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What you have done for the least, you have done for Me!



While I was busy writing this magazine, our film crew in India was making a documentary about our work among the street children. The reality was even more shocking than they had expected.

That morning, our Indian partner told them the tragic stories of children being sold into slavery, for organ trading and blood sacrifices. With these horror stories still fresh in mind, they went out to do some filming on the streets. Then a man approached them and offered them a baby girl (see photo) and two other baby girls for the amount of just 1500 rupees (€ 25,-) each.

They were shocked and overwhelmed by this firsthand experience of child trafficking themselves.

More poignant is the fact that if we do not help them today, they may be sold tomorrow to work in the prostitution, to be killed as an organ donor or to be sold for a ritual sacrifice. Doing nothing is therefore not an option!

This is exactly the reason of this magazine. You will not only read about the misery, that sometimes looks more like a horror movie than like the real world, but you will also read about the wonderful plan that we have to rescue these children and offer them a bright and hopeful future

I hope you are as touched by this terrible injustice done to these children, like we were, and that you will join us in our effort to rescue them and offer these underprivileged children a hopeful future. Together we can make this world a better place for these poor children.

Jaap Dieleman



Child for sale! Just € 25,-



a dangerous place for **Little Girls**

INDIA IS NOT A SAFE PLACE FOR LITTLE GIRLS FOR INDIA HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE CHILD MORTALITY IN THE WORLD. AN INDIAN GIRL IN THE AGE-GROUP OF 0 TO 5 YEARS OLD HAD ABOUT 100% MORE CHANCE TO DIE THAN AN INDIAN BOY IN THE SAME AGE! AGAINST 56 BOYS DYING IN THIS AGE-GROUP, AT LEAST 100 GIRLS DIE IN INDIA.

Although it is a global fact that girls in this age group have more chance to survive than boys, the opposite is true in India. Globally, this ratio is 116 boys who die over 100 girls. So generally more boys die than girls, except in India where, according to the shocking statistics, even 122 girls under 1 year of age die against one boy in the same age. All attempts by the Indian government to ban abortion and to encourage the mothers to keep their girls have been in vain.

Murder of baby girls in India existed long before modern medical abortion techniques like ultrasound were introduced. Although the government is trying to stop these evil practices, the crafty parents just invent new methods to end the life of their newborn daughters. By no means they are depending on medical doctors or modern machines, such as the tragic story of baby Afreen shows.





A broken motherheart

"She was just in this world as a beautiful flower bud, but her father killed her. I lost my daughter. What could be worse than this?", said Reshma Banu, the mother of Afreen.

The nineteen-year-old Reshma is sitting on the stairs of her parents' house, staring at the small screen of her cell phone. The movie on the screen has gripped all her attention: a short video of her baby girl, Afreen. The moments that were recorded are very dear to her, because they are the only images of Reshma's child, where she is seen alive. Afreen died in the hospital. She was only three months old.

Afreen was hospitalized with bite marks, cigarette burns, severe head injuries and a dislocated neck. Although Afreen initially showed signs of recovery, her condition worsened in the evening due to repeated contractions. The next day she blew her last breath. The police says she was killed by her own father. Reshma, was heartbroken when the doctors told her the bad news. Afreen was her only child!

Reshma says her 37-year-old drunken husband had constantly beaten Afreen since her birth. *"After birth, he came to me to see the baby. He said: "it is and girl, why did you give birth to a girl? Girls are too expensive,"* he said.

"A few days after Afreen was born, he gave me an ultimatum," said Reshma. *"For her wedding we need hundred thousand rupees (€ 1400,-). If you can get that amount from your mother you can keep the baby, but if that fails, you have to kill her",* he said. Reshma could not believe that he meant it, and was convinced that he would change his mind when he would see the soft, beautiful baby with her beautiful radiant eyes.

But while Reshma fell asleep, Farooq stuffed clothes in the mouth of the baby to stop her crying and he beat her with a blunt object. Her husband is now under arrest, accused of killing the baby. But the story of Afreen is not an exception. In November 2012 I read the following shocking news in an Indian newspaper.



