

**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.

We now have the end of the rainy season, which still brings us tropical heavy rains from time to time. Usually it is otherwise quite warm during the day, but cools down more at night.

**God became man.**

**Through the Son of God all things were created, through Him all things are upheld.**

At Christmas, all of Christendom celebrates that God became man. Let us understand a little what this means. Before space and time and the whole cosmos was in them, God was. In God there are the 3 persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God is love, and so these 3 persons live in perfect, trusting and voluntary love for each other. God the Son is the perfect expression of the essence of the Father, through whom God created everything, and who sustains the entire cosmos and everything in it through His powerful Word (Heb. 1:2-3). Thus the Son is stronger and greater than the entire cosmos and everything in it, and everything, including Satan and his demons, can only exist because it is sustained by Jesus.

This world created by God was entrusted to angels, to whom God gave the freedom to live in loving relationship with God or independently of God. They chose independence from God and thus caused themselves to become evil and selfish, and the world entrusted to them only consumed what was originally given to it by God and thus finally became enslaved under ruin, decay and death. Thus, the world, for all the beauty that still exists there, became a dark place.

**God, the Son, chose to become man forever.**

God the Son chose to be a man in this dark world, subject to all the natural limitations of human existence, but in a relationship of trust with God the Father. In obedience to God the Father, He walked the path of extreme humiliation to the point of death in disgrace on the cross. And it was precisely on this path that He took upon Himself the guilt and rebellion of this whole world and the curse that is upon it, thus opening the

way for every human being who accepts this to become a beloved child of God who receives a new nature, the divine nature. God the Father raised the man Jesus from the dead, gave Him a wonderful life that will never end, and gave Him the very highest place and dominion over everything in the universe.

**God the Son decided to be one organism, one body, forever with all who accept His salvation.**

All who trust in Jesus, the Son of God, and in what He has done for us, are given the right to become God's beloved children. At the same time, they are incorporated into an eternal community, which as a whole is the Bride of Christ and, together with Jesus Christ as the Head, the Christ (1 Cor. 12:12). The goal of our life as Christians is therefore not only that we are better off here on earth, but that together with Jesus we receive glory (Rom. 8, 30) and together with Jesus we are entrusted with the dominion over the entire cosmos (Rom. 8, 17). In us it shall be made clear to all heavenly powers for all eternity how great and wonderful and effective the grace of God is. This community is not held together by coercion, but by love, trust and voluntary obedience. Jesus Himself does everything in great love so that His bride is cared for, nurtured and beautiful (Eph. 5, 25 - 32). That is why He, to whom all authority is given in heaven and on earth, allows His bride to go through suffering and affliction here on earth, because this momentary suffering, which only lasts for a comparatively short time, brings about a much greater measure of glory in comparison, which remains (2 Cor. 4:17). A heavenly perspective has opened up for us that is so much broader and grander than anything that moves us here on earth.

**Jesus, the Son of God, has determined that decisive things will happen only through His body when it is ready.**

If one reads the last book of the Bible, the Revelation, it becomes clear that Jesus Christ is Lord of lords and King of kings, but that it is a chosen band of Christians who are ready to be taken away and raptured to God, who then make it possible that the devil and his angels are thrown out of heaven and that only then the reign of God and the authority of his Christ become fully effective in heaven. This does not happen by a word of power of God, but "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and did not love their lives until death." (Rev. 12, 10 - 11) And immediately before Jesus visibly appears on earth again, it says: "God has taken the kingly rule ... and the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready ..." (Rev. 19, 6 - 8)

**But the bride as a whole has not been ready until today, and so death and destruction still reign in this world.**

A few days after Jesus ascended into heaven and the disciples were filled with the

Holy Spirit, Peter and John can proclaim to the Jews gathered in Jerusalem in the temple: Repent and be forgiven of your sins, that God may grant you the times of refreshing, and that He may send you Jesus from heaven. (Acts 3:19 - 20) Jesus Himself predicts that His return from heaven will take place immediately after the destruction of Jerusalem. (Mt. 24, 29 - 32). Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, but the Bride was not ready. There were times later on when the expectation of Jesus' visible return here on earth came to life anew, but to a large extent Christianity has made itself at home here on earth, and to a large extent the hearts of Christians are no longer moved by the heavenly perspective and the longing for the coming of Jesus. The entire creation longs for it so urgently, as it will be liberated from the dominion of death and destruction when the glory of God's children will be visible to all at the coming of Jesus (Rom. 8:20-23) — but who else is moved by it? Almost 2000 years have accumulated a gigantic amount of pain, tears and death - and so much could have been prevented if the Bride had let God make herself ready! Now God is letting judgments pass over this world, destroying everything that has given us security until now. They are an invitation from God to us to seek God as our refuge, not to get attached to things and people in this world, and to really seek all the help from God that God still offers us. And so at least we can place ourselves at God's disposal for His purposes and urgently ask that Jesus please come again as soon as possible, because we simply can't do it ourselves anymore.

