



Newsletter no 2 of

To all IAAR friends!

Heartfelt greetings to all of you!

In this newsletter we want to draw your attention to: the projects in Indonesia, Congo and Benin, the 2017 financial results, and news from our collaborators.

1. PRH in INDONESIA

Since 2015 IAAR has been supporting the Indonesian team. Sister Theresianne passed away in 2012 and the remaining 4 educators were not yet prepared to take over the lead. At the end of 2014 they asked PRH-International for help.

From June 2015 onwards, IAAR has been providing the travel expenses for the accompaniment of the educators, future educators and collaborators.

In 2017 the group was expanded with two new educators and a candidate-educator. They are receiving support from an enthusiastic group of collaborators amongst whom some are making an intensive journey of personal growth.

Seven persons started the formation as accompanist in the PRH helping relationship in May 2018: 3 from Indonesia (Jakarta), 2 living in Singapore, 1 person of Spanish descent but living in Cambodia, 1 from Malaysia.



The Indonesian educators

From left to right: Remy, Stef, Angie (candidate-educator), Elly (on pension and associated member) Citra, Sing, Hendro

How can you support IAAR?

- Through membership: 10 euro annually
- A once-off or monthly contribution, through which you automatically obtain membership,
- A bequest/legacy

Banking details:

IBAN: BE 75 733 034737 851

BIC: KREDBEBB

IAAR , Zwijgerstraat 2000 Antwerpen

For transfers from outside of Europe:

Bank address: KBC, Waalsekaai 4,
2000 Antwerp, Belgium



Pictures of the PRH-educators' and collaborators' meeting in Jakarta in June.

In May-June 2018 the following training programs were given to educators and collaborators:

- *Clarity in my relationships* (four-day workshop)
- *Initial workshop for the two-year training as accompanist in the PRH helping relationship* (four-day workshop)
- *Fulfillment at work* (four-day workshop)
- *Accompaniment of MPV* (for educators)
- *General assembly of the educators*, focusing strongly on cooperation among ourselves and structural expansion of the team.
- *Meeting of educators and collaborators*

2. PRH in SOUTH-AFRICA

As you were able to read in the 1st newsletter of 2017, the educators in South Africa have been devoting themselves to helping those people living in the townships.

In the meantime, a few of them have turned into conscious and engaged individuals committing themselves for their nation.

From 6 to 9 May 2018, together with the educators, they participated in the workshop "Growing in authenticity". It was a powerful experience of the inner strength and growth of persons who receive the appropriate accompaniment and formation.



For Neo, Learnmore, Rose, Fikile, Ntombizodwa and Pitso (from left to right on the picture) this workshop was an important experience and the stepping stone to a new adventure. Together they will start the two-year training to become accompanist in the PRH-helping relationship at the end of this year.

3. PRH in CONGO

Via the headlines we are all aware that the general situation in Congo is not very good, despite the incredible natural resources of the country. The promised democratic elections have still not taken place. The nation is encouraged to take to the streets in peaceful protest, but the danger of repression is ever present. They are striving for democratic elections and a more just and dignified society.

This is a letter forwarded to us by a colleague-educator, written by a Congolese participant of a peace demonstration. We will let this testimony speak for itself:

Letter to my 3-year old daughter.

Dearest child,

Today, Sunday, I will leave the house. Like every evening you will wait for my return to grab me around the neck and shower me with warm kisses. There is a possibility that I won't return.

I am not leaving to destroy something or to steal.

I am simply going to demonstrate. Without weapons and without hate.

I am going to demonstrate for our country, in order that our Congo may welcome better times.

I am going to protest, to openly but clearly show to our brothers, who are keeping our country in their grip, that we deserve better.

I am going to protest to give you and your generation more hope. My generation has been sacrificed to greedy and selfish politicians who continually and blindly endeavour to accumulate personal wealth while our country becomes poorer and poorer. They have forgotten us. They have sold our hope to just anyone. They have sacrificed us on the altar of their comfort.

Our country is continually shipwrecked.

I'm not going to do anything illegal, simply joining the march, as the constitution permits me to do.

