities on our website and Facebook page.

2019: a top year in gifts and sponsoring by schools, province of West-Vlaanderen, boards of missionary work, world councils and many, many people like you … That made it possible to realise again very valuable projects.

MANY MANY THANKS, TOGETHER we make a difference!!

To end with : an Indian wisdom that I would like to share with you as an inspiring suggestion to start the new year :

'Every smile you send, comes back to you!'

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I sincerely wish you all a healthy and happy 2020.

Marjolijn Vergote
President SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India

Activities in 2019

Family day

We were pleased to meet many of you in September on our familiy day, a festal closing our jubilee year. We look back upon a very cozy day! The terrace of De Oude Melkerij was an ideal spot for an aperitif. The 'Indian Summer' spoiled us with a mild sun. Mr Charles, the right hand of dr. Cletus and dr. Amali, enjoyed the reunion and informed us in an enthousiastic way about the ungoing projects. Then, two female dancers of the Maya Sapera Dance Company, trained in the South of India, treated us with an excellent performance.

During an excellent meal we continued talking, while Frankini surprised us with his incredible magic trics. Again, we enjoyed some fascinating dances, and we were even invited to try it out ourselves, guided by the two ladies. That was a nice teaser, but our attempts clearly missed elegance and routine : Indian

dancing is not as easy at it obviously seems to be. The children enjoyed themselves with balloon art, henna painting, grime and had a great time on the bouncing castle or with folk games. The home made cakes were delicious and the afternoon was over in no time. Mr. Charles again thanked all the people that were present for their support during the past 20 years. We are pleased to see that many sponsors and sympathisers – almost 200 of them – enjoyed this day. The fact that we again have been able to collect a nice amount to donate to SCAD makes us even more happy! If you would like to see some pictures and a small film about the dancing performance, please check our website!

Familiarisation trips

In this jubilee year, SCAD welcomed a remarkable amount of visitors from Belgium. Anyone who participates in the familiarisation trip to SCAD donates an important financial gift.

- In March, 16 students and 4 teachers of College Veurne made an empathizing trip. They came back to Belgium amazingly enthousiast and sponsored an amount of 1.000 000 INR (= 12.850 €). This is not only an outstanding result, it is also nice and important that young SCAD sympathisers continue our nice work!
- In July Lieve Desmedt, inspiring member from the very start, visited SCAD with her family and 16 people went on a familiarisation trip. For many participants it was not their first visit, but once again an excellent opportunity to see with their own eyes what SCAD realises and to conclude that there is a positive evolution on many domains. Indeed : the enthusiastic effort of the SCAD collaborators that give the best of themselves in difficult circumstances to make their life and that of all their beloved ones better deserves ADMIRATION and RESPECT. The warm welcome TOUCHES and fills with GRATITUDE : the support by SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India to these projects REALLY means a difference for countless of people, every day again.
  This cooperation between Belgium and India makes all of us nicer human beings!

Working visits

- Early 2019 Marjolijn went to SCAD for five weeks along with Dr. Luc Van den Daelen, who did orthopedic surgery interventions during 3 weeks. Marjolijn assisted in selecting the children and supported the post operative treatment.

- Marian Velthuys and Elly de Jong (Dutch teachers) and Hilde Pitteljon (Groep Gidts) came later.
20 people (SCAD-staff and parents) got trained in making adapted sitting devices with recycled cardboard and paper : a very sustainable, low cost technic that can easily be implemented!

- 4 students occupational therapy of School also did a good job during their SCAD.
- These were 5 intensive work weeks focus on treatment and exchange of to improve quality of life of children disability.

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Other activities

- In January we saw the film 'Neruda' and in November the film 'Victoria and Abdul' in the Gulden Zonne.
- The SCAD projects have been explained to children of Hooglede who celebrated their Holy Communion and those of the Petrus Community in Torhout.

- Sensitizing and fund raising actions were organised in the schools of Koksijde, Poperinge, Rumbeke, Torhout and even Brussels (by SCAD Belgium's Women to Women). The proceeds of these fund raising activities are used for education, care and treatment of differently–abled children.

- SCAD Belgium's Women to Women organised a second-hand market, a sale of plants, a benefit performance by the 'Echt Antwaarps Theater', a sale of pralines, a board game afternoon and a Christmas sale.
- In June a Vespa tour was organised in Veurne/Koksijde for SCAD.
- The SCAD working group of Groep Gidts organised already for the fifth time an 'Haute Quizine' quiz evening and also a 'Light walk' followed by a spaghetti meal. Many people participated on these events with a valuable sponsoring amount as result.

Projects realised during the past working year

Project 'integral village development' of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India/SCAD Belgium's Women to Women (Koning Boudewijnstichting)

- Early 2019 we created jobs for 25 women (raising of goats), 3 oranies are enlarged and the corresponding water wells repaired, 55 persons with disablity are provided with orthopedic devices and mobility tools.
- 18 village schools received play and sport material and school furniture.
- Recently we were able to finance job creation for 50 women (sewing atelier, mobile vegetable market stall, tea shop, door to door sale of rice, local shop) and to plant 3.000 fruit trees. Additionally SCAD Belgium's Women to Women sponsored the necessary trainings and products to make sure that these women could really start their businesses. They also paid for the veterinary costs concerning the goats.
- We end this year with a gift for the renovation of 8 village schools.

With the support of Provincie West-Vlaanderen:

- The training project 'improvement of the nutritional situation of undernourished pregnant and breast-feeding rural women and their young children' has been realised.

- Another three water basins are enlarged, deepened and repaired, a fourth one is under construction : a must due to the increasing drought!

Thanks to the rain of this fall there is now a water supply available.

We will continue these projects in 2020!

ATTENTION PLEASE: project Koning Boudewijnstichting has only one valid message:
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Gifts for this year should reach us before December 20th!

More realisations

Next to the large projects mentioned above, we are pleased to inform that also our individual sponsors make the difference.

We for instance think about a nice gift that has been donated for research and treatment of vision : important for anyone who does not see well.

Planned activities

- During the easter holidays 2020 16 students and 6 teachers of the Annunciata Instituut Veurne go on a familiarisation trip to SCAD.

- In the summer of 2021 we again plan a familiarisation trip for which we will give priority to those who want to visit SCAD for the first time. If you are interested : please already pass on your name!!

To end with

Namaste, thank you
for 20 years support to SCAD

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