### **A Sabbatical Year**

In recent months it has become increasingly clear that we are both in need of rest. We had our last vacation in the Netherlands at the end of 2019. In prayer, we felt that we should take a sabbatical year. The director of CTTM, our church, agreed with this. Actually, we had planned to start it in the coming calendar year.

In order to receive an extension of his work permit, Reiner had to have a health certificate issued at our district hospital on November 21. Unfortunately, his condition on that day was such that the hospital immediately detained him and had him transported to our large provincial hospital in the early afternoon. It turned out that he had a number of blood clots in his blood that needed to be treated urgently with medication to avoid heart attack or stroke. Reiner stayed in the clinic until November 24, and from November 22 Christine was with him all the time. In the clinic we both could sleep badly, because we were accommodated in a room with 50 beds and very frequently somewhere a monitor fluted or rang. So we woke up every 2 hours and then waited during the day quite exhausted. We felt it necessary to start our sabbatical immediately after consulting the director of CTTM. Overall, Reiner has become much weaker physically as a result of this experience.

We will probably spend the greater part of it in Thailand, because we have not had a residence in Germany for a long time. In January 2023, we plan to spend 2 weeks on vacation with friends in Thailand. Otherwise, we want to be available to God so

that He can plan this time. With that, as far as we can see, there will be no further activities for the foundation and publishing house then.

### **More about our health**

Since the beginning of July 2022, Christine has had to go to the hospital ten times. First, a severe infection in her lower right leg had to be overcome. Later it became clear that a root of her current health problems was a much too high blood pressure for many decades. After the infection in the lower leg was defeated, a doctor succeeded for the first time in permanently lowering Christine's blood pressure to normal levels with new medication. This is working very well for her, but walking and standing have become increasingly difficult and are now almost impossible. She can now only climb the stairs to the first floor of our house 2 on all fours. However, sitting at the computer with management of donations and with correspondence is possible for her without any problems.

We had to take one of our male cats to Kanchanaburi for diagnosis and treatment fourteen times since the beginning of July.

We could usually couple these trips to our provincial capital with weekly shopping for ourselves and others. So on such a day we are on the road from morning until early, occasionally late afternoon. Usually, however, these shopping trips stress us out so much that we are quite exhausted afterwards and can't accomplish much. All in all, we have to admit that our resilience has decreased considerably compared to the past.

### **Support for the poor**

Up to now, Reiner had received his pension transferred to our account at ING. We had no access to this account for 6 weeks, although we had several conversations with helpful customer advisors. In the end, the only option left was to request a new PIN by mail, which we might have received 6 to 8 weeks later, because letters from Germany to us now take quite a long time. So we decided to cancel this account.

This temporary financial shortage and the increased hospital costs for humans and animals led us to stop the regular care for poor people in our village and surroundings and to help only in acute emergencies.

The worsening economic crisis in the West and in the 3rd world leads on the one hand to an enormous increase in requests to Christine for donations and on the other hand to a decrease in donations for the needs in India, Pakistan and Bangla Desh. In addition, there are extraordinary sudden additional burdens from friends there. This situation is not easy to cope with. We are very grateful for all the donations that were still given to us.

## **CTTM**

Reiner had to lead two prayer meetings for the missionaries of CTTM through ZOOM and one personal meeting. God helped him a lot in this. We are very thankful for the support of the office of CTTM in this. We are very thankful for the support, understanding and appreciation by the leadership of CTTM in Reiner's health crisis and responding to our request for the much needed sabbatical year.

## **Church services**

Except for once in September, no worshipers came to our Sunday service. We were then two together with God. In the meantime we are every 14 days in the Noël church, which belongs to a small center of YWAM Thailand. At the request of the church leaders there, we take turns preaching.

**We wish you God's protection and blessings and a very good Advent and Christmas season and send our warmest greetings from Lum Sum**

**Yours in Christ Jesus**

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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 [cmhennig23@yahoo.com](mailto:cmhennig23@yahoo.com).

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