



the small world foundation

SMALL WORLD EVENTS

While there is so much going on in San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon, the Small World Foundation board in the Netherlands is also very busy. We were or will be present at the following events with information about our activities and of course with the collection of exclusive handmade jewellery from the Amazon. The Small World Foundation wants to thank all people involved for their enthusiastic effort and invitations!

1. On the first of May, motorcross club “ ‘t Stort” organised a DMX district motorcross competition and the income of the toilet facilities was donated to the Small World Foundation.

2. On the 13th and 14th of May the Foundation 'Vraag en Aanbod' celebrated the opening of their new building and the Small World Foundation was invited. This foundation repairs old equipment, so they can still be used in developmental countries. Check their website for more information:

www.vraagenaanbodinternationaal.nl

3. On the 28th of May, the primary school of Baarle-Hertog (B) celebrated their annual school party. This was a unique opportunity for the Small World Foundation to get in touch with a very young public!

4. The Small World Foundation will be present again in the heart of the Netherlands at the Pure Market (www.puremarkt.nl) in Amsterdam. Our jewellery will fit in perfectly between the other arts and crafts that can be admired or tasted on this day!

5. On the 9th of July, Baarle-Nassau/Hertog will be vibrating again until late with the thousands of visitors at the Mid Summer Night Fair. The location of the Small World Foundation stand is still unknown, but

when the date is getting closer, you can check with Tonny van Gils (0135078003).

6. The day after, on the 10th of July, the magnificent garden “Schanse dijktuin” of Meint and Coby Posthumus (Klundert) will be open again for visitors. As usual, the Small World Foundation will be hidden between the many palnts and colourful flowers!

7. On the 13th of August, the Foundation will be present at the Farmers Day in Alpen. For children, there will be plenty of materials to make a necklace or bracelet, while dad admires the harvesting machine. And for mother, there will be home made jam!

EXCITING MEETING..

On the 15th and 16th of May, a second big meeting was held in San Martin about the issue of the ancestral lands. Representatives of governmental institutions and of the 23 indigenous communities of the Tikuna Cocama Yagua reserve talked again about the political future of their territory and the natural resources. It is still a complicated subject: There are many interests in this region, where a paid job will remain a dream for most. The meeting was closed with a compromise. The reserve as a whole will make an effort to expand with the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu. With this compromise, the independence of San Martin and Palmeras is sent to the fridge. Whether this is temporary or definite, remains to be seen. Also, the idea is that each of the 23 indigenous communities will organize its own management plan for the use of local resources. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of June. It remains very exciting!

GIVE A SHIT... AND EVEN BETTER: GIVE A TOILET!

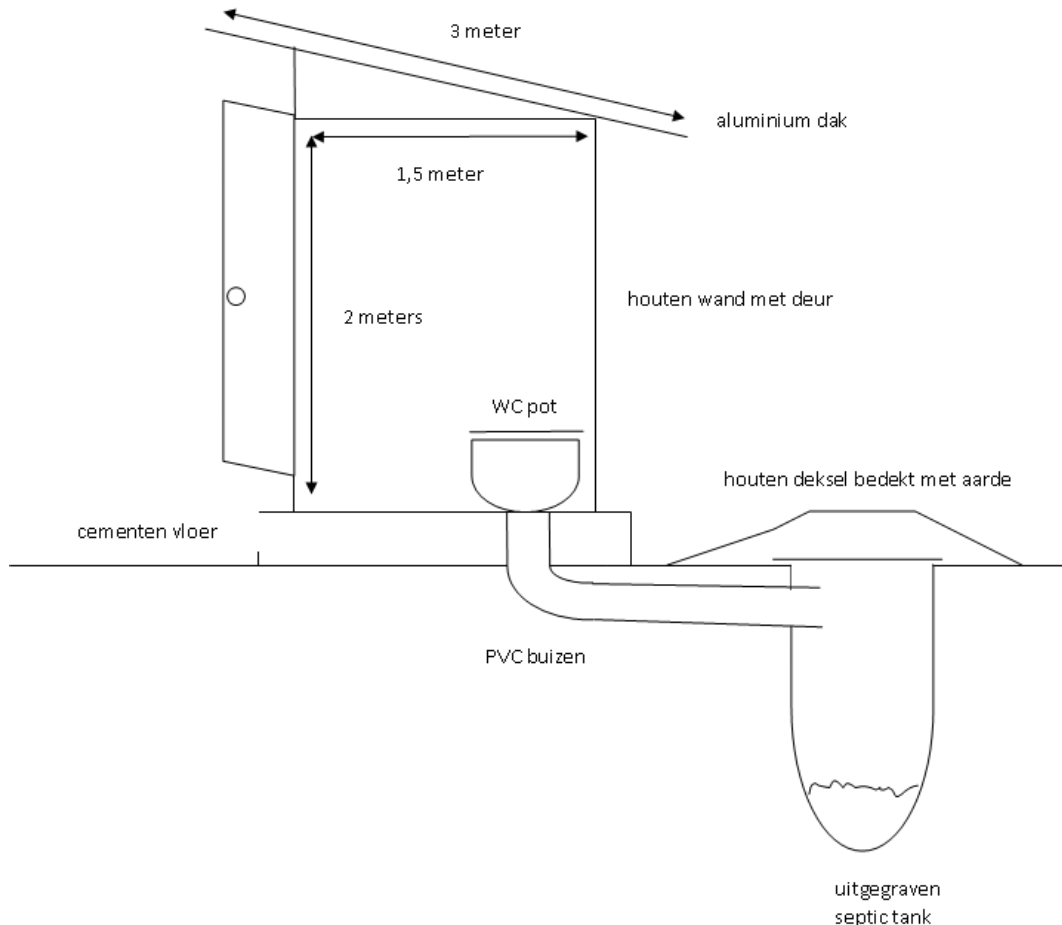
The original Get It Done concept of "Give A Shit", featured at theater festival "De Parade" last summer, collected enough money to finance several projects for sanitary facilities all over the globe. For San Martin de Amacayacu: 25 brand new water tanks of 1000 liters with accessories, and an aluminum boat with motor (soon to be admired). This got us to a total of 39 water tanks for San Martin.

