

The Daily Work By The Kantha Bopha Hospitals 8th July 2013

Yesterday, on July 8th 2013, 2976 sick children were treated in our outpatient stations.

Among these 2976 sick children 485 severely sick children had to be admitted for hospitalization. 401 the day, 84 the night!

Among the 485 hospitalized children 85 had first to pass the Intensive Care Unit, in order to survive.

There were 64 surgical operations, 55 the day, 9 the night. Most were saving the lives, some were preventing children from being handicapped all life long.

There were 46 deliveries, 22 the day, 24 the night.

Today, on July 9th 2013 at 6.00 am, 2092 severely sick children are hospitalized and hundreds of mothers together with their sick child are waiting in front of the Hospital's gate.

All the hard work is done by 2450 Cambodian staff the day and the night. All treatment, all medicines and drugs, all is free for all. The patients could not pay by themselves for this decisive hospitalization, most families are extremely poor.

The Kantha Bopha Hospitals' budget of this year will be 40 Million USD. 3 Million we get by the Cambodian government, 1 Million by the Cambodian Red Cross, 4 Million by the Swiss government and 32 Million USD are private donations we have to look for and we have to beg for day by day.

That's why every Saturday (from November to February every Thursday too) I give a Concert with information in Siem Reap Angkor. On July 20th 2013 it will be the 750th concert!

From 1992 to 2012 we spent 500 Million USD. 3,5% were paid by the Cambodian Government, 7% by the Swiss government. The year 2013 10% is given by the Cambodian government and 10% by the Swiss government. We hope that more governments will soon participate in giving financial contributions. I do not know how long my Cello is still sounding well. But what is for certain: the families of our thousands of patients day for day, they cannot pay.

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