

The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province
Thailand

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Dear friends and prayer partners,

we greet you with our last newsletter this year. Now we have here the cold season with night temperatures down to 22 degrees centigrade (72 °F). For the people, who live here and have no heating, no warm clothes and thin blankets only this is very cold. With us, some things have gone as before, as our Sunday Services, our Sturday mornings for children and language learning. Reiner also has repeated and improves Hebrew, the language of most parts of the Old Testament, a language he had learned at High School. The owner of the house, where our neighbor Khun Suriya had lived and died, is now willing to rent out this house to us for a fair price. Now we wait for an appointment with her.

New Bank Account

As our present bank account at the ING-Diba is a private account, we are not allowed to receive there money for others. For these purposes, the **Pax-Bank** at Cologne gave us a **new account (IBAN DE16370601930036676019 BLZ: 37060193 BIC: GENODED1PAX)**. We have yet to get the application forms for the credit cards, fill out and return them, but we can already now receive donations for India, Pakistan and Thailand.

Visa and Work Permit

Reiner is accredited again by the Thai Department of Religious Affairs as Protestant Christian Missionary and he got his work permit and we both got our visa until 21. December 2017. For this a number of unexpected half day trips to our provincial capital and whole day trips to Bangkok were needed, until we got our visa at the last possible day. Thus a number of planned things couldn't be done, and we could start to pack our luggage in the early hours of the day of our departure.

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From our house across the main road a Buddhist foundation built a big house. Many golden statue of child novices located at the perimeter of tits ground indicate, that this foundation targets children and youth for Buddhism. The inauguration took place at 26. November 2016. Boys and girls of our primary school were invited to spend there there 3 days and 3 nights for a program, run by Buddhist monks and the director of the local primary school. Most of the children came, also those, who come regularly to our Sunday Services. The boys were shorn bald and got the

yellow Buddhist monk habit, the girls got white clothes as the women seeking to live intensively Buddhist life. From 4 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening we heard via loudspeaker a lot of preaching. . It reminded us of brainwashing. On the pictures attached you see the son of our household helper, Khun Kanitha, and his proud father. An other picture shows the girls coming regularly to us in their white clothes. After the time with that foundation they come again to our Services, but we think they changed in a way that is not good for them. We continue to pray for them and for their parents, that they really encounter God and become strong enough to withstand the pressure coming from our village.

40 Years CTTM

Our Thai organization Christ to Thailand Mission (CTTM) celebrated its 40th anniversary in its yearly meeting of all its pastors and missionaries at Khon Kaen on 06. - 08. 12. 2016. Khon Kaen is the central city of North East Thailand. There is a direct 9 hour bus line between Khon Kaen and Kanchanaburi City, our provincial capital. For both directions we got night travels only, but we are glad, that our strength has increased during the last months so much, that we could do these long travels.. For us it was helpful to have an additional day of rest at Khon Kaen after the congress.

The congress celebrated th 40 years jubilee and gave God thanks for the things He had done during this time. Pastor Anuchit was given officially his farewell as leader of CTTM. We were very glad about the new orientation of our organization, and very glad, that CTTM and especially our director, with whom we had a talk about the details of the things we do and we plan, stand behind us. Amongst the guests and speakers was Pastor Paul Ai, who told us about the persecution he had experienced in communist Vietnam. His testimony was very encouraging and a call to trust God even in the most difficult situations.

Mission Travel to the Dalit People in India Dalits

Via internet Christine came into contact with Mrs. Pasalapudi Sujnana Kumari (abbreviated Suja) at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh Province in Southern India. Out of that a friendship has grown. Her father had begun to work as a missionary amongst the Dalit people, the lowest and most despised caste in India. Suja, her husband and their three adult children continued that work. It has grown to 24 Christian Churches, four sewing schools and a number of other works. They wrote us: „We wait for you.“ We see us led by God to go there for a missions travel.

