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 the cold season, which brings us cold nights but hot days. We are grateful that we have now received the extension of Reiner's work permit and of our visas in mid-December and thus may stay and serve one year longer in Thailand.

Christmas, an event of cosmic significance.

The Roman Emperor Augustus had a survey made of how strong and powerful his empire was, and for this purpose a census was taken throughout the empire. The fact that during this census a young mother gave birth to her first son seemed absolutely unimportant. But what happened in reality?

This world comes from God. In a single instant, God created space and time and the universe therein. God was before everything was, from Him everything comes, and to Him everything goes. God Himself is love, and in God there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit living and serving each other in complete, voluntary unity. The essence of this love is that you seek the best for the one you love, seeking nothing for yourself. It is said of God the Son that He is the complete expression of God's essence, that through Him God created the eons and thus our entire universe, and that He sustains everything through the word of His power. God's aim was that this world be constantly endowed with life and love by God out of the connection with God.

God entrusted the entire universe to a high angel who was to be responsible for this world out of voluntary dependence on God. However, this angel was convinced that he himself was strong and good enough and no longer needed God. Therefore, he cut himself and the universe entrusted to him off from God, the source of life and goodness, and thus became Satan. This now means that this entire creation is consuming the good that God had put into it, using it up little by little. Without supply from God, every human being, every animal, every plant dies. Because they cannot find any other suitable food in nature, the predators have to eat other animals. And because so many of their offspring die, especially the small animals have to produce a huge number of offspring, the vast majority of which perish again without being able to reproduce, and those that survive to that point eventually do. What an absolutely gigantic amount of suffering! And man, who is always confronted with the fact that he will have to die one day, and who cannot believe that God will take care of him and that he will have to give an account to God for his deeds after his life, is in danger of taking what he needs by force. Fear for one's own existence releases a tremendous amount of aggression that can be misused to establish a dictatorship. The fear of a believed "Jewish danger" led to 6 million deaths, the fear of the destruction of the quality of life of women led to the killing of at least 800 million unborn children worldwide, and the fear of overpopulation makes certain people strive for a reduction of the world population from currently 7900 million to 500 million. The world is becoming an increasingly dark place.

And yet, in this world of death and destruction, there is a knowledge that this is not how it should be, that death is a tragedy and a great wrong. There is a knowledge that there is good and evil. There is a knowledge that rape, and especially the rape of defenseless children, is a blatant injustice that can never, under any circumstances, be justified. There is the longing for love and for light. There is the longing of those who, for fear of death, must be slaves all their lives. In all creation, there is the longing for liberation from death and from decay. There is the longing to be saved from the abysmal wickedness that ultimately rules this world.

God is love, and that is why He decided to destroy this dominion of Satan. It was love, therefore, that brought God the Son to become a human being like us, with all that that entails. He, who carries the whole universe through His mighty Word, made Himself so small that He could grow up in the womb of a young woman and then, as an infant, was dependent on the protection, the love and the care of His parents. Quite inconspicuously He went through this world, loved, but also hated by many, and did not seek His own honor. In perfect and voluntary obedience to God the Father, He gave His life as a perfect sacrifice with which He paid off every claim of the enemy. He was then raised from the dead by God and seated in the place of supreme authority at the right hand of God. God has now given Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth, high above all powers and authorities.

For every human being, even the most stupid, weakest and worst, God has opened the way that he may turn to God and become a beloved child of God, if he only puts his trust in Jesus and His accomplished work. In Jesus we already have a new life today, which is increasingly working out in our earthly life and making us like Jesus. In Jesus we now have God, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and has poured out the love of God in us, in Jesus we now have, if we want it, an overwhelming victory against all the attacks of the enemy, and it even says: "Put yourselves under God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jam. 4, 7) In Jesus we already have an eternal life from the world of God that will never cease. Thus death is conquered for us, and no Christian needs to fear death anymore.

The implications are even broader. As Christians, we are incorporated into a great organism, the Body of Christ, in which Christ is the Head. Jesus no longer wants to be without His Body for all eternity, and He has decided that it is this Body that will

then finally cast Satan out of heaven and prepare to be revealed in all its glory as the Bride of Christ. When this happens, the entire creation will be liberated from the dominion of death and corruption. Are we ready to let God love and transform us in such a way that thus the suffering of all creation will end and its great longing will finally, finally come to fulfillment? Christmas was the beginning of the destruction of Satan's reign. Everyone is now waiting so much for the Bride to prepare herself so that this work can finally, finally come to completion.

