

Dear friends and prayer partners,

our region now is in the hot season and temperatures climb up to 43 °C or 109 °F. In the office we have up to 38 °C or 100 °F. For Christine it is the hottest summer she has lived in Thailand. These temperatures are very difficult to bear even for the persons born here. We can manage it only by taking often a shower, to cover with wet towels, to drink a lot and to move as slowly as possible. Because of the strong solar radiation we leave our house only rarely during day time. The schools have their big holidays during the hot season. Some pupils work 3 hours per day to get 50 THB for it (1.25 €).

“Sing a new song unto the LORD!”

as it is written e. g. in Psalm 98. God gives us more and more new songs. We published most of them in our website www.henniglumsum-online.de. We shall publish more songs in English and in Thai. We allow to sing and play them in your home and in your churches. For non commercial use we demand no fee. The copyright is with us, Dr. Reiner Georg Hennig or Christine Margarete Hennig, as shown in our website. If you copy the songs, please note our name or names and our email address (henniglumsum@yahoo.com).

Deadly accident in our village Ban Kao Sam Chan

On the other side of our highway, diagonally across from us in March 2016 a big portal was erected, leading to a Buddhist foundation. That portal stands near to a high voltage electric overhead line. A construction worker there was electrocuted while working there. He was brought to the hospital, but help came too late. He died at the age of 42 and left behind his wife aged 25, a

son of 10 years, a daughter of 6 and a second daughter that is 8 weeks only. These 4 persons have now no income.

POSITIVE CHANGES IN CHILDREN

Sunday Services

We can see that inner changes in the children who visit our Sunday Services cause visible results. During our times of thanksgiving and intercession in our services they pray freely themselves. And they have started to pray at home and for the school. Last Sunday we had again 43 °C. Christine was very weak because of a nearly sleepless night before, the work in the household and the heat. Reiner had to hold the Service alone. One person only came: Fa. Reiner preached about the disciples on their way to Emmaus, Luke 24: 13 – 35. In order to read again the account at home, Fa gladly got a New Testament from us. Things are changing with the children. Let's pray, that the adults don't destroy or forbid it.

Saturday lunch

One Saturday we had lunch together with 4 children and talked, amongst others about school and learning. During her first two years at school Swoi didn't like to learn and didn't like to go to school. Now she said: "If it is difficult to learn something, and if I don't understand a matter, I pray. And God helps me." I asked her, whether she had prayed during the first two years, and she said "No". And I asked her: "Do you see a clear difference?". She answered: "Most certainly. God helps me, prayer helps. Now I pray always." Swoi has markedly changed in a positive way. Now she thinks that she is beautiful, a thing she couldn't do in the past. And she has become much more relaxed.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Project for Women: Help for selfhelp

At the moment the proposed cooperative project for women doesn't seem to be feasible in the near future. The women are not yet ready and cooperative. May be the problems must become even bigger and the insight must grow, that they themselves must and can achieve something.

Support of persons in need

For more than one year we supported 12 poor families and single persons. There were changes in the situations and we had to change, too, and we told these changes to all those who received help from us. Some families had got work and could be taken out of the program. We added a family with 7 members and the family of the electrocuted worker, consisting of the 25 year old widow and her 3 children.

Financial support of high school students

Here there were changes, too. **Chai** left school prematurely and works now as day laborer. We are very sad about it. We learned about that after 2 months only, when he didn't collect his money for transport to the school and the midday meal there. When we met one day his mother, she told us: "He cant manage it any longer, it is too difficult for him." Again and again we had offered him help to learn, but, alas, he never used it.

Ploi had wanted to become a teacher. One day she came for a short visit. She had finished three years high school well, but had then to go to Bangkok to work and to earn money. Now she is pregnant and spoiled her future.

We continue to support **Pop** and **Sothu** and hope that they go on successfully until the end of their 6 years highscholl attendance and study at a university later on. Pop had wanted always to become a police officer.

