

**The Hennigs  
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province  
Thailand**

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**Dear friends and prayer partners,**

Thank you for your interest, your prayers and your gifts. In the meantime, we have already had a greater number of days with such temperatures that even our Thai co-workers found them hot.

**Christine**

Her ulcers in her lower legs have healed well, but left some larger scars. In general, she copes quite well with having to sit in a wheelchair most of the day. She almost always prepares lunch, but heavy physical work she has to leave to our staff. Her main occupation now is soliciting and forwarding donations and the sometimes quite intensive contact with recipients and donors. A new addition is an internet contact with a couple from Bangladesh, who are working there with an old people's home for 20 people and are also taking care of other poor people and especially widows. We have a very good impression of this couple. Some of our friends donated money specifically to buy people out of debt bondage. So in 2022 Christine was able to forward money to ransom 5 families with a total of 23 people. Now that Christine's office is more accessible, more people than before come from the village when they need help. Christine continues to work on the DEBORAH women's ministry. This ministry seeks to encourage and promote women in following Jesus.

At a ZOOM meeting of Deborah on Wednesday, April 27, she told that she is doing very well. The following day we went to Kanchanaburi for bulk shopping for the poor and for us. Afterwards she was very exhausted, and during the night she got chills and extremely severe kidney pain that lasted for 6 hours. She got very strong headaches, and on Friday she developed a very strong infection with a large partially dark red area on her right lower leg. Christine has been suffering from water retention in her legs and lungs for years. The infection causes her affected cells to be very sensitive to pressure. When her lower right leg is significantly lower than the middle of her body while sitting or standing, the water pressure increases there and causes very severe pain. Therefore, she is currently doing best when she can lie down. In addition, she is tormented by severe headaches that only partially respond to pain medication. She is still very weak and can hardly do anything. On Saturday we took her to a private clinic where she had had good experiences before. There she was treated mainly for her infection and high blood pressure. Blood tests showed that there were no more pathogens in her blood and the infection is now confined to her skin. A cardiologist examined Christine's heart

closely. For almost 50 years, Christine had had high blood pressure, which had resisted all previous therapies. Now the doctor is trying a different medication. In the clinic Christine had a nice spacious single room, where Reiner could also stay on a sofa. On Wednesday Christine was discharged, because now the therapy with 2 tablets daily is continued at home. After several days now the inflammation at the lower leg has become very clearly weaker, Christine still has very strong pain when standing and sitting and often strong headaches. She is still very weak and can hardly do anything.

### **Reiner**

He continues to hold our Sunday services and preach there. He created a teaching unit on truth for young Christians in Pakistan. He is concerned with the question of the fear of God and its significance for the credibility, authorship and meaning of the various writings of the New Testament. In particular, the central importance of the Epistle to the Ephesians, the 1st Epistle of Peter and the 1st Epistle of John became clear to him. He continues to be involved in language learning and does minor repairs around the house. Reiner had revised the statutes of our planned foundation and formulated them more clearly. We plan to have a meeting soon with the intended leaders of the foundation to discuss our next steps in preparing the foundation application. Christine's new illness has resulted in Reiner having to devote considerably more time to Christine. In order to be more accessible, he now stays overnight in her office and also writes this info letter there. God is helping him a lot.

### **Both of us**

Through the study of the Word of God, it has become increasingly clear to us that we urgently need to prepare our churches for persecution. This is underlined for us by the fact that through our brothers and sisters in India, with whom we are warmly connected, we are more and more confronted with the strongly increasing persecution of Christians in their environment by radical Hindu activists. Suffering for Christ and with Christ is becoming more and more an issue for us, especially since we have to see how little many Christians accept the help that God so willingly wants to give them and are thus completely unprepared for what awaits us. We continue to be very grateful for the unity among us. Christine's new situation had a very positive effect on our relationship with one another.

Regularly we are both at the service of the Noel Church of YWAM Kanchanaburi in a village about 30 km away from us. We support the brothers and sisters there. A co-worker there agreed to translate texts for us in Thai. So from now on we want to publish our info letter in Thai as well.

## **Our cats**

In January our cat Vladimir died. A few weeks ago our cat Luise had three adorable kittens, and our cat Lissy delivered 2 more children at once.

## **Our houses**

Our houses are getting the urgently needed new exterior paint. Since climbing stairs is almost impossible for Christine, we had decided that Christine would now use the two rooms in house 3 as her office and bedroom and all her things in house 2 would now be moved to the ground floor. Thus our shared office and bedroom then became Reiner's office and bedroom, who now likes to arrange these rooms himself. He is especially happy that he can now have quiet time in the morning on the balcony in front of the bedroom with a wonderful view to the outside.