Christine

For us, many things continued as reported in the last newsletter. For the wounds in Christine's leg we had to go to the clinic in Kanchanaburi several times. Then they were healed. In December, however, wounds on Christine's lower leg opened up again, some of them very festering. Fortunately, as a trained nurse for the elderly, she is still able to treat them herself. She has become even weaker; she can only walk and stand well for a guarter of an hour. She can still do light household chores, and she still cooks lunch almost every day. Heavier work is done by our household help. However, she is not hindered in her sedentary work in the wheelchair. Christine sees very strongly that her greater weakness is so willed by God that prayer takes on a greater emphasis in her work and God's power can work through her all the more strongly. Christine continues to collect donations for those in need in India and Pakistan. Some of our donors sent us donations for the ransoming of people in bonded labor. This has enabled 4 families in Pakistan to be ransomed from debt slavery in the past few months. She continues to organize care for the poor in our village and beyond. Our employees Khun O and Khun Fon are now so well trained that they can take over the purchase and distribution of food on their own.

New wheelchair path

In order to get from her bedroom and office in house 3 to our main house (house 2), Christine had to use the dirt road that runs through the middle of our property. This was very difficult because on the one hand disturbing stones were sticking out of the path and on the other hand this path was quite washed out from previous rainfalls; in the rainy season it was not possible to go there by weelchair alone at all. Therefore, we asked our employees Khun O and Khun Fon to build a path from house 2 to house 3 that was easily passable with a wheelchair. First they concreted a ramp to replace the two steps at the entrance of house 2. Then they concreted a path from House 3 to House 2 that crosses the unpaved large path on our property and also includes a pipe through which rainwater that collects during heavy rains can drain away. Christine can now easily get to house 2 on her own in her wheelchair without assistance. We are very grateful for this.

Reiner

Friends of ours in Pakistan had been evangelizing in a minority village, and there a larger number of people had made a start with Jesus. We were asked to write training material for these people. This is now Reiner's task, who had completed 2 lessons for it and is now working on the third. For the meeting of pastors and missionaries of our organization CTTM in December he was asked to give a one hour presentation and additionally a short contribution on how to live the gift of prophecy in the church. More teaching assignments are planned for CTTM. Reiner leads the informal meetings in our dining room on Sunday evenings, which are usually attended by a high school student and a woman from our neighborhood with her two youngest daughters. We feel a very great openness with them. God is helping Reiner a lot with this. In addition, Reiner has now started to work more intensively on his theological further education. God is also helping Reiner a lot to cope with Christine's new situation and to take on more responsibility. We love each other much more than before.

Christ to Thailand Mission

With ZOOM there was a series of meetings of missionaries and pastors via the Internet and a regular prayer meeting for the missionaries. In December the restrictions were relaxed so much that for the first time in 9 months a meeting was possible in Khon Kaen where the pastors and missionaries of CTTM could be present in person. We felt very strongly how welcome we were and how much consideration was given to Christine's new situation. For example, transportation was organized in a van that could also take Christine's wheelchair. We found the meeting very good and helpful.

YWAM Kanchanaburi

We are still in close connection with YWAM Kanchanaburi (in the village), where we are in the service every 2 weeks, There we were both asked several times to give a contribution (preaching, greater testimony, songs from us).

Our cats

We have a number of house cats that are very seeking our closeness. Christine had taken into the house 3 three cats: Susi had previously appeared at our house very small and timid and has now grown up very lively and vivacious. The two male cats Ziggy and Dieter had to be brought to the veterinary clinic in Kanchanaburi very often, which took a lot of time. The good treatment then led to Dieter being cured. Ziggy's health progressed very well, but in December, when we were at the CTTM meeting in Khon Kaen, our staff found him lying dead in front of the main entrance door of our plot of land.

Prayer

We are very grateful to God:

- that God helps us greatly to preach His Word,
- that Reiner's work permit and our visas were extended for another year,
- that we got a very rich harvest of cucumbers, long beans, 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 further persons were ransomed from debt bondage,
- for Christine's new good wheelchair, for Christine's new quarters and for the new way for wheelchair between our houses 2 and 3.

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 God helps Reiner to write the training material requested,
 - for supernatural provision for our poor brothers and sisters in the 3rd world.



The new wheelchair path between house 2 and 3



The ramp to house 2

We wish you God's protection and His blessings during the next weeks and send you warm greetings from Lum Sum

Yours sincerely



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Christine supports needy people in India and Pakistan (we know most of their leaders and many of them personally) and students in Nepal. These donations reach the recipient 100% because we pay the transfer costs and administrative expenses ourselves. Christine is happy to answer any further questions by email at <u>cmhennig23@yahoo.com</u>.