



Niamey - Niger; 15 October 2006

Re: Financing the construction of a medical and dental centre in Tibiri, Niger

Ina kwana! And hello all,

As you might know I've been supporting the handicapped children of Tibiri, Gobir, since the beginning of 2006. In this village of 29,000 inhabitants about 5,000 children are handicapped. 500 suffer from deformed limbs and 4,500 have very bad teeth. All this is caused by overdoses of fluoride in Tibiri's drinking water in the late '80s and early '90s. Levels were some 4 times higher than the safety standard set by the WHO.

To obtain my bachelor in marketing in April 2006 I wrote my thesis on 'non-profit marketing and fundraising in the Netherlands'. Later I decided to put things into practice right away and decided to support the activities of the Luxembourg ngo ACP, who has been helping these children in Tibiri since 2001. Apparently, there was a need to start a dental project to help all those 4,500 children suffering from bad teeth. To equip a dentist's cabinet the organisation needed € 5,500. To get this amount together I ran the Rotterdam marathon in April this year and got myself sponsored for every single kilometre. In the end I got some € 9,000 together, which could all be spend on activities helping the children of Tibiri.

When I got here in May, me and ACP bought and ordered the necessary dental equipment and materials and fully equipped a dentist's cabinet. He started working on some of the children's teeth right away. Some time later it became apparent that the village needed a medical and dental centre as well. The dentist had always been sharing a very small cabinet with a local doctor and a pharmacy, but would then be able to work on his own. Moreover, children who have received medical treatment or surgery in Niamey (2 times a year) could recover in this centre, instead of in one of the school's classrooms made vacant for this purpose.

The total cost of constructing this centre was € 36,500 and because of my involvement I decided to help ACP in doing the fundraising for this project. In no less than 10 weeks time I managed to get some € 21,000 together. Because of this we decided by the end of July this year to already start constructing the centre. Much progress has been made over the last couple of weeks and we now hope to be able to open the centre in October/November 2006. However, we are still € 15,000 short to completely finish the centre and therefore I decided to do a final fundraising activity. From 18 till 22 January 2007 I will be cycling my mountain bike from Niamey to Tibiri, some 650 kilometres along the desert's edge. When I reach Tibiri I will also leave my mountain bike there for the villagers to use. At the same time I'm hoping to then be able to tell ACP that we finally managed to get the entire centre fully financed!

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So, I'm now seeking more sponsors to get that last € 15,000 together. Another good thing is that this fundraising activity will also be supported by the Dutch Wild Geese Foundation in Hilversum. All donations for this project received on their account (with the description Teb 4 beT) will be multiplied by them with factor 1,6. This means that altogether we only need a little bit over € 9,000 and that they will put the rest together. Great news and a good investment for those who contribute! Every € 1,00 instantly becomes € 1,60!

Please find the necessary information for international donations in the following table.

Foundation's name:		Stichting Wilde Ganzen (Wild Geese Foundation)	
Place:		Hilversum	
Country:		The Netherlands	
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The construction of the medical and dental centre in Tibiri, Gobir, well under way. August 2006



Me and former Olympic and World Champion cycling, Hennie Kuiper, in the Nepalese Himalaya, 1999

I hope you could forward this letter to your families, friends, colleagues and relatives who might be seeking interesting and reliable projects to fund. More information and photo's can be found on my website www.teb4bet.web-log.nl It's all in Dutch though, but if any additional information is required, I'm happy to provide it... in English! Hope you could do something for me and these children in Tibiri... Thanks a million!

Regards, **Brian 'TEB' Tabben**

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