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Dear IAAR-supporter

2016 was a busy year for IAAR. Here a report of the various activities in random order.

1. IAAR HAS A RENEWED WEBSITE IN FIVE LANGUAGES!

Pay a visit to our renewed web site at www.iaar.eu in 5 languages: Dutch, French, English, Spanish and Italian.



Heartfelt thanks to Kris for giving the website a new look, free of charge, with the cooperation of Bart, Lutgart, and Els.

2. SUPPORT TO PRH IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a vast country with an agitated history and with many facets: the overwhelming nature, the contrast between rich and poor, and the different populations groups living side by side in search of a better society...

The PRH-educators are striving to find their way in this environment and are at the disposal of everyone, but are mainly committed to helping the poor.



The residents of the townships around Johannesburg demand a great deal of their attention. Unemployment, lack of education and consequent violence, abuse, addiction and absence of resources, dominate everyday life. Those who are given access to formation opportunities become aware of their talents and self-worth, take on new initiatives and become examples to others.

Consequently IAAR supported the education and additional formation of the educators through a 10-day session with the themes: communication, promotion, and running a business in their society. Next year a new colleague, Mkheseni, will join the team.

PRH in South Africa has hardly any resources at its disposal. Anyone who wants to support them can do so by transferring a donation on the IAAR account with the specification: PRH in SA.

3. THE TEAM IN HAITI IS DOING WELL



From 9 to 20 November the PRH educators in Haiti (Micheline, Jean-André en Ninon) had an intensive period of working and formation, including 2 workshops for their own public, thanks to the backing of IAAR.

Haiti is still struggling under the consequences of the earthquake of 2010. Following this, Micheling wrote: *What happened has touched all of us profoundly. Nevertheless, the population of Haiti has once more shown its courage, its will to live, its resilience, its resourcefulness. Just a little helping hand is all this nation needs to overcome this catastrophe because this nation wants to live.*

For this reason we want to continue supporting them in order that they are able to realize their mission amongst the poorest of society.

4. AN ECHO FROM KINSHASA

It is obvious that many among us are concerned with Congo and want to keep lending a helping hand.

A message from Jacinthe in October, the responsible person of PRH in Congo speaks for itself. We would like to share it with you...



« Personally I'm doing well, under circumstances, but since your departure in July, a number of young people are dying who, under better conditions, would definitely live longer. Recently some former 'street children', who had been reunited with their families after care in our Center, have returned to the streets. Many youths are unable to study and will remain illiterate in this 21st century. Progress is too slow and insufficient for the majority of the population and this leads to serious consequences on the long run. We face the risk of a generation of idiots due to the lack of enough food and a balanced diet.

My greatest hardship is to be a witness of all this and to remain with the feeling of helplessness confronted with the flood of those in need. There are periods in which I'm seriously confronted with this but even so I can summon the courage to persevere, but there are other moments when I feel overpowered as I'm feeling at present.

*I will write to you soon regarding July's programme.
Kind regards to all of you there!
Jacinthe*

The political situation in Kinshasa permitting, in July 2017 we will once more leave for Kinshasa in order to support their mission and to present some new formation programs. We cannot abandon them!

5. NEW PROJECT: ACCOMPANIMENT OF THOSE SUPERVISING THE STREETCHILDREN IN BENIN

The project that we initiated has made a good start and is well received in Cotonou. Some 250 youths between ages 8 and 15 are willing to benefit from help. PRH assists in the formation of the accompanists of these children. They are recruited in collaboration with the school's directors and the social centres of the state.

It is an initiative to get youths out of the grips of abandonment and child prostitution, and to prevent youth delinquency.



6. EIBHLIN FROM IRELAND HAS ONCE AGAIN SET OFF ON A TRIP FOR SPONSORING!

For a second year running, Eibhlin (a PRH educator in Ireland) took part in a cycling trip for a good cause. Below the result of her act of solidarity!



I am a believer that if we can't help 100 people we still can help one.

This thought was the single motivating factor that drove me to pull on my cycling gear, slide on my runners, put on my helmet and cycle "The ring of Kerry – 180km".

On the day of the race I was filled with anticipation and nervousness, but a little voice within said "you can do it". At 6 o'clock I was off with 11,000 others. I didn't care how long it was going to take me. This was my challenge and it was not going to defeat me. When I met a hill I got over it, when the going got tough I cycled through it. My speed didn't matter, forward was forward.

Crossing the finish line hours later I felt exhausted but elated. I had done it! I had taken my bike, cycled the course and collected £952 for IAAR. Now THAT'S what I call success.

Thank you Eibhlin, this works contagiously!

7. AN IAAR SHOP IN ITALY

The PRH collaborators from Italy took the initiative of starting a shop of products made by volunteers and donated to be sold for IAAR. Furthermore they have started a WhatsApp group as collaborator of IAAR.

