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Wednesday, July 23, 2008

DRC: Back to school

Got a message from the DRC Nepal. The new school year has started. That means new subjects, new classrooms, new schools for some and of course new uniforms. See how good the children look in the brand new outfits.

Monday, August 11, 2008

DRC: improvements

With the remainder of Tessa & Gerdo's donation a few other improvements have been made in the DRC Nepal.

- Metal grids were placed on the windows that open to the public road. This has been done for safety reasons. Those windows are open a lot, especially in summer.
- Another big improvement is the accessibility of the showers and toilets: they now have ramps so people in wheelchairs can get in and out without help.
- Also outside a big washbasin was build. A major improvement from those tiny basins in the toilets...All in all great improvements that will benefit the kids greatly.

Tessa & Gerdo: THANKS, THANKS, THANKS. You are great!

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Monday, September 8, 2008

DRC: hot shower

We hoped to make it possible and it worked. This weekend a brand spanking new solar system was installed at the DRC Nepal. That means no more cold showers for the 55 kids and 4 staff that live there.

We are over the moon! Thanks to family and friends Gemma and Tjitske raised enough money to pay for the system. And that in September, the month that it will be cooling down considerably in KTM. Just think about it, even in a warm summer a cold shower isn't nice. Let alone when its cold colder coldest.

All the materials arrived in boxes, so there was a lot of carrying to be done. And of course there was a snack for the kids on this special day. In the meantime the installation took place on the roof of the kitchen/toilet building.

After all the necessary tests the system was put in to action immediately. Just look at the pictures to see that the hot shower is a big success. Before the kids weren't that keen on taking a shower. Now they can hardly wait....

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED GEMMA AND MYSELF TO REALISE THIS PART OF OUR DREAM VOOR THE DRC!

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Friday, November 28, 2008

DRC: winter clothes

The next thing on the make-life-better-for-the-DRC-kids-list is new and warm clothes for the winter. The 24 girls and 31 boys in the DRC need them badly because it is really cold in Nepal now. We will buy them sweaters, jackets, scarves, trousers, and kurta's (the traditional Nepali dress for women).

De clothes will be bought in week 49 and 50 of 2008. More news later.

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