But it is not without risk. Because they are used to thundering applause, they cannot handle criticism. Up against our palm leaves they are facing us with their guns. Against the harmless sounds of our march, they are countering us with tanks. Our chants are answered by the 'whoosh' of their bullets.

But I want to resist the fear. I will not step backwards for suppression. I refuse to accept what the government makes us believe. If I don't do that, how will I be able to look you in the eyes when you are grown-up; to have to tell you then that I didn't have the courage to fight for your future and for that of all Congolese children.

I am doing this for you and for all children. I am stepping outside for all of you. And in the case that I do not return, you must realize that I did not want to leave you. I simply did not want to give up. I am prepared to give up my life for my country, and for you my child.

Your daddy who loves you.



During this tense and difficult situation, the PRH-educators and collaborators are continuing their work courageously. They are hoping to help people to become aware of their situation, to acquire more self-confidence and to stand up.

We visited them once more in July 2018 to reinforce them and to support them with:

- the workshop *Clarity in my relationships*,
- a formation in the PRH-helping relationship
- the general assembly of the educators
- two gatherings of the educators and collaborators.

Thanks to your financial support for their formation and their projects, the people they are reaching, are being helped in their daily struggle for a more just and dignified society. In this manner we are helping them stay upright amidst their difficult situation.

4. THANKS FROM HAITI

Apart from the general support for Haiti, IAAR is also paying a part of the formation costs for an educator from Haiti. What participants are able to pay is insufficient for her to make a living and at the same time to afford her additional professional formation. Here is an excerpt from her letter.



"Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to all IAAR members. Your financial aid has made it possible for me to participate in an intensive formation period in Canada.

This sign of connectedness and solidarity, means a lot to me and makes me experience the fact that we are committed to a joint mission.

For this I thank you a thousand times.

I am very satisfied about what I received and learned, which helps me to progress personally and professionally. For me it was a time of intensification, solidifying my deeper bonds, of resourcing and of professionalizing.

I returned to my country as a happy person. I will testify of the joy of life, of the way of the 'being'. All this would not have been possible without your generosity and your sensitivity to help educators in difficult circumstances, me in particular.

In the name of my fellow countrymen and woman, whom I am able to reach now through the PRH education, I humbly thank you.

A sunbeam from Haiti"

Micheline

5. SOME FINANCIAL DATA FROM 2017

Income:

Donations to the publication funds (PRH-International book about decision making)

€ 7 000

Donations to specific funds: **€ 71. 986,4**

Membership fees **€ 5.613,22**

Expenses:

General costs and taxes **€ 2.115,08**

For formation projects in Algeria, Benin, Congo, Indonesia, Haiti, Morocco, Leuven-Centraal prison, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Thailand, Zimbabwe, South Africa Total **€ 37.634,05**. This money goes to projects of specific target groups, formation of educators and future educators, and support of the Methodical Personal Formation.

Airline tickets for educators who, commissioned by PRH-International, went to provide formation in the above-mentioned countries as well as Chili and Paraguay.
Total € 30.200

Publications € 28.028,47 (for lay-out and 5 translations of the new book about decision making)

In the name of all these countries a special word of thanks for your support!
Thanks to your financial aid they are able to pass on the PRH-education!

5. LOSS OF AN ACTIVE IAAR-COLLABORATOR

IN MEMORIAM – IAAR - COLLABORATOR LISE VANBAELEN

We said farewell to a loyal and passionate collaborator of IAAR in Belgium.



As long as her health permitted her, she was always prepared to help.

The PRH-education was very dear to her and she wanted to help make it accessible to those in difficult financial situations.

Particularly the countries from the south got special attention from her. She initiated many activities to arouse solidarity in others.

She was happy to manage the shopping stalls of IAAR and was searching for possibilities to do this at various occasions. Together with her friend Chris, she grasped every opportunity to inform others of the existence and workings of IAAR.

After a long sickbed Lise had to accept defeat.

Thank you very much. You devoted your life to others.

We would like to pass on you humour, your drive and your enthusiasm.

We hope that we may continue to count on your sympathy and support.

In connection to the new law on privacy in Europa we ask you kindly to let us know if you no longer wish to receive further newsletters. Later we will send more information about this matter.

With heartfelt greetings

Magda Uyttersprot,
President
www.iaar.eu