

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **New Chair** Quina Care Ecuador

Chair Carolien Bouwman makes way for Louisa Spaans.

As we're nearing the opening of the hospital, this means that Carolien Bouwman will naturally spend more of her time on her activities as an international doctor. For this reason it has been decided that she will take a step back as chair of the Quina Care Ecuador foundation. We're very happy to announce that Louisa Spaans is willing to take over this role. Louisa would like to introduce herself to you all.

**Ambulance** Boat for Rivers San Miguel and Putumayo Important step in improving

Access to

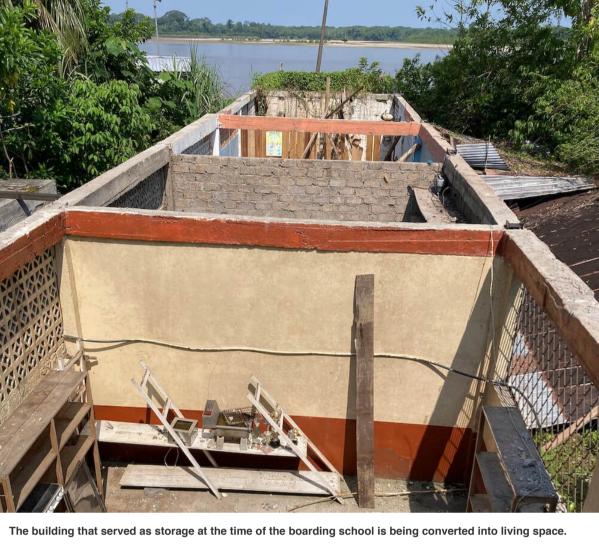
hospital accessibility. In collaboration with, among others, a German organisation, the Puerto el Carmen municipality, a health post in Puerto el Carmen and Quina Care the region where the hospital is located will gain access to an ambulance boat. A beautiful example of collaboration: the



the boat itself, the Puerto el Carmen municipality pays for the maintenance costs and the boatman, the health post will take care of the crew and assesses whether patients can be treated in the hospital of Quina Care or instead have to be redirected to the bigger

Care will take care of the incoming patients. As many of the small villages are located near the water and are difficult to reach via the road (if at all), an ambulance boat is incredibly important to reach the communities living there to offer support in case of emergencies.

## Start Construction Staff Housing



Quina Care aims to take on as other areas within the district renovated into living space. By

to have safe housing close to the

hospital. The hospital grounds

include a suitable building,

be very important for staff from **Donation** 

much local staff from Puerto el

area Cuyabeno. We believe it to

Carmen and the surrounding

however, it will need to be

months.

now, the renovations have

started. We expect to complete

this project in approximately 6

#### Two large donations received for the installation of an elevator. The hospital has a ground floor

where, among other things, the outpatient care and radiology

for elevator

examinations will take place. In addition, there is an upper floor which should house all the

nursing units. If someone needs

to be submitted from the outpatient clinic to one of the nursing units and the bed needs to be moved, or, if someone admitted to the nursing unit needs to be brought down for an x-ray, it goes without saying that an elevator is crucial. The costs for the construction of an elevator shaft are considerable, over €40.000. Therefore, we are incredibly happy with the donation of the Den Brinker Foundation. With their gift of Offer Volunteers Volunteers know where to find Quina Care and offer their services. Regularly Quina Care is

approached by people from

within The Netherlands who

would like to offer their services

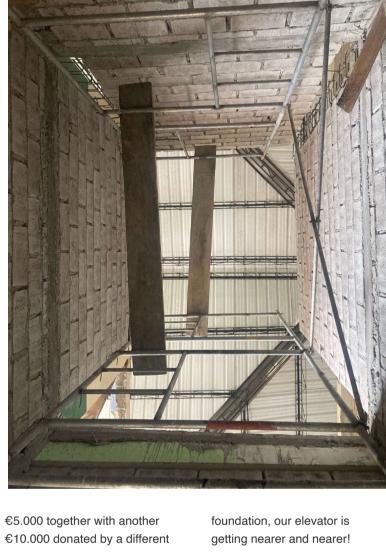
and in this way contribute to the

hospital. For example, medical

after an unpaid internship in the

hospital for a certain duration.

doctors and nurses inquiring



The Netherlands are keen to

contribute. For example Hans

Netherlands and in the jungle.

Given his wealth of experience

his offer to provide advice and to

we have gratefully accepted

Wilke, who has worked as a

medical analyst in various

laboratories, both in The

formulating our laboratory

contributed enormously with

protocols and thanks to him,

equipment for our laboratory. At

welcome him in our hospital to

be able to, for example, train

Quina Care has found and

purchased appropriate

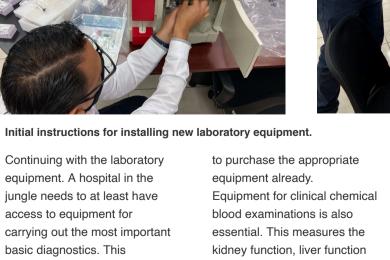
some point we hope to

staff on site.

But also people from outside Advanced Equipment

help out. Already he has for Laboratory

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includes equipment for hematological blood tests, where for example, the hemoglobine, the number of white blood cells (and the different types) and platelets of a blood sample can be established. Partly thanks to donations of, among others, the De Wisselbeker foundation, the Filadelfia foundation and the Struan Foundation we have managed

and glucose. With fine donations of the Filadelfia foundation and a second foundation we managed to purchase this apparatus as well. At the same time we purchased equipment using the donation of the Jong foundation and a second donor which allows us to carry out blood tests on a foetus during delivery. This helps reduce the number of complications during childbirth.

Another form of diagnostics that has become well-known since the COVID-19 crisis is the PCR. In addition to COVID-19 the PCR can diagnose a number of other infectious diseases, such as Human papillomavirus infection, a sextually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer but also dengue fever (breakbone fever) which is very common in Putumayo. Now that the two pieces of equipment necessary for PCR diagnostics have been recently donated to us the possibilities for diagnostics for our patients have been extended enormously.

# Quina Care needs your help



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the people of Putumayo so desperately need. To donate,



