



the small world foundation

ACCOUNTACY 2018

During the stay of Heike van Gils and José Gregorio Vásquez in the Netherlands in March this year, the members of Small World Foundation got together to complete the administration of 2018. The year overview can be found on [the website](#).

In the table below you can see the summary of all the expenses. If you have questions or comments about the expenses, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Categories	Euros
Meetings San Martin	2659
Darrell Posey	212
Population Census ReTICOYA	329
Wone Congress	574
Environmental planning	2408
Others	176
Yearly celebration Palmeras	294
Total	6652

In March there was also the opportunity to appoint our new board members. Cissie Laureijssen and Jos Withagen had to say farewell and we are so thankful for all the effort they made for the foundation! Tonny van Gils will step a little bit back but stay connected with the foundation.

Floor van der Sluis has is replacing Cissie as secretary and her tasks have been expanded. She will not only correct the newsletter, she will also translate it into english, send all the newsletters and keep the emailists updated. For questions our emailadress now is smallworldfoundation@hotmail.com.

Marjolein Beers will replace Jos Withagen as treasurer and she will be responsible for the financial administration.

Floor and Marjolein have been informed of the activities of the foundation for years. Floor has visited the community twice and is familiar with the local context. Marjolein has helped Heike many times from a distance when the wif at the community was again not meeting her expectations..

In short, the Small World Foundation is again in hands of a wonderful team of dedicated ladies.



Marjolein

José

Heike



Heike

Floor

José

FUNDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PATROL!

Since 2017 we have been in contact with [Arno and Anke Schwarzer](#) from Zwisserland, after they visited [Casa Gregorio](#) in San Martin de Amacayacu as tourists.

In the end of august last year Heike and José visited them in the [Kirschbluete Community](#) in the Swiss region of Lüsslingen-Nennigkofen (see Newsletter 81), which was a very enriching experience. The wonderful news is that Arno and Anke have succeeded to raise a funding for the environmental patrol in San Martin, by the *Stiftung Regenwald* (no website) and [Temperatio Stiftung](#). In total they have donated 8.000 Swiss francs, which is around €7.000.

Between the 14th and the 22nd of april of this year Arne and Anke came to San Martin and were enthusiastic to see how the patrol was rolling. Therefore they joined the team and went on patrol in the jungle for a day. They also took a morning to discuss with the patrol team about their working method and about the plans for the future.

Arno is a biologist and works closely with Universities, NGO's and research institutes for studies and management plans for the protection of the environment.



Anke is a multidisciplinary person who works for all kind of initiatives. The Kirschbluete community in Lüsslingen-Nennigkofen counts on her talent in logistics to set up a biological shop for products of local farmers and gardeners. Anke was also the organizer of the event that Heike and José attended last year. In India she helped setting up a [business for the production of soap](#). In the meantime this project has developed into a commercial enterprise where people with physical and mental disabilities can work and earn their income. This project has inspired us so much

that we have discussed the possibilities of creating a similar project for San Martin and the region.

In restaurants and touristic lodges like Casa Gregorio there are often leftovers of soya oil from the kitchen that are thrown into the sink and go directly into nature. These little bits of oil could be spared and processed into soap with other ingredients that are available in the region, creating a soap that is not chemical like the soaps we can buy here. Who knows if the presence of Anke is the beginning of a very nice project?

For the try-out we collected all the ingredients and tried out a specific process that requires the use of an iron pot. We, however, only had a ceramic pot...maybe this is why the result was dark brown? Anyhow, the liquid was foaming and that is what we were aiming for. Afterwards we tried out making the soap through a cold process. The result of it will be revealed within six week. Exciting!



MARJOLEIN BEERS

"I live in Amsterdam and I have known Heike for 13 years. I always like to know what they are doing in the Amazone and we have always kept contact through Whatsapp and email. I love nature and I like to take care of plants and animals. I like to make craftwork with different materials and handwork with cloths and I like acrobatics and reading. Heike has asked me if I would like to spend some hours every month to keep the financial administration of the foundation. Although it is something very different from what I am used to do, I am enthusiastic and looking forward to try something new."

FLOOR VAN DER SLUIS

"Last january I stayed in San Martin as a volunteer. It was very interesting to be in touch with the autochtonous inhabitants of a region where they live so closely to nature. It was also very bizarre to see the clash of the "modern" world with such an old culture. How can the new generation preserve its culture when it grows up having a tv and a smartphone and when it is constantly in touch with things

that are so different from their own culture? This clash involves quite some difficulties. However, I have seen what a positive influence the work of José and Heike with the help of the foundation has on the community. I had, for example, the chance to attend a meeting organized by José with all the youngsters of the community, to talk about different subjects concerning the community. It was so great to see how José, with his sense of humour, inspired the children to think and speak out. They mainly spoke about the old traditions and about how they can be combined with the new habits. Also environment and rubbish were important topics. The influence of climate change was very tangible during the weeks I spend there: because it had not rained much for the time of the year there was a big lack of fish in the river. It's not easy when as a community you are depending on the nature around you for your food supply. The nearest supermarket is an hour away by boat and this costs a lot of fuel. I hope the plans for the protection of this area progress quickly so that these environmental problems do not escalate".

Would you like to help the Small World Foundation to support the people of the indigenous community San Martin de Amacayacu and keep updated about the local developments in this far corner of Colombia?

You can transfer a yearly amount of 15 euros (or more...!) to:

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Bankaccount name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION at Baarle-Nassau,
Under the reference of 'newsletter' and Your Name (BIC: RABONL2U)

Or check out the online module contribution module on www.smallworldfoundation.org/?page_id=68

Do not forget to e-mail your e-mailaddress to Heike van Gils (heike_van_gils@hotmail.com). For alternative (forms of) contributions you can also write to Heike. As mentioned before, all contributions will be exclusively spent on the development and implementation of local initiatives. We will inform you about these projects as much as possible via the newsletter.

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