Inhumane & heartbreaking

Baby for sale for just € 2,50

A woman offered a baby for sale for 150 rupees, equal to (€ 2.50) but the potential purchaser wanted to give only 100 rupees. When a policeman caught her in the act, he asked her why she wanted to sell her child. *"That's not my child! I steal them from the shelter where all those abandoned baby girls are staying. I do this almost daily to make some money to buy food for myself".*

I could hardly believe what I was reading. Hundreds of baby girls abandoned by their mothers after childbirth, but why? At least, these girls are 'lucky' they are not killed after birth *"Unfortunately, these baby girls live in miserable conditions,"* according to medical doctor Nancy Lazarus, who sometimes visits the place for abandoned babies. *"There is hardly any care and supervision for these children,"* said Nancy. *"Very often, therefore, they run away from this center and end up living on the streets."* The fact is that these street-kids all die within three years by reason of starvation, drunken drivers, rabies - when they are bitten by dogs, hypothermia or by criminals who kill them for organ trading.

It's a sad and desolate existence for these kids. Really heartbreaking and degrading! But these stories are just the tip of the iceberg of the many stories we heard. "The cruelty against these little girls is abhorrent, as is evident from the story told by eyewitness Kavita Kumali.

Torn by dogs

On the cold morning of the 17th December, I witnessed a horrible massacre in a trash bin in our neighborhood. A number of dogs were fighting over a prey that was dumped in the trashcan. In the garbage they went fiercely to their 'booty' and gobbled chunks of meat inside. As I took a closer look I detected small limbs sticking out from between the teeth of the dogs. It was obvious that it was a human child. A number of dogs were fighting over a newborn baby who was dumped.

When it dawned on me what I saw, I quickly ran towards the scene, but I was too late. The dogs had already torn the child. Then an overwhelming sense of sadness, anger, vulnerability and hopelessness swept over me. I stood there in disbelief and horror. How can someone do this to his own child?



I informed a local news channel hoping the police would follow them. They came quick, did some video shooting and said cold: "We have covered the story, thanks!" There was no further action and this unfortunate baby became just the next 'news item'.

New ways to dump babies

This tragic event is not an exception. Just pick up any newspaper in India and you will see many such stories, like the story of the father in Delhi who drowned his little girl in a drain. Or little Suli, from Rajasthan, who was advertised as merchandize on the highway, or the beautiful Sumana who was offered for sale by her parents for € 70,-

Across India there are stories of parents who put an end to the life of their baby girls, such as the child drowned, or cooked and then given to the dogs to eat, or they make the child to eat salt so it would die or the child that was buried alive. These are the 'simple' methods to get rid of their 'burden'

One of the 'popular' methods today is to wrap the baby in a wet cloth. After some time they take it to a doctor who detects pneumonia and prescribes medication. The parents however throw the medicine away and roll the baby again in a wet cloth. You can imagine what happens next.

When the child finally dies the parents have medical evidence to prove their child died of pneumonia. How sick is our society when parents are capable of such atrocities?

The cause of this problem

Why do parents do this? Because they all want boys, since they believe a girl brings a curse on the family. This is partly because the family of the girl must pay a dowry of 100.000 rupees (€ 1,400) to the family of the boy she will marry. Therefore, many parents do not want girls. The reason these girls are not aborted is because the government of India does not allow prenatal testing to determine the gender and besides abortion is prohibited by law. Unfortunately many of these girls are left in the hospital or were still killed shortly after birth.

In my research to the cause of this evil I came across an endless stream of similar sickening stories. However I will save you the trouble to read them. It is evident we are talking about a deep structural problem in the Indian society. Unfortunately we cannot do anything for the children who died, but the hundreds of newborn babies girls who are left in the hospital and the thousands of children who live on the streets, still have a chance if....., yes, if we reach out to them and take care of them.



There is something I must do!

Jaap & Kingsly

WHEN MY FRIEND ANDN PARTNER KINGSLY LAZARUS OF SHARING HANDS INDIA THOUGHT ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS HE KNEW: I REALLY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...., BUT WHAT CAN I DO? AND SO HE COULD NO LONGER STAND IDLE, HE HAD TO RESPOND TO SUCH SUFFERING.

But if he would make a general statement not to kill the babies but to bring them to us, he would have thousands of baby girls in no time. But Sharing Hands is already feeding almost 1.000 children in children homes so where should we place all these new baby girls? No ..., it had to be different... but how? Nevertheless Kingsly decided to start looking for adoptive parents for ten of these baby girls. It was a small beginning. However, since then we have grown to over 150 baby girls that we take care of and that's just the beginning.

