

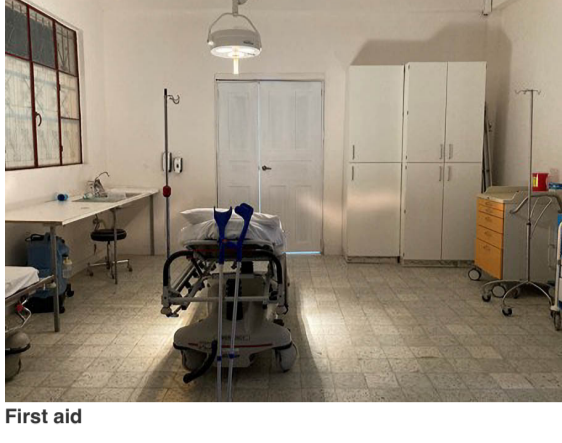
How things are going

By now the hospital has already been open for two months. And we are happy to inform you that things are running very smoothly. The number of patients already exceeds our expectations. The expectation for after half a year was for

there to be an average of thirty patients per day visiting the outpatient clinic of the hospital, but this number has already exceeded. It gives a very good indication of the necessity of the hospital. The staff have found their way around and are

enjoying working at the hospital.

In the meantime the team is collaborating with contractors to fix the first floor of the hospital, in order for more extensive care to be provided with nursing units.



First aid



One of the nursing wards

Laboratory hospital

Hans Wilke, a retired medical analyst, helps the laboratory start up and takes a big step towards professionalization.

The hospital includes a laboratory for research of, for example, blood and urine.

Among other things, protocols had to be drafted in Spanish and equipment had to be installed and calibrated. After the opening of the hospital the actual analyses had to be carried out. Hans Wilke, retired medical analyst, has been an incredible support for this. Him and his partner have been present at the hospital between October and December 2021, in order to complete all these things. He also provided some necessary resources for the

laboratory. We are incredibly grateful to Hans for all this! In Hans' own words:

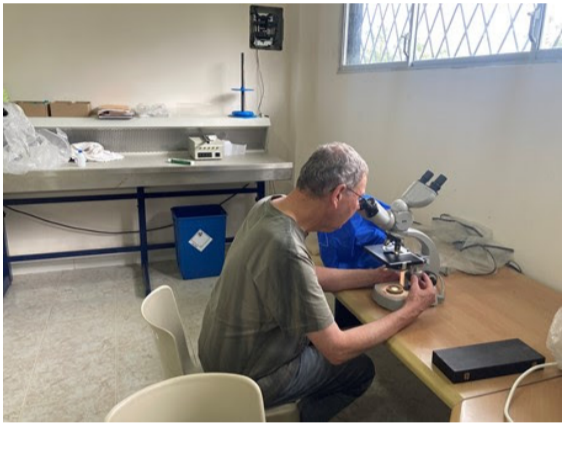
It all started with a newspaper article in the NRC, sometime in November 2020: two Dutch international health care doctors who were in the process of establishing a hospital in the rural area of Ecuador. My first thought was: this fits me perfectly, I'm sure they need a laboratory and as it is a Spanish speaking country, I'll contact them right away. I've spent my entire professional life in all sorts of laboratories, six years of which I was in the jungle, in

Tanzania and Nicaragua. After meeting Carolinen and Jacob a few times in The Netherlands, Virginia, my originally Venezuelan partner, and myself travelled to Ecuador late October 2021. Continue reading [here](#).

With the departure of Hans, Jacob van der Ende has temporarily taken over the laboratory research. Given the fact that he is also busy with his responsibilities as a doctor, the aim is to take on a lab technician in the near future who can take over these tasks.



Hans in the laboratory.



Marathon Amsterdam 2021



Jacob with the local marathoners

In the October newsletter it was already announced that a total number of 7 people would run a half or full marathon for Quina Care on 17 October. This year's theme: Running for Running Costs. Louisa Spaans, chair of Quina Care Ecuador, ran the half marathon together with four others and Baukje Zaaier, as in 2020, ran the full marathon. Jacob van der Ende ran a full marathon in Ecuador on the same day. Due to the heat Jacob's marathon commenced

at 5 in the morning. During the final five kilometres he was joined by people from Puerto el Carmen. Impressive are the images of them all arriving at the hospital. All seven participants wore shirts with the Quina Care logo. Part of the costs of these shirts was sponsored by Canterbury Benelux. All runners have done incredibly well and their efforts resulted in an amazing amount of money: a total amount of €8.200 was raised, more than

enough for the selected purpose: a half year salary for a lab technician. [A short compilation](#). The aim is to make the Amsterdam marathon a yearly recurring charity run for Quina Care. If you're interested in joining this event and thereby raising funds for Quina Care, please sign up via care@quinacare.org. In due course you'll be contacted to confirm you're still willing to participate and you'll be given more practical information.



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environment. Go to www.123inkt.nl/recycle to check if your cartridges can be collected and register your shipment.

Donation team Children's center Martini Ziekenhuis

Children's Center donates a great amount through Baukje Zaaier.

Baukje Zaaier, who has previously completed a marathon twice for Quina Care, was training to be a paediatrician at the children's center of the Martini Ziekenhuis in Groningen. When she said

goodbye, the team of the children's center had raised money. At her farewell she was handed a check with a total amount of no less than €1.120. Additionally they gave her 5kg of stickers, which can be handed

out to children in the hospital. In January 2022 she visited the hospital and was able to hand the check and stickers to Carolien and Jacob. Children center Martini Ziekenhuis: our heartfelt thanks for this!



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