For the moment it is a 'mobile' shop but they are also considering selling via Internet.

Maria, the chairperson of PRH-Italy sent a few pictures of the opening of the shop during a PRH event with 170 persons present and sales of more than € 300.





Congratulations and our thanks to this group of motivated IAAR collaborators who, by doing this, are making others enthusiastic for acts of solidarity.

8. WARMING UP OTHERS FOR IAAR - AN INITIATIVE DURING A MPV-WEEKEND

Below a report to other IAAR collaborators by Helma, the driving force of the IAAR shop and IAAR in the Netherlands.

Dear IAAR-colleagues,

In retrospect of our presentation at the recent MPV-weekend with 67 participants, I would like share with you know how I was moved and overjoyed in the way that we as a group were able to transmit an inspiring and enthusiastic story which was extremely well received by the participants.

I was playing with the idea of singing/playing a song for 1 euro for all those interested in aid of Music for Life. During the evaluation of the weekend there was already someone who set the example and the first euros have been collected.

The shop also did well. After I had announced the amount in the drawer, on my arrival at home I still came across money in all corners, which brought the total amount to 214,50, euro.

But most of all I was very happy with the manner in which those present stood up, in front of me, told their story and were almost unstoppable.

Together we experienced a bubbly half-hour of joy.

SINCERE THANKS TO YOU!

Thank you Kris, Bart, Lutgart, Lutgard...

Helma

9. MUSIC FOR LIFE 2016 – A CAMPAIGN IN DUTCH SPEAKING BELGIUM DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Thanks to the initiative of **Bart, Kris en Sofie**, three IAAR- collaborators, IAAR received the approval to be included in the radio campaign 'Music For Life'.

This is a huge solidarity campaign appealing for money to be donated for good causes.

This large-scale solidarity campaign is supported by the Flemish Government and is under auspices of the King Boudouin Foundation.



It is aired 24h/24h on Flemish radio the entire week before Christmas. It is presented by three young radio reporters who, during the whole week eat very basic meals, stay in a tent, and play/present music constantly with short interruptions to announce the evolution of the different campaigns.

Everyone who wants to participate, can take various initiatives and have his/her activities registered to support the acknowledged good cause of his/her choice. Their proceeds then go entirely to the selected good cause.

It can vary from simple neighbourhood actions like baking something and the selling it, to larger-scale initiatives and donations.

Our three pioneers organized a campaign of awareness in aid of IAAR. They received help from the PRH-educators, collaborators and friends of PRH in the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium.

Below a few of the activities which were registered for IAAR :

- Workshops: 'Friendship is contagious', 'Being creative and connected...'
- making jewellery together,
- baking waffles at a school,
- children making angels for the christmas tree and selling these wares,
- a collaborator donating one month's income from accompaniment,
- a concert of Tibetan scales,
- a warming back-massage of 1 minute,
- an inspirational quote for a small fee,
- the sales of a stall at a christmas market,
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These are activities that bring people together and in which everyone can participate, consequently making solidarity possible for him/her. It brings about something inside people to participate in these fundraising activities. These are heartwarming rays of hope for many who need the support of IAAR to remain upright, and to be strong and creative under their own given circumstances.

Thank you to the children, parents, accompanists, the collaborators and educators who added their token of solidarity to the 'warmest week' (the name of the campaign). The financial result amounted to € 3000. Congratulations dear friends!

10. IN CONCLUSION: AN INVITATION FOR THOSE FOR WHOM ANTWERP IN BELGIUM IS NOT TOO FAR!



IAAR-EVENT 22 April 2017 from 14h tot 17h in Antwerp

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AS AN ENGINE FOR PROGRESS

IAAR is 10 years old... we would like to celebrate this milestone and are throwing the doors wide open!

You are invited for a moment of encounter and information about the operations of IAAR in the PRH-Formation Center, **Otto Veniusstraat 15, 2000 Antwerpen**



PRH-educators in the South are doing wonderful work under difficult circumstances. They need financial support. IAAR collects money for the PRH-education in these countries by ways of donations, sale of hand-made products, grants as that of the city of Antwerp in 2015 for Zimbabwe.

Would you like to know more about our actions and about the work of PRH in Africa, Asia and in Latin America?

Feel free to drop in at this gathering on the premises of the PRH-Education center.

Continuous: general information, presentation about the street children in Kinshasa, sales in aid of IAAR, information about the results of the PRH-education for the development of countries in the South, some snacks and refreshments.

It is also an opportunity to get to know **you** better!

If you are unable to attend, a small contribution to IAAR is always welcome on account number of IAAR - 2000 Antwerpen
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Your support nourishes our enthusiasm!

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Chairperson
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