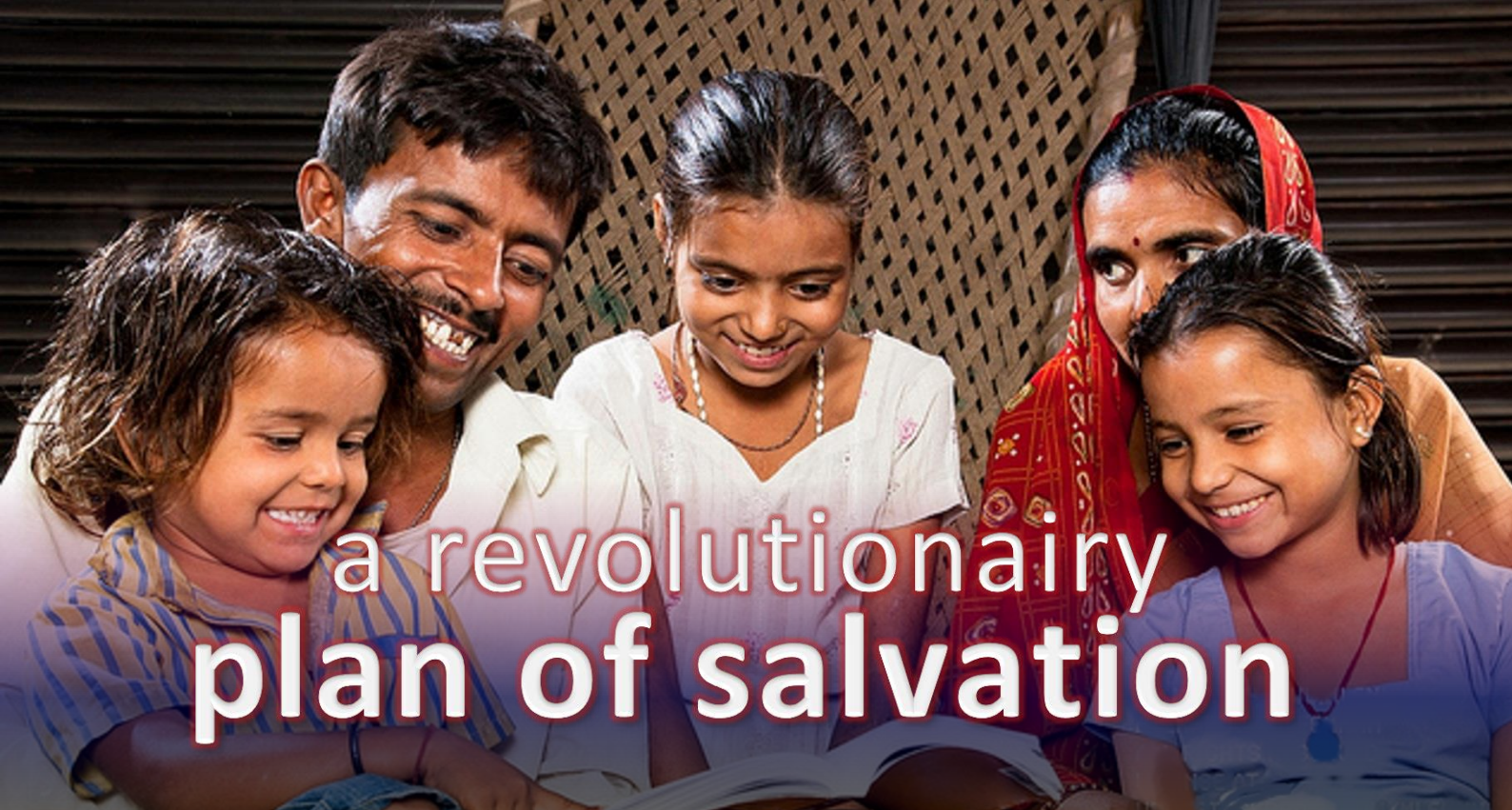
At the same time a friend offered him money to buy land for potential adoptive parents so they could grow crops on that land in order to make a living on their own. From the harvest it would produce they could make a living and even help carry part of the cost for their adopted child.

By the coincidence of this gift of land for adoptive parents and the desire to do something for these baby girls, Kingsly got a bright idea of what he could do for these babies.

A revolutionary plan

And so it happened that Kingsly bought ten pieces of land for some poor Dalit families who had never had their own piece of land. Precisely because these poor families had agreed to adopt a baby girl as their own child and give it the love a child deserves, the love of a father and a mother.

