

The Hennigs
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Dear friends and prayer partners,

thank you so much for your faithfulness to us. For our ministry here in Thailand we need your prayer and your support. Therefore, you re a part of the common work of us all here.

House and Garden

After the break in that happened last June no children came except to our services. Thus we were free to do things that had been put aside in the past, and to approach new things. Christine, however, had many days, when she was very weak and had serious problems with her digestion. During the last days, however, she had nearly her old strength and could work hard.

After a slow start the rainy season has set in fully with strong rainfall, and our new garden has produced lots of salad, beans and herbs.

We have a new Homepage

Finally we could work intensively for our homepage. we are supported in it very much by Christine's brother and sister-in-law. Just look at the website www.hennig-lumsum-online.de. This website has three languages, German English and Thai. The German and English parts are nearly finished, except some pictures. For the Thai part, however, a lot has yet to be done. The tag named "Archive" leads to our newsletters and to our first publications.

First visit at the Bamboo School

One year ago we had come to know Catherine Riley-Brian, one of the few Christians in our district (Amphoe), and we had waited for an occasion to visit her. On August 8th we finally had the time and the power for it. Using two motorcycle taxis we went there about 30 km. Catherine lives at Bong Ti, a place with 4000 inhabitants directly at the border to Myanmar (Burma). Nearly all the people there belong to the minority of the Karen.

Catherine came from New Zealand. 14 years ago god called her to go to this isolated place and to help the poorest people there. She bought a piece of land and built on it a bamboo hut for herself and an orphanage.

During the following years an ambulance service, a small infirmary and a school came into being. This school, called Bamboo School, teaches



children Thai and English in addition to the regular lessons at the regular school. Thus children who were not able to learn enough Thai or English before are trained within few



weeks so well, that they can follow the regular lessons at school. These additional lessons are so successful, that at competitions in the district about the proficiency in English the children of Bong Ti are superior to the others. Today in the orphanage there are 55 Children, and Catherine personally cares for a baby girl aged 3 months that was abandoned by her mother, and for a boy at 10, who lost due to a virus infection his ability to see, to listen and to talk.

We decided to help each other. Christine cares for the bay, if Catherine has to go to our provincial capital to buy things and to deal with the provincial hospital and with the provincial authorities. Reiner will hold a Physics Week at the Bamboo School in October.

A pastors' Meeting and its consequences

Pastors from several denominations working in our province meet once per month for sharing and praying. On their session at August 10th. We were allowed to present our project of a village for children. We need 7 Thai Christians, if possible from our province, to create a foundation needed for our project.

On August 14th we got a surprise visit by Pastor Yupin Natthiwan, who is one of the Pastors, whom we met at the pastors' prayer, and of Kanokwan Jupia. Pastor Yupin leads a small church at a village, 16 km distant from us, but belonging to the same sub-district (Tambon) Lum Sum. Kanokwan is a Christian and lives at Wang Pho. She attends the Church at Sai Yok Noi. Khun Yupin was interested in the land we want to buy and showed us other parts of Lum Sum and the church she built. At the moment she cares for 10 children, some of them are students in our school. She wants to work together with us. She has begun to come to us regularly, 4 times already, each time with one or two children on the back seat of her motorcycle.

We are glad, that this way our relationship with the few other Christians in our Tambon has become closer. The unity in the Body of Christ has been urgent and very important for us. We wish that we here in Thailand

can contribute to a better knowing of each other and to a closer collaboration of the different Christian denominations.

English Camp at Sai Yok

Monday, September 2nd our school invited us to the



English Camp at Wang Pho. This camp was organized by the administration office for the primary schools of our district for students from classes 4, 5 and 6.



They were probably the best students in English of each school. They all got orange T-shirts. First came a warm up phase with lots of songs and movements, and then the students formed 6 groups, and each group had to go to one of the 6 stations to do the tasks given there, and after it to the next station and so on. Christine helped at a station, where the students had to select their favorite animal, number, color, sport and food. Reiner helped at the spelling bee



(how to spell given words). We both were the only foreign teachers, we felt integrated in a good way, could give valuable contributions and had nice new contacts with other teachers.



At our school at Baan Kaosamchan we continue to teach each Friday from 13:30 to 14:30. We teach two classes combined, 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6. We sing a lot, often with movements, repeat difficult things of the English grammar and let the students chant together the things they have to learn. At the closing of each lecture we do some education about values.

About our project Village for Children at Lum Sum

At July 31st Khun Dentai came and showed us a piece of land that he offers us for the children village. It is 160 m wide and 1000 m long and lies at the same highway 323 as our home. It is 2 km distant from us in the direction towards Kanchanaburi City. He had phone calls with several people in order to win them to start the foundation. At August 25th god spoke very clearly to us to start the project. We began with the planning of the church, that will stand at



the center of the village, and got many ideas for it. The boundaries of the land were marked, and we could walk across it at August 27th. We felt the peace of God there and have the very strong impression, that this land is the right one for us.



We think about how to develop this land by a road, how much space we need to use for a parking lot and how we can collect the big quantities of rain water during the rainy season. And we think about the steps in planning and building we can take before the recognition of our foundation by the State.

Other things to do

In our house some things have to be done. We need wisdom, how to do them well and economically.

- Christine likes very much to work in our kitchen, but our cats love very much to visit her and to be near to her. Entering the kitchen they damaged the fly screen of the kitchen. When Christine prepares a meal in the kitchen, the cats disturb very much. We, therefore, need a wire-netting fence covering all the open space of the kitchen up to its roof to keep the cats out.
- The water needed in our home for washing and cleaning is fed by a pump with a pressure vessel. This pump loses water and can't build up enough pressure for the water to reach the second floor. We bought, therefore, a new pump. The old pump stands outside of our house and was switched on sometimes by playing children. To avoid this we will put the pump inside the house and need new water pipes for it.
- The spin drier of our washing machine failed after four years of faithful service. We bought, therefore, a new washing machine. At our house we have two gutters. They are so high above ground that we couldn't clean them. Now they are blocked by plants growing in them, and we lost lots of rainwater, that we otherwise would have been able to collect in our big water vessels. We have to clean the gutters, and we think of adding gutters for the other sides of the roof.

We have reasons to give thanks to God:

- for our new contacts,
- for our new website and for all help to make it,
- for the marked improvement in Christine's health and that she can eat again,
- for lots of fresh vegetables, herbs and salad from our garden,
- for so many good ideas for preparing our lessons in school, our sermons at Sunday and for preparing delicious meals,
- for very good material to learn the Thai language. Finally we have found something that really motivates Christine to continue the language study.

May we ask you to pray:

- for wisdom and ideas for planning the children village,
- for Thai Christians who start the foundation,
- for the two friends, who are willing to translate text for us into Thai to find good and precise translations,
- for Reiner preparing and leading the Science Week at the Bamboo-School,
- for an urgently needed reliable helper in our household,
- for a pick-up, a car urgently needed, too.

We wish you much wisdom and help from God for all the challenges you will have to face during the next weeks.

May God bless you richly.

In deep gratitude yours

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