



VentiVenti Foundation

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The VentiVenti Foundation is a Development organisation, which promotes education and health care for the children living in the region of Ituri in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The focus of the foundation is to support the orphanage in Bunia and the health clinic in Badiya. It also provides study grants and accompaniment support for students.

Foundation VentiVenti was founded in spring of 2008 in memory of White Father Harry van de Ven. Father Harry was a missionary in Africa (Congo, Badiya) for 46 years, from January 1962 to a short time before he passed away in January 2008.

Beyond his work as missionary and spiritual leader of several parishes in the Congo, Father Harry van de Ven was a great supporter of education and health care for the local population. His work was made possible through the unconditional support of his benefactors in his birth village of Zijtaart, Uden, and elsewhere in the world.

After Father's Harry death, his family and benefactors wanted to continue to support his local communities, without expensive overhead costs. Father Harry received much respect from those who supported him and from the people he served in the Congo. As it was very difficult for the local population to pronouncing the name "van de Ven", it was changed into VentiVenti, not realising that a grateful foundation would use it afterwards.



Hence, the foundation was created, which sets objectives, in the spirit of father Harry van de Ven, to continue his valuable work in the field of education, living conditions and health.

The foundation is collaborating with long term established and reliable contacts of Father Harry in the Congo. Our funded projects will be followed through personal conversations, e-mails, photographs and letters.

The foundation VentiVenti meets the requirements and is recognised as ANBI (www.ANBI.nl). Donations can be claimed as a deduction for the Tax and Customs Administration. (Netherlands).