The intense solar radiation strongly warms up the roof in house 3, which then in turn radiates some of the absorbed heat downwards. So we installed an interior roof in Christine's office that greatly reduces this heat radiation. As a result, the office is now significantly cooler than before.

## **Our garden**

We had a rich harvest of vegetables, herbs, lettuce, cucumbers and bananas. The new lettuce plant, built and now looked after by Khun O and Khun Fon, has been very successful. We produce much more than we need for ourselves and can thus supply poor people with what we do not consume, who take it very gladly. About 1/3 of our garden had been used to grow cassava. We now decided to plant various fruit trees and 5 vines there instead, so that we can supply ourselves and the poor with vitamins. Most of the time the poor do not buy fruit.

## **From our village and surroundings**

In the last two years, especially this year, food prices have increased sharply. Here are some examples of prices in 2020 and now: 1 liter of vegetable oil from 38 THB at 70 THB, 5 kg of rice of the cheapest variety from 76 THB at 95 THB, 1 package of bread from 38 THB at 42 THB, 1 kg of pork from 150 THB at 240 THB, and 1 kg of minced chicken from 65 THB at 82 THB. For comparison, 1 day's wages are now 350 THB, which is about 9.70 Euros.

We now give some examples from people we know in the village:

Mrs. A. (This and the following names have been changed by us.) is living alone and has 4 children in the house at the moment: One son is unable to work for several months due to a serious accident at work, the other son lost his job

because of Covid 19 and cannot find one anymore, the two daughters attend school. For the current start of the school year in May, both daughters needed school uniforms and equipment for school at a value of 5000 THB in total. (1 Euro equals about 37 THB) When things are going well, this woman earns 350 THB per day for 8 hours of work. Mrs. A often cannot pay her electricity bill and often does not have enough food to feed herself and her family.

Mrs. B lives with 3 children and her husband. The older daughter had finally found a job in a restaurant nearby, which she was very happy about, and so were we. Unfortunately, she was recently laid off because this restaurant had to close. Mrs. B's husband is unemployed, but set up a nice street stall where Mrs. B and her older daughter offer deep-fried meatballs and sausages and papaya salad. Her son is now hospitalized with a diagnosis of covid, and the family has had to close their only source of income, the street stall, for 2 weeks. For micro-enterprises like this, therefore, the covid measures, which can strike completely unexpectedly, making longer-term planning completely impossible, are existence-threatening. This family does not know how to pay the bills for electricity (462 THB) and domestic water (380 THB) and the fuel for their small motorcycle (294 THB) out of their own pockets.

Ms. C lives with her partner in her mother's household and is heavily pregnant. Her parents have a very large cassava field, which they can only harvest once a year. The parents can no longer work hard because the father has back problems and often headaches, and the mother has become weak. The other 3 adult family members have no work. A special burden is now on the one hand that the old washing machine had broken and a new one had to be bought urgently and for this now 800 THB must be paid monthly. The other big burden since mid-March has been the medical expenses related to pregnancy and birth preparation of Mrs. C totaling 6900 THB. The initial outfitting for the baby was still completely missing.

Our household help is single and cares for 2 children of her own who are in school and her daughter's child who pays for his care. Recently, one of her school children was diagnosed with Covid and the whole family was quarantined for 14 days and not allowed to leave the house. During this time they were also not allowed to do any shopping at the store. We provided them with food during this time so that they would not go hungry.

We help the poor in our village. What about all the villages that have no one to help them?

## ***Prayer***

### **We are very grateful to God:**

- That God helps us very much in the preaching His Word,
- that we got a very rich harvest of cucumbers, string beans, cocktail tomatoes, rose apples, lettuce, and herbs and were abundantly gifted with bananas from our garden and from friends,
- that people entrust us with money so that we can help others,
- that this year up to now 5 families with a total of 23 people can be ransomed from debt bondage,
- for unity among us and strengthening our relationship through the new situation,
- for the new dehydrator for preserving fruits and vegetables,
- for the new painting of houses 2 and 3,
- for better lighting in the great room of house 3, where we meet for breakfast and dinner,
- that we were able to pay all regular and extraordinary expenses,
- that there are many who pray for us,
- that our organization CTTM is considerate of our situation.

### **We ask God:**

- that we accomplish everything that is at hand and what God wants from us,
- that our worshipers understand more about Jesus and grow in trust in God,
- that the people in our village experience a true profound conversion to God and renewal by God and become true disciples of Jesus,
- That God helps to write the training material that Reiner is to write,
- That we can prepare and submit the application for our foundation in unity,
- that our foundation is recognized by the state authorities in such a way as we want it to be,
- for supernatural provision for our poor brothers and sisters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world,
- for new opportunities for people in our village to earn money in a legal and healthy way,
- that we recognize how salvation through Jesus Christ and following Jesus can be effectively preached in the Thai situation,
- that all readers of this newsletter become ready to face reality.