On the day Kingsly handed the ten pieces of land officially over to the Dalit families he had not perceived that by doing so he would provoke some high caste Hindus to anger. How in the world could he have given land to those casteless Dalits? They were enraged and ready to molest the man who dared to do so such a silly thing. Kingsly however managed to escape by quickly jumping in the car and speeding away. Happily he knew to escape just in time. But because the media was present at this event, the story came in the local news. And from there it spread even to the national news. In no times the news spread that he had done something revolutionary: giving land to the casteless Dalits. And so a wonderful plan was born.



a revolutionairy plan of salvation

AND THIS IS HOW OUR NEW REVOLUTIONARY PLAN WAS BORN, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF A CHILD SHOULD BE A FAMILY. THAT'S WHAT EVERY CHILD DESERVES AND WHERE EVERY CHILD ACTUALLY BELONGS. AND SO THE PLAN WAS BORN TO PROVIDE THESE CHILDREN A WARM AND HAPPY HOME.

No house but a home

Initially we had a plan to build a children's place called "Abba Village". Although we would be able to provide the children a nice place and a beautiful 'house' we also realized that we could never offer them a 'home'. But in the new plan it would be exactly be the opposite: we would not be able to give them a beautiful *house* but most likely we would be able to provide them a warm nest, a real *home* with a daddy and a mommy. And when the child would grow up in a family it could also grow up in a natural way to adulthood. Besides, in this new plan it can always fall back on his parents.

Therefore we have chosen for this new plan and also changed the name from 'Abba Village' to 'Abba Family Homes' (AFH), because we want to see happy children, living in a save home, a warm nest with the love of a father and a mother.

In Abba Village the cost for a place for a child was calculated € 1.200,- per child plus € 25,- per month for his/her care until it is eighteen years old. With our new plan we assumed the same initial costs.

So we thought if we use these € 1.200,- to buy a piece of land and give this to a family that wants to adopt a child, then they can grow crops on that land, and thus make a living on their own. Besides in this new plan, the child gets a family and that family a hopeful future. Two birds with one stone!

Give a child a family and that family a hopeful future!

And because in this construction the adoptive parents can also help carry part of the cost for their adopted child, even the sponsorship for our sponsor parents can be reduced halfway. It's really a great plan to help a whole family.



**Their
own
piece
of land**



Their own piece of land

After ten years, the Dalit family is independent and can carry the cost for their adoptive child themselves and need no longer support from sponsors. But since the contract for the land goes on for another ten years, these parents have time to save money for themselves so after some time they are able to buy a piece of land for themselves. And so this poor family escapes the cycle of poverty and get a hopeful future. Indeed a revolutionary plan to help both a child and a family. One of these Dalits said it so beautifully when he declared:



"We now have hope and that is because we now have land that belongs to us and of which we have papers. Now we are no longer afraid when we see men from the high caste coming to our village. Now we know that our blood, sweat and tears that we put into this land, one day will offer us a good future, both for us and for our children."

Much benefit to everyone

Besides the benefit for the family, we can lease the land again to another couple who wants to adopt a child when the first family has bought their own land. Indeed, this plan has many benefits for all involved:



The benefits for the child

- ✓ The child escaped death or a life of poverty, begging, prostitution, etc.
- ✓ The child will grow up in a loving family with a father and mother.
- ✓ The child has a natural transition to an independent adult life.

The benefits for the adoptive parents

- ✓ They escape poverty and receive status and dignity in the community
- ✓ They earn their own income so they become independent in due time.
- ✓ After the lease period of the land, they are able to buy their own land.

The benefits for the sponsor-parents

- ✓ Their child grows up in a warm nest, with a mom and dad.
- ✓ It is cheaper for sponsors and the duration is shorter.
- ✓ The sponsor parents can now help two children for the same amount.
- ✓ Also people with less money can now sponsor a child.

The benefits for our organizations

- ✓ Because it is cheaper for the sponsors we can help more children.
- ✓ The parents provide a natural way to accompany the child to independence.
- ✓ The land can be reused for another adoptive family to save a child.
- ✓ We are more likely to attract donor organizations who want to support us.



Abba Family Home

AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR NEW PLAN HAS MANY ADVANTAGES FOR THE CHILD AND ALSO FOR THE FAMILY THAT NOW CAN ESCAPE POVERTY. FURTHERMORE, IT IS MUCH CHEAPER AND MORE EFFICIENT, SO WE CAN HELP MORE CHILDREN TO GET A BETTER FUTURE. WE HOPE YOU ARE JUST AS EXCITED FOR THIS NEW APPROACH AS WE ARE OURSELVES.

