



SMALL WORLD SUMMER !!

On Saturday August 10th, the Stichting Trekkertrek **Alphen** (www.stta.nl) once again managed to present the yearly **Farmers Day** to the public. The weather gods were in a good mood and temperatures only dropped in the evening hours. Visitors of such an event are happy with a clean toilet, and that was the task of the swinging Small World Foundation team! With colourful outfits and an unstoppable enthusiasm and effort, they ensured a unique toilet experience for everyone! The team does have a special goal: To raise money for the new kindergarden for the smallest students in the Tikuna indigenous community of San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. It was all worth it: 1510 euro!

In the weekend of August 24th and 25th, monster tractors battled at **Tractor Pulling Day in Alphen**. For the toilet ladies, it was easy to note that the competitions was fierce. Between the races, hordes of spectators ran back and forth to quickly empty their bladders to make sure they would not miss anything. Fortunately, the Small World Foundation toilet team was well prepared to make everything run smoothly. Eventually, the event became a home party: Agriculture Company Loonbedrijf Gebroeders van Eijk: Congratulations with the NK title! At the toilets, it was obvious that a real home party had kicked off: Many people with a lot of beer in their stomach!! Sunday was another great day with a nice public and amazing tractor pulling moments! The happily coloured toilet ladies were present once again and each toilet visit became a really experience in itself! The result was worth it: 2439 euro for the kinder garden.

Check the project page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/kleuterschoolsanmartin for some impressive pictures! A lot more will be posted during this year, of the building activities. Please like and comment!

On Thursday evening August 29th, Heike van Gils and Sanne Buursma held the **annual presentation in the Baarle Cultural Centre**. Heike's presentation was mostly useful to get a clear impression of the activities developed over the past years of working on the official recognition of the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu. How did it all start, and where in the process is the community at the moment? Sanne Buursma, kinder garden project designer, specified this theme. Why is the kidner garden important in the local context? What kind of activities are being undertaken to occupy the kids? The collection of handmade jewellery from the Amazone was present and many pieces were sold! Everyone present: Thanks for your interest and support!





LOCAL CULTURE CALENDER

On Sunday September 1st, the Baarle Culture Commission "Amalia van Solms" presented their 2014 year calender. The calender theme is "Doing Good" and the Small World Foundation is featured in April.



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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.

We are grateful that the Culture Commission dedicates space to this theme. This kind of publicity is welcome for the involved foundations and associations, and can only attract more attention of the Baarle people. Our advice: Buy this calendar and do so not only to help the foundations, but also the cultural commission, so they can continue their interesting work! For an extensive photo report, please visit their website: www.amaliavansolms.org.

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: