

## News from Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam

In our newsletter you can read what Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam is currently working on. We would like to inform you (and keep you informed) about our recent projects and the actions we take to raise funds, to find sponsors and to bring our foundation under attention.



### 10th anniversary for CSVN

CSVN has something to celebrate this year.

On May 30, 2015 we actually exist precisely ten years!

Of course we do not want to pass up this beautiful milestone unnoticed.

All the more reason, therefore, to thank everyone that has helped us.

On the one side the (former) employees who make this foundation function. On the other hand everyone who financially contributed so that we can achieve our mission.

We accomplished the plan to annually help 400 children with an operation. At this moment, this goal is even being exceeded...

On to the next lustrum for Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam!

### 8th jubilee year of the founder

Besides the anniversary of CSVN, we have something else to celebrate: the birthday of Jo Koster on June 22. The age of Jo has never played a role in picking up and executing his passion, but meanwhile the years are starting to count noticeably.

As the founder of CSVN and inspirer for Center II, the partner organisation in Vietnam, Jo suggested the coincide with the Millenium Development Goals (MDG) would be a good anchor. The MDG are eight international agreements to handle the big problems in the field of poverty, health, education and environment worldwide before 2015. However, it turns out a follow-up framework has to be formulated since the goals have not been achieved yet.

With this, also the work for CSVN and Center II has not been completed and more time is needed to reach the intended finish.

A great gift would be that all the work of Jo is taken out of his hands while the initiative will be continued.



## Contributors speaking

Without the help of our contributors we would not be able to help so many children. We are very grateful for everyone who supports CSVN in any kind of way. On top of the financial gifts that come in, we receive 50 % surcharge of Wild Geese. This way we can help even more children.

What are the reasons of the contributors to support us? We are happy to let them tell you in the column 'Contributors speaking'.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Asch Van Wijk:

*"We encountered your foundation because we booked a vacation to Vietnam via [www.Riksjonline.nl](http://www.Riksjonline.nl) ([www.vietnamonline.nl](http://www.vietnamonline.nl)). When you book a vacation via this organisation, they offer the possibility to donate € 12 to Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam. When we came back from a wonderful holiday in Vietnam we wanted to do something back since we had a great time. When I surfed the Internet I found your foundation again. It gives us confidence that Riksjonline supports you. Besides, your projects appeal to us and your style of work seems very efficient."*

Mr. Goeijenbier:

*"For me it is important that an organisation offers help to people that are not (or partially) able to do this themselves. The organisation also needs to have a low overhead: 20% talking and 80% executing. The hallmark 'Charity' is also decisive for me because I want to be sure that my donation will not go to the wrong people. Besides, I want to support a mission that does not discourage or demotivate people to rouse themselves."*

*I think it is very valuable that Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam makes sure that the people who get helped benefit from it for the rest of their life (mentally and physically). You work locally with medical staff whereupon local knowledge and experience develops. When I was young I knew Vietnam as a land that was plagued by war (NOS journal). Fortunately this war is over, and you confirm that good things can also come from 'the outside!'"*



*Thanks to our contributors we are able to make children like Bui Duc Thanh laugh again and give them a better life.*

## In the spotlight

We would like to show you what difference we can make with a - for us usually - small intervention. To give you an impression, we will point out some successful operations in Hanoi.

*Name: Hoang Ngoc Tien*

*Type of disability: Hypospadias (shortened urethra)*

Tien has been married for ten years, but he does not have children yet because of his disability. Hypospadias is easily to remedy, but Tien's parents did not have money for a treatment when he was young.

In October 2014 Tien approached us during the operation project of Center II in the Quang Ninh Province.

Although Tien is actually too old to be considered for the project, Center II is prepared to help him.

Dr. Nguyen Viet Hoa (pediatric surgeon) refers Tien to the hospital in Hanoi (Viet Duc Hospital). Once he arrived, he had to pay a deposit of 10 milion VND (€ 414,06). Tien was about to give up and go home, but Center II promised him that the hospital expenses will be paid.



On April 14th Tien was dismissed out of the hospital. The operation succeeded and luckily Tien did not have to come back. The hospital gave him the amount of 9,988,000 VND (€ 413,57) back, which means that Tien only had to pay 12,000 VND (€ 0,50!) for hospital expenses. Center II supported him in all the expenses for the hospital, transportation and accomodation with a total amount of 2,503,500 VND (€ 103,66).

Tien is us very thankful and has hope again to start a family with his wife in the future.

*Name: Pham Trung Kien*

*Type of disability: Ptosis (drooping of the upper eyelid)*

Kien has been operated in April this year in the National Eye hospital. As you can see on the pictures below, the result is much better. These kind of results are always a very valuable motivation for us to continue our mission! And we cannot say it enough: without your help we could not have done this. Thank you very much!



*Before the operation*



*After the operation*

## News flash

### *New project*

From 22 to 28 March this year children were operated in the province Quang Ninh. This time the second half of the province got a chance. At the end of last year there was a field screening for children that fit our program. During a field screening everyone shows up hoping for a chance of improvement. However, an earlier amputated leg or arm cannot be given back. At this moment 130 children are on the list for an operation plus another roughly twenty cases of doubt. This selection derived from a big group of 750 children.

This last group will be critically examined again by the experts during the operation week in order to determine what will happen. Some children do not have to be operated, others will be referred to Hanoi. And unfortunately we might have to inform some individuals that an operation will not help.

### *Visit revalidation center Thai Nguyen*

An unexpected contact with Yvette Wolterinck of EyeScream has led to visit the revalidation center of Thai Nguyen, the village where an operation week took place in 2014. Since there was an extra training for surgeons during her visit, Yvette had the chance to take a lot of beautiful photos.

Yvette gave us one of her series for our own use. In the photo gallery of Yvette on our website you can have a look: [www.childsurgery-vietnam.org/Yvette](http://www.childsurgery-vietnam.org/Yvette).



*Surgeons who participate in extra training in Thai Nguyen.*

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