Same vision but a new strategy

Our original goal to give 1.000 children a hopeful future remains unchanged. Only this will not be done in Abba Village, but in our new "Abba Family Home" project (AFH).

A new partner in India

During the development of the AHF project we also got a new partner in India. It is a group of businessmen who work under the name of JESUS HEALS MINISTRIES (JHM), led by Dr. Samuel John. We found great favor with JHM. They have sponsored 10 residential units for 240 of our orphans in Orissa. Besides they had helped us to find sponsor parents for all of the 408 children we had already in Rajasthan.

What does this mean for Abba Village?

We had bought land and designed our housing, but because our new plan is much better for all involved, we have refrained to build Abba Village. We have sold our land to JHM, who paid us the full price plus 27.5% bonus. So we even made a good profit which we will use to buy land for our AFH project.

Moreover, JHM will build some residences for adoptive parents and their children on our former land. You understand that we are very grateful with the help of JHM because now nothing is lost from our initial investment.

What happens to the other children's homes?

The children's homes in Guntur, Orissa and Chennai will remain in their old form. So for those who sponsor a child in one of these houses, this remains unchanged. If our new AFH plan has been successfully completed in Rajasthan, we consider applying this plan also to the other children homes. If you sponsor a child in one of these houses, we will inform you when we are about to transfer your sponsor-child to a family in our AFH program.

The rules

To ensure the wellbeing of the children we made a number of conditions adoptive parents have to meet. We will assist, guide and correct them in these things if necessary. We will further develop these rules to ensure the welfare of the children.



a revolutionary way of farming

Farming God's Way

While we were busy with our new plan, a good friend pointed us to the concept of Farming God's Way (FGW). I had never heard of this plan, but it turns out to be developed by Angus Bagan, a South African farmer.

His special farming method has proved itself and is already widely used in Africa. On top of that we found out that this method of agriculture was already introduced in India.

The founders of FGW-India live only a few hours away from our partner and they are willing to teach and train all our adoptive parents in this way of farming. When applying this method they will have a bigger and better harvest helping them to get even sooner independent than expected. You understand we were pleasantly surprised to discover this method right now, while we are launching out our AFH project.



WANTED

THOUSAND X THOUSAND

THE NATIONAL POSTCODE LOTTERY (NPL) IS WILLING TO PUT US ON THE LIST OF CHARITIES WHEN WE WILL RAISE € 1.000.000,- ONES WE HAVE OUR MILLION, THEY WILL DOUBLE THIS AMOUNT TO MEET OUR BUDGET OF € 2.000.000,- SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR INVESTORS WHO WANT TO BUY SHARES.

WE HAVE 1000 'SHARES' OF € 1000,- TO PROVIDE A NEW FUTURE FOR 1000 CHILDREN

When these shares are sold, the national postcode lottery will double this amount. A fantastic return of 100 percent profit! With a share of € 1000, - you can make a difference between life and death for these children. Children who are otherwise are doomed to live in poverty, hunger, slavery & prostitution. No..., this 'share' does not produce financial gain for you, but you will have the privilege to taste the joy of offering little children a happy and hopeful future. And that joy is priceless!

Buy a share!

Yes, we are looking for people who want to buy shares. Wealthy people can do it easily. But for those with a small budget it's different. In that case, you can consider to buy a share with some friends. Maybe your church or club or company want to buy a few shares. And when you know companies, entrepreneurs or friends who might be interested to invest, we really do appreciate it, when you would inform them about our initiative, since we need to raise our first million before the NPL will double our efforts.

We have already raised over € 450.000,- so we still need another 550 shareholders who want to buy a share of € 1.000,-. To purchase a share, you can do this online [here](#). To visit our site in English and see all our projects click [here](#). Our main website is in Dutch at: www.abbachildcare.org

Thank you!

We do this work out of love for the children because we believe they have the right to live and to be loved. But to turn this dream into a reality we need many partners to sponsor us. Thanks to generous donors and investors we are able to do this great benevolent work. I believe that we can make a big difference if we all will do a little.

Together we can make this world a better place for orphans and for the poor.

On behalf Abba Childcare thank you so much!

Jaap Dieleman



Thank you so much..!



