



Through cooperation dreams can come true



Finally it is April 17th, and the sixth Care4Tina medical mission to Xi'an can begin. The medical team, twenty volunteers, dozens of friends in China and the board are all eager to get started after months of preparations. by Tineke Mast





Meetings during the medical mission...



...in China also the financial things go on...



...and reporting the mission to social media too...



...and ofcourse giving love to child's who needed it most.

Superlatives

China is a country of superlatives. It is the largest country in Asia and has the largest population in the world. To describe the sixth medical mission, I can also only think in superlatives.

On April 17, we all gathered at the airport with lots of luggage. Thanks to Finnair, everything went smoothly and we enjoyed the beautiful journey. Our Chinese friends of the Care4Tina team had made excellent preparations, and thanks to their efforts, we were able to start with our work quickly. Each year, the local support for and interest in C4T grows.

This year, we had a special partnership with Tencent, a large Chinese internet company, and RNW, the former Dutch World Broadcast Service. Through this collaboration, we were able to provide surgeries for many families' children. This is so great because these parents have not abandoned their children. **In ten days, 48 children received in total 60 surgeries.** One little boy had to undergo four surgeries at once: a great achievement for the team and the little guy!

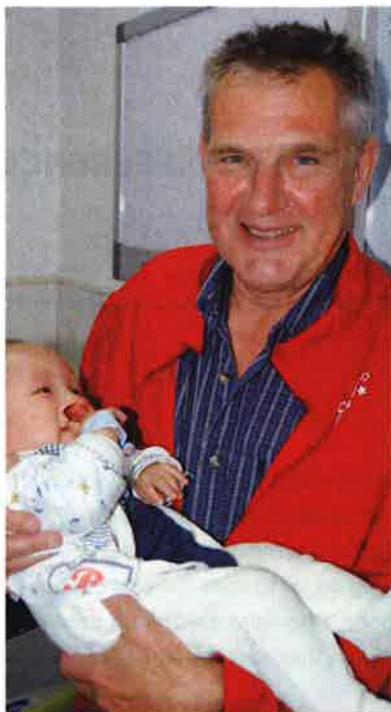
The days were intense, especially for the medical team. The large group of volunteers worked so hard with heart and soul to give the children love and care. This year there were more families and parents with children, of which many stayed in the hospital with the whole family. This was new to us and we had to get used to it, but also the parents were well cared for and we had lots of fun together. Ellen managed to post a Facebook message every day, which made it possible for people at home to follow the mission.

In this newsletter, you will find stories and many pictures that give an impression of the intense, but valuable weeks.

We want to thank the medical team, the Care4Tina volunteers, Ting Ting of Tencent, Fei Yang of RNW, our Chinese friends and volunteers, the team of Dr. Li, Infinite Love and all others who have made this mission such a great success. We feel rich in every way! Thank you all!

Please keep supporting us because next year we again would love to make a difference for many children!

Ellen, Joyce, Tineke en Elise



Together with Dr. Lajla Kadic, Dr. Jacques Driessen is the new anesthetist of the medical team of Care4Tina.

"I noted that the local physicians not only share our knowledge, but also want to share our socio-cultural vision."

The great challenge of an interinteractive medical mission in China

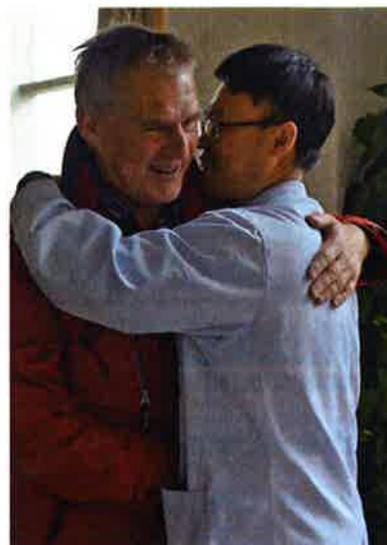
After a 10-year participation in a cleft-project called Faces of Hope run by several Rotary clubs from California (USA) in Guatemala, I was very happy to be able to participate in this new medical mission in China. Let me start by expressing my thanks and appreciation to my predecessor and former colleague, Dr. Gwan Kho, who nominated Dr. Lajla Kadic and myself as the new anesthesiologists of the Care4Tina team after his retirement.

In 1988, he wrote a thesis on the usability of traditional Chinese medicine combined with acupuncture for pre-operative pain reduction and the reduction of harmful stress response to surgical traumas. He really was a pioneer in that field in the Netherlands. I immediately was enthusiastic, because I knew Dr. Johan Vehof as a young plastic surgeon in the Radboud hospital as a very skillfull

surgeon. Next to him, I was going to work together with Astrid Paauwen, a highly reliable anesthesia assistant.

Operations

For me it was a great experience to see how the little patients are recruited. It didn't make the planning and pre-operative assessments any easier, but eventually everything went well, thanks to the creativity and commitment of the entire team,



MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Tour de Majestic raises more than € 21.000!

In the previous newsletter we wrote about the Tour de Majestic (a bicycle tour) that took place on Sunday June 7th. It was a beautiful day: the sun was shining, the temperature was pleasant and the participants were eager to start. When a cheque was handed out to Elise and Tineke, who were present on behalf of 4Tina, they were astonished when they saw the amount of € 21,023.49! Fantastic!

Of this amount, € 12,000.00 was donated by Chinese companies. Thank you: Xander Nijs for the organization, the participants for the sporty performance and of course a big thank you to all of the generous donors! (*Majestic upgrade the donation to € 22.000,00*)

Presents for Wang Le Xuan

Primary school 'De regenboog' donated the amount for one operation for Wang Le Xuan. They also wanted to do something for the child in China, so they bought presents for him and gave them to Care4Tina. In China, the presents were given to Wang Le Xuan who was able to undergo surgery because of the donation of the school. The parents of this child were happily surprised when they heard this story.



Garage-sale Italy

In 2012 Victor was operated on by Care4Tina. At that time he was still living in the orphanage in Xi'an. In May 2013 his parents adopted him and he lived with his parents in Italy. In April 2015 they moved to Shanghai due to his father's new job there. Their furniture in Italy had to be sold, so a 'Garage Sale' was organized. The revenues, enough for one operation next year, were donated to Care4Tina. Thank you, Jimenez family, and good luck in Shanghai!