## Pictures from Lum Sum



*Quiet time in the morning*



*5 grapevines were planted.*



*Christine at the keyboard*



*Dehydrating cocktail tomatoes*



*The jack fruit tree bears abundant fruit.*



*We harvested a lot of rose apples.*



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*Primo (white) and Rossini (red), the children of our cat Lissy*

We wish you God's protection and blessing and send you our warmest greetings from Lum Sum

Yours in Christ Jesus



*Christine und Reiner Hennig*

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## To face the truth

### **Wishful thinking has a disastrous effect in the long run.**

In the Revelation, the last book of the Bible, it is written what Jesus Christ communicates to the church in Laodicea. This church was honestly convinced that it was rich and that it lacked nothing. This church did not know that in reality it was wretched, miserable, destitute, blind and naked and was not heading for a wonderful goal, but that Jesus would spit it out in disgust and so it would perish rejected by God. (Rev. 3, 14 - 22) Here it becomes very clear that in the end it is not decisive how we see and desire things, but that in the end only that counts what is and how God sees it. A thinking that does not perceive reality as it is, but only wants to perceive what one wishes for, is deadly. Those who are not prepared to have their illusions corrected end up in disaster.

God offers us help, but He does not force us to accept it. He recommends that we buy from Him the following things:

- a) Gold refined in the fire. These are things that continue in the presence of God, not things that perish with this world,
- b) White garments: Jesus took our guilt and our guilty humanity upon Himself to take it off us and give His perfect righteousness to those who accept it. When we clothe ourselves with these, God sees the perfect righteousness of Jesus in us, and so we are then truly pleasing to God.
- c) Anointing of the eyes: We ask the Holy Spirit to show us the truth about ourselves, about our church, the situation of the church as a whole and the situation of the world.

Even in the worldly sphere, you cannot make viable decisions or achieve anything sensible if you are not prepared to take note of reality. You cannot build anything successfully if you do not take into account the properties of the materials used. This is the only way, for example, that the successful production of computers, cell phones and cars has become possible. You cannot, for example, assemble a functioning cell phone only from newsprint.

A statement is true if it accurately describes reality. A lie is a deliberate, intentional false statement. An illusion is a false conception of reality. If I assume that my wishes correspond to reality, but am not willing to have my view corrected by reality, this is called wishful thinking. Good science tries to understand the world correctly. That is why it has become very successful and made possible the construction of many successful devices, such as the computer. That is why science is rightly held in high esteem. This is exploited by politicians who want to promote their political intentions by passing off their concerns as the results of science, and by passing off researchers who come up with something contrary as unqualified or corrupt, and by suppressing any scientific results that contradict their goals. If such a policy prevails, it causes gigantic damage and makes very many people unhappy.

### **God sees everything. Therefore, it is completely pointless to lie to God.**

God created space and time and the whole universe. God stands outside of space and time,



but He sees everything in space and time, from the largest things and how they are connected to the smallest things, such as all the information in all the cells of our body. Every cell in our body carries 1000 times as much information as the famous 30-volume Encyclopedia Britannica. God knows each of these pieces of information in all the cells of our body and even in all living things. God knows about every atom in the entire universe and everything that happens to that atom. God therefore knows immediately when we lie.

**God does not lie because He does not need to.**

God does not love us because He needs us, but He loves us because He is love Himself. Only by loving us do we become important to Him and to others. God wants so much to do us good and to give us abundantly everything that we need and that pleases us. Because God loves us, however, He only wants our completely voluntary yes. Love does not manipulate and does not deceive.

**Satan lies because he needs to.**

Satan, who reigns wherever the reign of God is not recognized, wants to destroy and murder. (Joh. 8, 44) Therefore he has to lie in order to win people over. He presents himself as an angel of light who only wants the good (2. Cor. 11, 14), he claims that all power is given to Him. He invites us to do things that seem good and pleasant, but which are harmful. But he wants us not to see these harmful consequences and therefore lies. Or he wants to make us blindly follow our impulses without thinking. And he does not want us to realize that we really need and make use of God's help.

