

The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province / Thailand
Newsletter 2 / 2015

Dear friends and prayer partners,

thank you very much for your prayers, for your interest and for your financial support. We can say again and again, that you make our ministry possible. We are very grateful for it.

We started to rebuild our new small house

this month. The pictures here attached explain a lot and we don't need to write much. We have to rebuild the house with a better roof. We gave the task to do it to Khun Somjit, the father of Khun Fon. With him work Khun Ekgarat, who does all the welding for the steel structure of the roof, Khun Fon and her husband Khun O. We asked them also to reinforce the greatest part of the fence around our ground in order to keep out the pack of neighborhood dogs. We are impressed by the excellent planning of Khun Somdjit and Khun Ekgarat and by the very good and precise work of the whole family. It is very good, when we have to talk about details of the construction. We can trust that family.

Pi

started to work with us at January 14th 2015. His main tasks were to tidy up the Garden and our area and to give food to our dogs and cats. Sometimes he had to wash the dishes or to mop the floor in our house. Pi is skillful. He built a grating to prevent cats to fall into one of our big water tanks, and he built a sturdy, long needed work bench for Reiner. Inside this young man there is a lot of hidden treasures we would like to see. During the first two weeks he worked very well and lively. Afterwards, however, he had each day problems: Headache, too little sleep, an accident with a motorcycle with abrasions and bruises, Besides that, we have known for years that there are big problems in his family. His ability to work came down to zero. At February 25th, 2015 he came to us and said, that his work is too hard for him and he wanted to finish it. We were not happy about it, but we dismissed him and put him under God's protection.

Khun Yotaka

has lived with her aunt, Adjan Yupin, the pastor of the House of Grace Church at Lum Sum, Village 11. Since some weeks Khun Yotaka has come up to 3 days per week to help us in office and household. For that she has got free lessons in German, as she had wished. Last week she told us, that she sees herself lead by God to move into our new small house as soon as it will be ready, and to work full time for us. Her aunt agrees to that, and we too.

Hunger and nothing to eat

End of January each evening children from our neighbors came to our door and asked for food, because they were hungry. We found that a strange thing, and therefore we asked, that their mothers come to us in order to talk with them. Five minutes later the 3 mothers sat at our table and we learned something about their situation and the difficult circumstances there. It is a life at or below the poverty line. At this evening we thought about to find another possibility to increase the family income, so that it is sufficient until the end of the month. We asked these women to think themselves about it. When they departed, each woman got a bag with food and 200 THB. Thus they had enough for some more meals.

At the moment we know 4 families who live below the poverty line. But we are sure that there are more families in that plight.

Family 1: Single mother who earns 250 THB (6,77 Euro) per day. But because of her bad health she can't work each day. She has 5 children, 3 of them attend primary school and 2 little children staying at home.

Family 2: Single mother with 2 boys, one attending primary school and the other one secondary school. She has big health problems. We support her monthly with some money for her family, and we support the High school attendance for the elder son.

Family 3: Father, mother, 3 children (1 little child, 2 Children attending primary school), monthly income about 9000 THB (243,78 Euro).

Family 4: Because of an accident the father hasn't been able for weeks to work, and the mother has been the only one to earn money, 250 THB (6,77 Euro) per day. They have 4 children, 2 little children and 2 children attending primary school.

Perhaps you have some idea how to help these women to help each other or themselves. If so, please let us know.

Children from the village

An interesting effect of that talk with the mothers has been, that after this evening no more children came to us to visit us, to play, to eat, or to learn. We don't know why.

Change in our lives

We are grateful, that we can continue to go our way together. But our lives have changed since Christine's heart attack.

Christine: Her state changes day by day. There are days, when she is too weak to get up at all. At other days she is much better. Nearly all days she was able to cook a meal. Her bodily strength, however, is quite limited. For many tasks she is not strong enough any longer, but Reiner has to do them or someone else, who helps us. For easy tasks she has often to have a break. On our ground she can walk some minutes only. In order to reach our upper floor with office and sleeping room, she has to stop for a break at least 2 times. She hasn't been able to walk to the shops in our village, a thing she had liked and helped us to get closer contacts with the people in our village.

Often she has a shortness of breath and she must sit down or lie down. To breathe additional oxygen helps her very much in these cases, and therefore we bought two bottles of Oxygen so that she can get additional oxygen both at our ground floor and at our upper floor. For trips we bought spray cans with oxygen. For Christine it is extremely difficult to live with these new limitations, because in her life before she was accustomed to quick and hard work and she liked it. At the moment that is not possible.

At the moment she can't go by bus to Bangkok, and she can go to Kanchanaburi city by car or pick up only. For buying in a Supermarket she has to sit in a wheelchair and needs someone to push the wheelchair and to reach products located in the upper shelves. But she is glad, that her mind continues to work well for thinking, praying, planning, reading, and teaching.

Reiner: Because of the danger, that Christine will get a second heart attack leading to bigger damage or even death, Reiner has to stay near to her, so that he can be reached easily. Therefore at the moment ministries outside our village are not possible for us or for him. Reiner has now more work to do in our household and often goes out alone to buy things in our village or in Kanchanaburi City. He takes regularly time to learn the Thai language, but has not much time besides it. We were

therefore not able to do things for the preparation of our foundation, as we intended. God has helped Reiner a lot to cope with that new situation, and it is not difficult for him. The new situation has brought us much closer and has made our love towards each other grow quite a lot.

Other news

We see an urbanization in our rural district along the Highway 323. Since months the 323 has undergone a widening to 4 lanes. Along this road we have now a lot of street lamps shining during the night. Since few weeks we have had garbage cans and an official garbage collection with a fee of 40 THB per month and per garbage can. That makes our life much easier, because we had to burn our garbage before, producing often stench besides being dangerous, wif the wind changed direction. And it was damaging to the environment. Now we save a lot of time aqnd feel much better.

We give thanks for

- no accidents during the rebuilding of our new house,
- being able to pay for all the building material needed and for all the daily wages for our workers,
- being able to pay all other invoices and obligations and having no debt.

We ask God for

- a good completion of the rebuilding of our new house without any accident,
- for the finances needed to continue the building without any interruption,
- for Pi, that he gets new hope and perspective for his life.

We send you warm greetings from Lum Sum

Yours sincerely

Christine und Reiner Hennig

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Our ground has no nearly everywhere (except at a length of 90m) a wire netting fence.

Dogs of neighbors don't disturb any longer.

Strangers don't go through the holes in the fence any longer.



The door towards the village way had been damaged and couldn't be used any longer.

Khun Ekgarat, Khun Fon's brother, welded a new one.



Behind the new house there will be a small wellness oasis with plants,



an open shower, a washbasin and a rest room. Everything to be used by persons sitting on a wheelchair.



Here will be the rest room.

*Khun Somdjit
(Khun Fon's father) and
Khun O (Khun Fon's
husband) cast concrete
for the limits of the
foundation behind the
new house.*



*Khun Ekgarat (left) und
Khun O cut steel girders
for the roof.*



*The new house
at February, 26th 2015*

*Khun Ekgarat cut and welded the
parts for the steel structure of the
roof and welded the structure.*

Now we wait for the white roofing.