Now, the Small World Foundation is writing a more ambitious project for a toilet for each of the about 80 houses in San Martin de Amacayacu. Instead of "Give A Shit", it will be: **Give A Toilet!**

The design is simple (schematic representation below) and has been proved since decennia in other regional communities. The price tag per toilet will be about 225 euros. Calculated in cost-per-inhabitant, this comes down to about 40 euros.



At this moment, there are only 29 houses with their own toilet: Wooden shacks on stilts which contain a mini toilet of only just 30 cm high. These were donated to the community more than 15 years ago by the Colombian army. There are no traces of other governmental initiatives for toilet facilities. The project will be offered through a platform such as Get It Done (www.getitdone.org) or the 1% Club (www.1procentclub.nl). Like this, it is easy to follow a project and make a donation of your choice. Contributions are usually tax-deductable through the ANBI status of the platform or the Small World Foundation. Please check with the tax office or advisor.



END OF APRIL 2011: THE LAST 6 ORIT WATER TANKS TRANSPORTED AND INSTALLED IN SAN MARTIN AND NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES PALMERAS AND VALENCIA

Considering the universal demand for clean drinking water and the friendly connection between San Martin and neighbouring communities it was decided to install 5 ORIT water tanks in the communities Valencia and Palmeras.

In Valencia, one tank provides water for the toilets of the primary school (picture left) and in Palmeras for four families (pictures left and below). The last tank (for now) was donated to a family in San Martin de Amacayacu (picture middle).

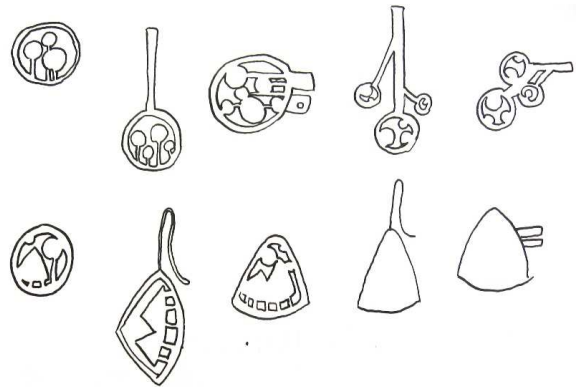


EXCLUSIVE SUMMER COLLECTION



In August, the Small World Foundation will bring something special to the Netherlands and Belgium: The jewellery collection "Amazonas". This collection will consist of very exclusive handmade pieces (mostly earrings and rings) by the Colombian Jorge Lopera. To the right, some first sketches of this special collection which is based on regional elements, natural as well as human.

This young and ambitious artist works with gold, silver, copper and artificial resins. The result: affordable unique (=made only once!!) pieces of a very high quality. For a taste, you can visit his website: www.jorgelopera.com. In case you find something you do not want to escape, please write us a.s.a.p. (heike_van_gils@hotmail.com) so we can make sure you get it in August (if still available!). As always: All profits made on the jewellery will go to the Small World Foundation.



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
5111CD
Baarle-Nassau
The Netherlands
Account number: 13 27 26 203.
Account name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION
SWIFT/BIC Code: RABONL2U
IBAN code: NL28 RABO 0132 7262 03

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

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