**Whoever truly encounters the reality of God, does not dare any longer to lie.**

Jesus says of himself, "I am the truth." (John 14:6) There is no peaceful coexistence between God and falsehood. Of the city of God it says: "Outside are the dogs, the drug addicts, the fornicators, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and does lies." (Rev. 22:15) On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples and Peter was completely unprepared to preach a sermon, the listeners were so affected that they knew that all their illusions about themselves were over and that they now had to get right with God. (Acts, 2, 37) Since that time, it has happened again and again that where the Holy Spirit was able to work in a special way, people recognized their own deficiencies and guilt and broke down weeping over it, crying out to God for help. This is what happens in revival. Paul expects that where prophetic speech is welcomed and practiced as a gift of the Holy Spirit in a congregation, a stranger will come into the congregation and then have his hidden sin confessed to him by several members of the congregation independently of each other, and thus experience the presence of God. (1 Cor. 14:24-25) The author of Acts could assume that the report in Acts 5 seemed credible in early Christianity that Ananias and Sapphira immediately dropped dead when it was made obvious that they had lied to the Holy Spirit and then did not admit their lies.

**God is, on the one hand, the loving Father, but on the other hand, the One who is more to be feared than anything else in heaven and on earth.**

Even from Jesus the word is reported: "Fear rather him who is able to destroy body and soul in hell." (Mt. 10. 28) The word "It is terrible to fall into the hands of the living God!" (Heb. 10, 31) is therefore still valid. In the early church, therefore, the knowledge of the majesty and dangerousness of God was always present. This attitude is denoted by the word fear of God. Therefore, we must assume that the writings of the New Testament are reliable historical sources and were written by apostles of Jesus Christ and their disciples, and thus that what is written to us in the New Testament is true, both what we like and what we do not like to hear.

**We have to face reality.**

We must face the reality that everything in this world is transitory and will one day perish. (1. Joh. 2, 17)

We must face the reality that one day we too will have to die and at the latest then lose everything we possess here on earth.

We must face the reality that every human being will one day, at the latest after his death, have to give an account to God of everything he has thought, said and done, no matter how far this person has believed in God. (Acts 17:31)

We must face the reality that sin separates us from God. "Behold, the hand of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too hard to hear; but your iniquities have become partitions between you and your God, and your sins hide his face from you, that he will not hear you!" (Is. 59, 2)

We must face the reality that past guilt is destructive in our lives today if we have not turned away from it and asked God, and if necessary people, for forgiveness and accepted God's forgiveness for it.

We have to face the reality that we will not receive our forgiveness or even lose it again if we are not ready to forgive everyone ourselves, and if we are not ready to give back stolen goods and to set right false statements about others. (Mt. 6, 15 and Mt. 18, 23 - 35)

We have to face the reality that our whole humanity is so damaged that everything we do by our own efforts cannot be sufficient for God, but that we need a new birth through God to be useful for God. (Joh.3, 3 and Joh. 15, 5)

We must face the reality that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, through his death on Calvary, made a perfect sacrifice through which it is possible for even the worst person to be justified before God and to receive a new life with which he can do the will of God, if only he claims this sacrifice for himself. (Phil. 2, 13 and Joh. 15, 5)

We have to face the reality that God raised Jesus from the dead, so that everyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life in the love of God and does not have to fear death anymore.

We have to face the reality that death is finally defeated and one day all people will come back to life and have to give an account to God about what they have lived. And God sees everything and will judge absolutely righteously. Rev. 20:11 - 14)

We must face the reality that Jesus Christ has been exalted by God to the place of supreme authority, and that all authority has now been given to Him in heaven and on earth. (Eph.1, 20 - 22)

We must face the reality that all who have entrusted their lives to Jesus Christ and have allowed His cleansing and renewal have received God's glory together with Christ and are already sitting with Christ on the throne. (Eph. 2, 6) Therefore, it is already true even for the most stupid and poorest Christian: " Put yourselves under God! Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jam. 4, 7)

We must face the reality that all that Jesus has purchased for us is already ready for us now, and that it can become effective in our lives immediately if we only claim it by trusting in God. In Christ we then have everything we need for life and for a right relationship with God. (2 Pet 1:3)

We must face the reality that God will one day put an end to the workings of wickedness and destruction and this passing world, and will create a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet 3:13)

We must face the reality that if we live with God, we are heading toward a glorious future that is much more magnificent and better than all the sufferings that now God allows in our lives, and that everything, really everything in our lives must serve us for the best because it prepares us for this future. (Rom. 8, 28 and 2. Cor. 4, 17)

### **Truth speaks for itself.**

Those who do not want to trust in God because they do not want to live in the ordinances of God and are not willing, for example, to give up an impure sexual relationship, will not be willing to face the whole truth. Jesus Christ says, "He who is of the truth hears My voice." (John 18:27). And "If anyone wants to do what God would like, he will know whether what I speak comes from God or whether I speak from myself." (Joh. 7, 17) Whoever is really ready to face the truth will find it.

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