

# THE CROSS ROAD

Newsletter Foundation Toe to Heart



## About Toe to Heart

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Last week Toe to Heart celebrated their 19th birthday and took some exciting new steps these past few months.

I traveled to the Netherlands and Brazil. In the Netherlands I met with our volunteer Antel Ruijter to talk about the future of Toe to heart, with good result. More about these future plans soon!



The board of Toe to Heart also met in Maastricht, where we met Sanne and we came to the decision that Sanne will be joining us and will be in charge of communications. We are very happy about this. Sanne is a volunteer and was, until now, already responsible for the new newsletter.

In Brazil I have met with the foundation Estrela da Favela. Read more about this amazing organisation on the right.

Lastly a new volunteer joined via "De Nieuwe Gevers". Her name is Nandini Joeddoe and she will help to improve our websites. Welcome Nandini! Do you also want to help us by becoming a volunteer? Let us know via [thomasvanberckel@gmail.com](mailto:thomasvanberckel@gmail.com).

## Estrela da Favela

Estrela da Favela is founded by Edwin Roodenburg, who is also Dutch. It is a project for children from 4 till 14 years old. It is focused on education just like Toe to Heart, but also focuses on sport.

When I was visiting I had the opportunity to see more about the ins and outs of the organisation. And even played a game of soccer with the kids.



Edwin and I made a promise to inspire each other and to find new ways to make the community more involved in our projects, so that they can maintain them. We aspire to create a sustainable way of supporting.





## Inspiring stories

On our way to our 20th anniversary, we want to take a moment and look back on results we have achieved so far.

Children at Toe to Heart unfortunately often face major challenges or problems. That is why we are extra proud of our children! Meet two of our children, Vishal and Angel.

They are both still a part of Toe to heart.

### The story of Vishal

Vishal (the boy in the white t-shirt) is 13 years old and our youngest. Vishal is the little brother of Santosh, who is also apart of Toe to Heart. The boys joined three years ago, after their father died from an illness. The mother of Vishal can, because of the help from Toe to Heart, still work as a cleaning lady so she can support her own family.

Vishal likes soccer and loves to watch Tamil movies.

### The story of Angel

Angel is 16 years old and joined Toe to Heart last year. Unfortunately also her father died from an illness. Her mother is working at a store where they sell Sari's. A Sari is a traditional piece of clothing.

Angel loves Science, drawing and to watch TV.



Photo: Santosh, Suman en Vishal.



## Want to help?

The foundation relies heavily on our volunteers, but even with all their help it is still inevitable to make costs. We are very grateful for our donators!

Want to make a(n) (other) donation? Thank you so much!!

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