After the end of the holidays 16th of May **Apiwat** will attend high school. We shall support him. He has 7 brothers and sisters and a single mom.

HOUSES AND GARDENS

Our garden for vegetables got new plants. **Our workers** sowed many herbs, cucumbers, pumpkins, long beans, radishes, white corn, tomatoes, peppermit (a special delight for Christine). Now the first green leaves have come out. Thank you LORD for these riches. Our worker, Khun Fon told us: "If you have too much, you can give it to the poor." That we shall do. In the meantime they had

discovered how tasty salad is, they have eaten salad again and again.

Our big house – Renovations await us.

We have rented the big house we live and work in. That means that we have to organize and to pay all the maintenance and repairs needed. In the tropical climate here everything decays much faster than in Europe. The first part of it is nearly finished. Within 3 days only our workers cleaned and painted the the greater part of the outside of our house and gave it a brilliant new white look. They grouted the tiles in one of our bathrooms. Now another bathroom needs new grouting, and our kitchen needs urgently cleaning and tiling of its walls. Our big room, where we meet for meals, for talks, for lessons and play, for the children and for our Sunday Services, needs urgently a new paint and new curtains.

Our little white house

is ready again to receive guests. If you want to visit us, you are welcome to stay a time with us. Food and accomodation are free.

PAKISTAN

We got some contacts to Pakistani Christians and see more and more, how difficult their situation is. We must admit, that we had no idea, what they have to go through each day. That led us to respect them more, and more and we wish to help them as much as we can.

Sewing school at Clarkabad/Punjab in Pakistan

Nearly daily we talk with Brother Najum. The women there wait eagerly for the opening of the sewing school. Next week they would like to finish the room, to put in the electrical installations, to set in the doors and to paint the walls. If that could happen, it would be very good. The amount of money donated for that project, however has been very small up to now.

Reasons to give thanks:

- that we can go through this very hot season without big complications, and that our hearts can stand it,
- for the newly planted vegetable garden,
- that we can get enough water for us and for our gardens in spite of the drought,
- that we continue to be able to provide for needy people,
- for a big donation from the Netherlands.

We ask God

- for help to a good preparation of our foundation, especially for a good translator,
- for the right guests at the right time in our houses, and that they get here the things they need from God,
- for a spiritual breakthrough in our village,
- for the Christians, who made here their first steps with Jesus, to yield their lives anew to Jesus,
- for enough rain for the provinces in Thailand, that had much to low rain during the last rainy season,
- for protection of our Pakistani brothers and sisters,
- for a good progress in the construction and a good start very soon of the sewing school at Clarkabad.

We send you warm greetings from Lum Sum

Yours sincerely

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betterplace.org (https://www.betterplace.org/de/projects/39610?utm_campaign=ShortURLs&utm_medium=project_39610&utm_source=PlainShortURL)

You may send your donations directly to our German Account (Reiner Hennig at ING-DiBa, see above). Please note the purpose "**Sewing School Clarkabad**". For donations to Clarkabad we can't give you any receipts, that allow you for applying for tax reductions. We will transfer the whole amount at 100 % to the receiver in Pakistan and will pay all the fees needed for the transfer out of our own pocket.

That is the door of the Buddhist fondation, where the husband of Khun Bui lost his life.



House 2: Here a bit of paint is yet lacking.



House 2 in the new white coat



View into our vegetable garden



Cassava plants. Their roots are processed to tapioca flour.



Peppermint, good for Laab (Thai meat salad) and and for herb tea, Christine's favorite herb



This year our **Jackfruit tree** brings fruits at the stem, easy to collect.



Our **Papaya planting** with 20 new trees. At the right hand there are more than 20 **Banana plants**.



"Happy Cat", our restaurant for cats with a dining level and a level for relaxing. Well protected by a fence it keeps out dogs that might disturb.



One of our beautiful cats. During the last weeks two of our cats were blessed with the joy of motherhood. Thus we got 2 + 4 marvelous kittens.