

## **Dear friends and prayer partners,**

since our last newsletter quite a lot of things happened, the events often came thick and fast, the time passes very quickly. Our day planning is foiled often. Only one thing helps here: To keep calm.

### **Christmas party**

For our Christmas party on December 26th, 2015, we had rented a place. We had no idea how many children and adults would come. We were allowed to place some invitation posters at various shops in our village, and it was even announced in our local primary school. To the party came more than 200 persons from our subdistrict Lum Sum. Most of them came from the villages Nr. 2 and Nr. 9 of our subdistrict. It was beautiful and very helpful to work together with several churches: We were helped by members of the "House of Grace" Church at Bangkok and by their daughter Church at Lum Sum village 11. In addition we got practical help and gifts to distribute from "Creation Church" in Bangkok. And our faithful employee, Khun Fon, worked in the kitchen for hours. Her husband, Khun O, lent a good helping hand wherever it was needed. Without the help of all of them we couldn't have been able to do, what was needed.

### **Inauguration of the new church building in village 11**

In our last newsletter we mentioned the House of Grace Church in Bangkok which helped her daughter Church in Lumsum village 11 to build a new church building with a roof impervious to rain. On January 15th, 2016 it was finally ready and we were picked up to be able to be there. It was a beautiful celebration with spiritually clear contributions. The praise was accompanied by one guitar only, but was, nevertheless, very good. We would have really missed

something, if we would have stayed at home.

### **State children's day**

As every year the kingdom Thailand has its children's day on January 14th. Our local primary school held a special celebration of this day, and we were invited by the principal and got a special seat next to her. Reiner even was asked to help at the handing out of school awards.

### **Project for women to help them to help themselves**

On the other side of our highway 323, opposite to our house, lies a small settlement. Women from this place met with us twice for talks. We wanted to encourage them to find new ways to increase their often very meager family income, especially particularly for women who cannot work in the field because of their little children or because of physical weakness. It is very hard to motivate them and to lead them to a new way of thinking. There is yet a very wide gap between aspiring and doing. Much patience is needed. We are grateful, however, that we had good meetings with people from our village. We have the impression that people in our village have become opener towards us.

### **Children and teenagers**

The children learn from Christine to cook, to bake and English, and they learn social behaviour by the way. They already apologize out of their own for smaller offences and at table they remain seated until the last finished the meal and we close together.

They have found a new interest in the meantime: Sewing at the sewing machine. The two last Saturdays the three girls Swoi (9 years), Suchada (10 years) and Fa (12 years) were the quite eager to learn how the machine is operated, to spool alone the sub-thread and to "sew" without thread on specified paper exactly lines and curves. Perhaps it is via the girls, that the mothers and women find the way to sewing or to other skilled crafts in order to look

better after themselves and their families.

### **Support of needy people**

The support of people in need goes on also in this cold season. This month a friend from Bong Ti gave us 60 kg rice, 12 bottles cooking oil, 12 big bottles fish sauce and a lot of bags of snacks for poor families. Fish sauce is a very important ingredient for Thai cooking. Snack meals and sweets are highly popular in Thailand.

### **The first German guests in the little white House**

The little white House received the first two German guests in February for 4 nights, two young women from Southern Germany. They helped Christine in our garden by plucking chilli pepper pods from the chilli bushes. It is difficult for Christine to work in a bent or squatting position. Because of Chinese New Year there was no school on a Monday, and many children came unexpectedly to us. Our two guests played with the village children for several hours, so that Christine could finish other work. The visit of our two guests was a great gift for them and for us. We look forward to the next guests and are curious who is looking for relaxation, who wants to get to know normal missionary life or who wants simply to say "hello". everyone is welcome.

### **A new project in Pakistan**

Why now Pakistan? you may ask. We have new friends from Pakistan, a Pastor called Najum Tasneem and his wife Tehmina. They are also the project manager for the new project. They plan a sewing school in Clarkabad/Punjab in Pakistan. More than 50 women wait for the opening of this sewing school so much. There are already 2 sewing teachers and the rooms needed, but tables, chairs, sewing machines, and other utensils needed for sewing are still lacking. At first 30 women will be trained, 15 of them in the morning and 15 in the afternoon.