**What can
you do
about this
problem?**



**There is much you can do.
You can sponsor a child,
promote this great work,
organise a sponsor-run,
a benefit-dinner or a
garage-sale and donate
the profit. You can spread
the news in schools,
churches and businesses.
Be a hero and do
something for them!**



Gods Heart

for widows and orphans

TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVES BEHIND ABBA CHILD CARE WE NEED MORE SPACE THAN THIS MAGAZINE CAN PROVIDE. BUT IN THE BOOK JAAP DIELEMAN HAS WRITTEN, HE RECORDED HIS DEEPEST MOTIVES. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PASSION BEHIND THE GROWING WORK OF ABBA CHILD CARE INTERNATIONAL.

The greatest rescue operation of all times

"God's heart for orphans and widows' challenges all people to get actively involved in the greatest rescue operation of all times by giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ hand and feet in giving practical help to the poor, the orphans, the widows and the refugees.

This book will make you aware of the responsibility to take care of the poorest in the world. But the burden of this responsibility will be soft and light, and will become your greatest joy when you begin to understand the heartbeat of the man who said: "What you did for the least of these, you did it to Me!"

Voluntary but not optional

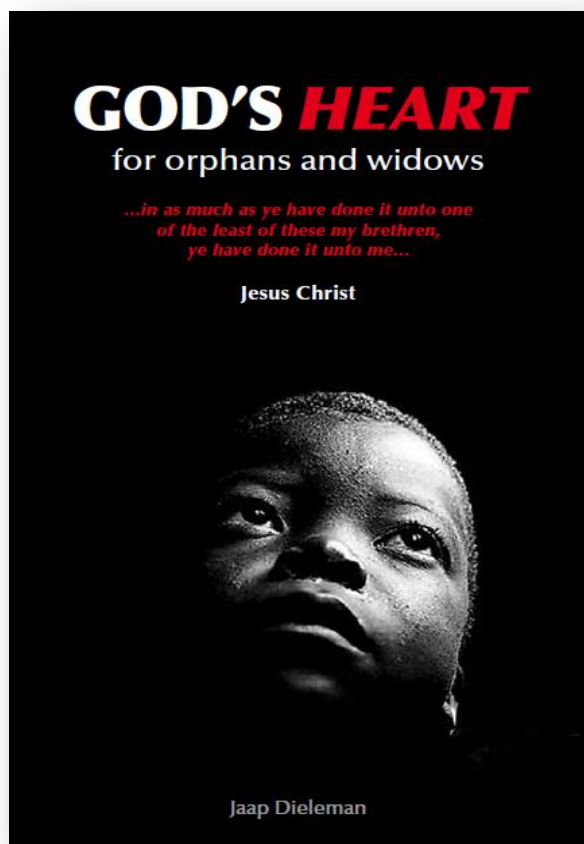
Reading this book is voluntary, but not without obligation. It will open your eyes to the greatest disasters out there in the world today and it will open your ears to the cries of millions of poor, slaves, refugees, orphans and widows.

WARNING!

After reading this book you can never say, "I do not know," You can never go back to your blessed ignorance. You have been warned!

This book is available in our [webshop](#) (Dutch).

It is also available in Bahasa Indonesian. For our English readers we offer a free PDF-copy. Send an email to info@abbachildcare.org with your request.



Did you know:

- That there are 148 million orphans worldwide?
- That every 24 hours we have 6.000 new AIDS orphans?
- That every 20 seconds a child dies from drinking dirty water?
- That every 30 seconds a child dies of malaria?
- That more than 1.2 million children are trafficked each year?
- That 60 million children are trafficked in India?
- That every child that ends up on the streets of India dies within three years?
- That there are millions of baby girls murdered in India?
- That there are 126 million children who are living in slavery?
- That in India children are mutilated and maimed and forced to beg?
- That street children are being killed for organ donations in India?



Can we do something about this dire emergency?

Yes! If we all do our best, we can accomplish a lot together. We can even help all the orphans in this world, if only we could find enough sponsors. You can already sponsor a child in our new 'Abba Family Home' program for just € 12.50 per month. Imagine, that is only € 0.41 cents per day. For 41 cents a day, you can be the hero who has given a hopeless child a bright new future. Be a hero and sign up [here](#) today or check our website for more information at www.abbachildcare.org

Join us and support our work!

True religion is to look after orphans and widows in their distress - James 1:27

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