

Dear sponsors and friends of school money project

LOOKING-FORWARD Foundation



◆ The school year 2017-2018 has ended.

80 out of 83 of "our" pupils successfully reached the finish line! 72 of them continue their study in September.

Now the children have 3 months of summer holiday. The temperature in Nha Trang and surroundings is every day around 35 degrees; too hot to study. The extracurricular classes will continue. (*this way teachers earn some extra next to the small salary they have*). In June, all of our pupils (*and some additional 40 poor pupils*) have already received the new textbooks that are donated by our fund. They can prepare themselves for the new school year during the summer holidays.



8 pupils are ready with their basic training and can continue studying an education they like, if they do a good admission exam. In September we will have to say goodbye to Vy, Minh Thi, Thien Kieu, Phi Hung, Nhat Huynh, Anh Tien, Thu Huyen and Nhu Tram and then we hear whether or not they are going to study and where and which education. Those who continue school will receive a one-time bonus from Looking-Forward.

Mostly we do not hear anything anymore of the children that left school. That is a pity, but we need to respect this. Our project aims to disrupt the life of a pupil as little as possible. From a distance, we support the child through a difficult (financial) phase in their primary school education/youth. The pupil, like his peers, gets the chance to learn to read, write, count, etc. Together we help keeping several dozen children at school every year, away from child labour and in a safer environment.

However, there are still several old-looking-Forward pupils with whom we do maintain contact. This usually goes by Facebook. We ask them about their health and any school performance; they (sometimes) ask for a financial contribution for their expensive study or a study trip. Our fund contributes limited.

Some personal supporters are sorry that they do not hear anything about the child that they previously supported. We understand, but we have to let these young adults go their own way. They have to do it themselves now, but now (*thanks to your contributions*) with equal opportunities. They will never forget that specific help!

3 pupils did not reach the finish line. 7-2 Hong Phuc and 47-3 Hong Hanh who were in class 10 of the (voluntary) high school started to work (*because of bad grades?*). The fourteen-year-old 85-1 Hu'u Phuc has stopped secondary school, Class 9. In Vietnam, education is compulsory from the age of 5 years old to 15 years. Although it is, we never noticed any monitoring of this. Our foundation has ensured that these 3 children have been able to attend education for a few years; we wish them good luck in their lives.

◆ Mrs. HIEP stops managing L-F.

After 9 years of being our perfect local manager, Hiep has indicated she wants to stop working for our project in August. Her health does not



allow it to travel every 2 months by motorbike to all the cooperating schools. The now 67-year-old woman gets more and more problems with her legs and dares no longer to participate in the busy (*life-threatening*) traffic on the main road from Nha Trang to Dien Khanh. The Nguyen Du School in Dien Lac is almost 20 kilometers from her house.

That is why we had to find a new manager and we succeeded. Ms Le Thi Thanh, 55 years and recently retired (*in Vietnam, women with a government job retire at the age of 55 /Men at 60*) as a financial administrator at the Mac Dinh Chi secondary school.

We got to know Thanh at this school and think to have found a reliable and involved new manager.



Hiep had to do too many tasks all by herself. Now we are going to divide the tasks in a better way. Thanh takes care of the financial part. We expect more involvement from every cooperating school.

Thanh no longer has to go to all 7 schools to hand over the school money to our pupils. Each school will have a contact person that will pick up the school fees every 2 months (in closed envelopes) and give them to the pupils. The pupils sign when they receive the money. We will receive this list. For 8 years we have had a perfect cooperation with the school boards; the school money was always received by the pupils. As before, we will continue to follow the path of our money well.

When we are back on the spot in a few weeks, we will make sure everything is organized to the point and we will thank Hiep for her great commitment to Looking-Forward. Hiep now helps to ensure a good transfer of management and she remains involved for advice and help. She also remains a contact person for the Cao Thang School which is situated in the district she lives in.

◆ June 2018 in Nepal, a retired Dutchman was caught with a fifteen year old boy in a guesthouse. Very often in Asia, older Western men are suspected of /arrested for sexual child abuse. Several times a man offered voluntary services to a local aid organization. They often do this to have a story for their family to explain the (long) stay(s) in the poor country. Our organization also works with vulnerable children. We are therefore holding back to involve foreign people in our project on site. In principle we only work with Vietnamese people who are directly involved in the affiliated schools.



◆ From 25 May 2018, the new European Privacy Law applies. This law makes sure your personal data are more secured and managed. The address details of sponsors and donors who are in our possession are used to contact you about your sponsorship and related matters. These data are for internal use only for the Looking Forward Foundation and are not provided to third parties. If you do not appreciate the processing of your data, or to receive the newsletter, please let us know by sending an e-mail to info@looking-forward.nl. From now on, the website will be less extensive with full names, etc..

◆ From the end of 2015, our Foundation has joined PARTIN. This is the branch association of the small private initiatives in development cooperation. Membership costs 65 Euro each

year. We get a lot of support in return. We can contact them when we have questions about managing our school money project in Vietnam. They have helped us with finding a cheaper and more safe transfer for the monthly school fees to our local manager Hiep. We now know beforehand exactly how much money Hiep receives from the transaction. Every year PARTIN organizes a meeting for all members. More than 100 small charities are present at these meetings. Two members of Looking-Forward were present at this meeting in Apeldoorn. We were informed by experts all day and we could choose several interesting workshops. It has been a nice and informative day where we were able to meet members of other charities, working all over the world. In the north of Vietnam Child Surgery Foundation carries out free operations for physically handicapped children in North Vietnam. Unfortunately, the 2000 kilometer distance between our locations is too big to team up.

PARTIN has advised us to let the fund pay the cost of one air travel ticket to Nha Trang. This makes the expense percentage higher, but at the end of the year the costs of the ticket is donated by us as a private donation to the L-F fund. The tax advantage is a few hundred euros which we donate as well to the fund.

◆ Financial accountability

On 4 July 2018 an amount of € 8,982.64 is on the bank account of Looking Forward (*including prepaid tuitions*).

During the school year 2017-2018, the foundation financially supports 83 students = 44 girls and 39 boys.

75 pupils have a personal supporter. Still 8 pupils are available for support.

Special donations: €176.32 Christmas Celebration Primary School "De Wegwijzer"

€650,- concerning retirement veterinarian

€500,- anniversary maternity nurse

€285,- retirement sponsor

There were no special (*unforeseen*) spending's

Private costs are administrated separately from the Looking-Forward finances.

All sponsors can get full access to the L-F accounting.

The policy plan, statutes of the foundation and annual report 2017 are published on the L-F website.

[Percentage cost of project management and fund administration compared to revenues in 2017 = 5,6%](#)



Thank you for supporting the Looking-Forward school project in Viet Nam

We, (*Johan and Lidy*) will be back at "our" pupils in Nha Trang and Dien Khanh from

August 26 until September 16, 2018.

Follow us during these days on the L-F website "Reisverslagen" (in Dutch)

For the personal supporters of a pupil that wants to give a greeting card: Writing in English, fresh colors, no cat picture or holiday snapshots. Deliver before 22 August!

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