The situation of women in Pakistan is extremely difficult. About

60% of the women in Pakistan can't read and write. And of all persons in Pakistan fit for gainful employment 22% only are women. With this project we want to give hope and future and a bit of independence to some of them and to open for them a way into self-employment and a better provision for their families. Therefore we want to support our Pakistani friends and those women as far as it is possible for us. We collect donations for that project via betterplace. You will find informations about it in the internet at <https://www.betterplace.org/de/projects/39610>. You can send donations for that project also to our German account at ING-DiBa with the remark "**sewing school Clarkabad**". We can't, however write tax reducing receipts for these donations. We will transfer your donations fully to Pakistan and pay the costs for that transfer ourselves.

### **Sunday Services**

We continue to hold our Sunday Services every Sunday at 5 p.m.. Reiner holds the service. Christine preached several times during the last months, the other Sundays her husband preached. God helps us very much to preach clearly and understandably in Thai. The children are very much involved and sing the songs with enthusiasm. At the Christmas Party they learned two new songs from friends who helped us, and they like to bring these songs into the Services. After the sermon we have a part in the service in which we thank God and pray for others. The children eagerly speak their own prayers there.

### **News about our website**

Reiner has put most of our songs into our web page ([www.hennig-lumsum-online.de](http://www.hennig-lumsum-online.de)). When you open our website, you can find the item "Songs" between others in the header line. It leads you to sheets with text, musical notation, and guitar chords for each song. If not noted otherwise, the copyright of each song belongs to us. (© Christine and Reiner Hennig). These songs can be used free of charge for personal use or in Christian groups or Churches. If you plan to use these songs for publications you sell for money or in a concert you sell tickets for it, please contact us before, because we

require licence fees for it

**Reasons to give thanks:**

- We were provided well with everything we need, and could pass on help to others.
- We got many good ideas from God in many areas: at preaching, at working with children and teenagers, and at preparing meals.
- Khun Fon and Khun O and Khun Kanita have helped us very much.
- The children who come to us and go eagerly with us at the Sunday Services.
- The growing openness of the adults in our village.

**We ask God**

- for a spiritual breakthrough in our village, that the people here lose their fear, hear and understand the word of God, give their lives wholeheartedly to God and grow in faith,
- For us, that we recognize and do what is the right thing from God in this situation,
- for good preparations for our foundation, particularly a good translator,
- for the right guests to come into our houses and that they get here from God what they need.

**We send you warm greetings from Lum Sum**

**Yours sincerely**

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## Some impressions of our Christmas Party at December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

First the preparations: To design and to print an invitation poster and to distribute it in the village, even in school it was made known. Second to buy gift in big quantity: Paper bags for gifts, Shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, apples, mandarines, and snacks made of corn.



Then we start: Ajarn Bi begins with a song and Khun Paitoon reads the Bible passage and Reiner preaches about it. After it we have fun, games and singing, as every year. And we have lunch



Towards the end of the Christmas Party came the gifts: Pink paper bags for girls, green bags for the boys and yellow bags for babies and adults. Reiner handed the bags to the boys, Christine to the girls, mothers and babies.



The team of the „Creation Church“ in Bangkok visited our big house and our little white house after the Christmas Party.





# State Children's day at Ban Kaosamchan School





## Inauguration of the new church building in village 11



Opening of the solemn inauguration: The pastor of the mother church in Bangkok cuts the red tape and preaches the sermon. A festive program follows with dance of praise, solo songs, the choir of a Karen (Minority) Church. After that all were invited to lunch.

***Chor of the Karen  
in their traditional clothing***



## Sunday Services in our Church Philadelphia Church International Lum Sum“



In our Services we have the custom that those who come bring a contribution. Every Sunday one of the participants has to read aloud the Bible passage we preach about. In this picture it is Fa. She likes to do it and she reads well. After the sermon we have a part with thanksgiving and intercession. We are surprised to see, how much the children contribute.

**Sturday we have always lessons in our house.  
For alle children who want to learn.  
They are taught to sew, to bake, to cook and English.**



Nun sits at the sewing machine the first time and practices to “sew” lines and curves on paper without threads. Suoi watches her in order to see, whether she does it the right way.

Even boys come to learn baking and cooking - and to enjoy the products of their activitiesJ



Now they know how to make a pineapple cake.