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FISH POND CONTRACT SIGNED

After more than a year of patience, the moment was finally there last month: the fish pond contract between the Colombian Institute for Agricultural Development (INCODER) and San Martin de Amacayacu has been signed! Unfortunately, the community still does not know when the budget will be there, but the fact that it will arrive at some point is at least more confirmed. Lucky enough, there is the BN/DeStem Development Prize of 2009, with which the costs for necessary documents, administration and a security policy are being paid (around 300 euro so far, and this amount once again in the coming weeks). These costs would otherwise have been an important hurdle for the community to complete procedures. The digging activities, so enthusiastically started a year ago and then abandoned in doubt, can now be continued with the same energy!



GOT IT DONE!

Lucky enough, many people “gave a shit” during theater festival De Parade in the Netherlands this summer: San Martin’s proposal to GET WATER&TRANSPORT DONE easily obtained the complete budget of 7575 euro for about 30 water tanks, a new aluminum boat and a small outboard motor (all depending on the exchange rate).

The project is to be developed in the coming six months. An impression of the very creative action of the Get It Done crew:



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PHASE 1 OF 3

THE FIRST WATER TANKS.. DONE.

ED. 25 EURO IS NEXT: The other water tanks..

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PRESENTATION BAARLE LIBRARY

On September 7th, Heike van Gils (our San Martin de Amacayacu based foundation member) held her annual presentation in the Baarle-Nassau-Hertog public library about activities, successes, challenges etc. in this community. She talked about the progress made on the map of the ancestral lands of the community, the fish ponds, and water tanks for clean drinking water. There was also a video about a *minga*: the activity where many people help each other getting a heavy job done, such as making an agricultural plot.



There was plenty of time to give answers to diverse questions from the public, ranging from from "What do young people do when they leave high school?" to "Do people keep cows in San Martin?" and "Are there any handicapped children born in the community?".



A successful evening, well catered by the library staff. Thank you for the invitation and service! A few enthusiastic comments:

"Very interesting to hear the story from Heike herself. It's impressive what she does there".

"Captivating to see how the people live and work there. It is hard to imagine without such images".





DAY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

The Small World Foundation was also part of a countryside “to be touched, smelled and tasted” around the country shop in Alphen on the day of the National Day of the Countryside on the 4th of September. The day was a success with our special ingredients: handmade jewellery from the Amazon, lots of first hand information from Jos Withagen and Heike van Gils and home made jam from Tonny van Gils. The kids made their own bracelet for a few euros, while their parents had time to check out the old school harvesting machines. A sunny day with a very interested public and organization (thanks!).



NEW PRODUCT: DELICIOUS JAM!

As a addition to our jewellery collection, the Small World Foundation is now also offering home made bio-organic jam made from local

fruits and berries. The flavours are diverse and range from strawberry, blackberry, blueberry to apple and pear, or a mix of a few. This super delicious product is a real treat for everyone, and is sold for only 2,50 euro per jar! Excellent on a sandwich, in yoghurt, on a pie or vanilla ice.... Are you getting hungry yet?

DIGITAL SMOKE SIGNAL FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On the initiative of the Dutch Centre for Indigenous Peoples (www.nciv.net), different organizations lobbying for indigenous peoples around the world are now joining forces. The aim is to stand stronger together. This was expressed on the 13th of September at the Drum Ceremony on the Plein in The Hague, which was organized to ask for attention for the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was signed in 2007 during the General Meeting of the United Nations. Now, in 2010, these rights on self determination, land issues, education, religion and language are still being violated seriously. On the NCIV collaboration website, of which the Small World Foundation is part, you can follow our movement: <http://www.digitaalrooksignaal.nl>



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Inheemse Volken laten van zich horen

CORRECT INFORMATION!

This as a reminder for all people interested to make a contribution to the Small World Foundation and to receive this newsletter. PLEASE: inform us clearly of your preferred email address so we can send you this newsletter!!!

We would also like to emphasize our bank account number (some contributions are still transferred to the personal account of Heike van Gils):

Account number: 13 27 26 203.

Account name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION

SWIFT/BIC Code: RABONL2U

IBAN code: NL28 RABO 0132 7262 03.



FLASHY NEW BOAT PICTURE

We owed you this picture of the new wooden boat. Painted and named Tric Trac. The boat could be bought thanks to the support of Daan Wijsman and Regina Engels a few months ago.

Would you like to support the Tikuna indigenous community of San Martin together with the Small World Foundation, and stay in touch about the local developments in this remote corner of Colombia?

Please transfer 15 euro yearly (or more!) to the following bank account in the Netherlands:

Bank name: Rabobank

Bank Address: Singel 4

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Baarle-Nassau

The Nether lands

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Or check out the online contribution possibility on: http://smallworldfoundation.org/?page_id=68

Please DON'T FORGET TO INFORM US ABOUT YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS!!

(heike_van_gils@hotmail.com)

The contributions will be spent exclusively on the development and realization of local initiatives in San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. No wages are being paid to anyone. The expenses will be mentioned as much as possible in the newsletters. For alternative contributions, please contact Heike van Gils at: heike_van_gils@hotmail.com.

For more information about this initiative, please check the website:

www.smallworldfoundation.org.

Thank you on behalf of San Martin de Amacayacu, Heike van Gils.