Travel Preparations

On 22. December 2016 we shall fly to India and shall return to Lum Sum on 20 January 2017. We got already our visa for India and booked our flights, and could pay for all that. We booked for our first night in India a hotel room, but we shall stay the rest of the time with Suja and her family.

Before of our departure we have to plan, to organize and to do quite a lot. We have to give the food support to the poor families in our village, the support for the students and the wages for our workers in advance, as they are too poor to wait 4 weeks for their wages. During our absence our faithful workers Khun O and Khun Fon will take care of our houses and gardens and feed our dogs and cats. We are very grateful to God for our thinking, hard working, faithful and reliable workers.

A full program has been prepared for us:

1. Visit of 4 sewing centers, where younger women get a training as tailor to earn a living for themselves and their families. ,
2. visit of as many of the 24 churches as possible,
3. Bible classes for women,
4. Bible class for the youth,
5. night Gospel meetings (with pleasantly cool temperatures),
6. visit of hill tribe areas,
7. visit of Dalits in their homes, including Padma,
8. visit of riverside hill tribe areas,
9. Gospel meeting with Hijras (transgender community),
10. leprosy ministry,
11. visit of 600 persons, who had lost their houses and their belongings,
12. Christmas Celebrations at Rajahmundry, Purushothapatnam and Gadala.

They told us that we are to teach and to preach. It looks like an awful lot, and we need wisdom to see, how much of it we should do and how many breaks we should insert in order not to overtax our strength

We continue to collect money for the 600 homeless victims of the fire at Konthamuru, because the state gave them plastic tarpaulins and nothing else. Anyone who wants to help may do it via this link:

<https://www.leetchi.com/c/pool-von-pasalapudi-suja-kumari-sadhana-mahila-mandali-smm-non-profit-organization-since-1998>

Christine remembers

"At the age of 15 I first time read about the Dalit people, and I was very sad, that they they were so oppressed and humiliated in spite of the fact, that this was forbidden by law in India. Then I wished so much to fly there and to help them. But I was too young. For some years I had the dream to go to the third world as a development aid worker. But there was no chance. Now, 48 years later, I can live that dream, but much more effectively than as part of a big organization. Another thing that I recall is the word of my Pastor, who told me, that one day I wouldn't be active in Thailand only, but in India and in other Asian countries, too. Meanwhile we got invitations to the Philippines, to Pakistan and to Nepal.

Pakistani Christians

Our contacts to Pakistani Christians in Pakistan and elsewhere go on. Christine also collects donations for Robina and her home for 24 orphans and her help program for 10 widows. During the last months the situation of Christians in Pakistan has deteriorated markedly and their oppression has increased. Collecting money there gives meager results only, and there are days, when they don't dare to go out on the streets for begging.

Reasons to give thanks:

- very good encounters and a very good congress with CTTM,
- Reiner's accreditation as Protestant Christian Missionary by the Thai Office for Religious Affairs and our new one year visa until December 2017,
- that Children continue to come to our house,
- a rich harvest in fruits and vegetables,
- good and reliable people, who work for us,
- flights and visa for our travel to India are paid for.

We ask God for:

- a good preparation of the foundation (board of trustees, worker, planning),
- a good completion of the rental contract about the house of Khun Suriya,
- good and complete preparation of our travel to India,
- protection on our travel to India,
- protection of houses and gardens during our absence,
- the right amount of effort and relaxing during our time in India,
- the people we meet there,
- us, that God can love and speak through us,
- for people in our village to become stable Christians.

We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas time without stress and trouble and a very good year 2017 in God's protection.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus

Christine and Reiner Hennig

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Pasalapudi Sudjnana Kumari
(abbreviation Suja)
with her husband
Pasalapudi Venkata Ratnam.

Founder of the Sadhana Mahila Mandali
charitable foundation in Rajahmundry.

For her excellent social work she
received her third award in November
2016.

Her husband works at the provincial
administration especially for Dalits. It is
a very lucky collaboration between
private and state initiative for the poor.

