

**The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province
Thailand**

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Dear friends and prayer partners,

thank you for your interest and your prayers. After the hot season, the rainy season has now begun, in which, however, the tropical heavy rains have only occasionally fallen. The temperatures are now a little lower than in the previous months, but now it is the high humidity that is bothering us and makes the weather very oppressive.

**The impact of the measures against Covid 19
(a) for ourselves**

On 25 March, the lockdown against Covid 19 also began in Thailand. Since Thailand has a population of 69.8 million inhabitants, but so far only 58 deaths have been reported in connection with this corona virus and a total of just over 3000 infections, we have probably never encountered a patient infected with Covid 19. However, the lockdown has a profound impact on our mission work. Our children ministry had to be stopped immediately. Sunday services are allowed if each participant's temperature is taken first and then, if they do not have a fever and are admitted, they disinfect their hands, wear a face mask and sit separately. Only a few weeks after the start of the lockdown we were able to buy a non-contact thermometer, before that none were available.

All planned conferences and meetings were cancelled during this time with no substitutes. However, we were not handicapped in our work in the office, our staff continued to work for us, our pensions and donations continued to flow, and we were able to buy everything we needed in the city. However, we believe that the face mask we have to wear is harmful to our health because it greatly increases the CO₂ content of the air we breathe. With our previous illnesses, which had greatly reduced our cardiac output (C: 3 heart attacks, R: atrial fibrillation), breathing restricted by the face mask was a major problem for us. In addition, this year we were much less able to withstand the high temperatures of the hot season than in previous years. So for the first time we had to get air conditioners for the bedroom and the office. Overall, the physical strength of both of us has decreased significantly. Until the official end of the mask duty we will therefore have no children ministry and no official church services. Four times a family came to our home to listen to God, sing and pray. Since we are looking forward to coming home to God, the prospect of a possible premature death from the coronavirus has not frightened us.

b) for the First World

For the countries of the 1st world, we expect that it will be disastrous for many companies and especially for small businesses and self-employed people if they cannot earn anything for several months while the expenses for rent and energy and the payment of employees continue. We expect a huge global economic crisis and strong inflation in the western world. This crisis could then lead to the loss of the previous financial basis for mission and missionary work because the donors become too poor to be able to donate. The Corona crisis is therefore a call to us to count on the supernatural help of God in all areas of our lives.

c) for the Third World

However, we were very shocked by the impact of the Corona measures on the poor in the 3rd World. For people who earn so little that they have not been able to build up reserves, it will be fatal if they cannot earn money for months. We learned from India that 45 million migrant workers have been no longer allowed to work and now have to return to their home country up to 900 km under the burning sun, mostly on foot, without the opportunity to earn money on the way to buy food. What happens during a curfew to widows who were kicked out to live homeless on the streets by their relatives (which unfortunately still happens frequently in India) and have to beg? What happens to the leprosy patients in India, who until now have been begging on the streets to survive, during a 5-month curfew? By far the most frequent requests for help from our partners in India, Pakistan and Benin are: Help us so that we do not starve and save others from starvation. We are glad that friends of ours have been given permission to help on the ground and are doing so with great commitment. But it tears your heart apart when you have to turn down so many requests from starving people because there is simply not enough money. What about the hundreds of millions of people that nobody donates for? For the poor in the Third World, the measures to combat the Corona virus seem like a murder programme.

So what have we mainly done in the last 3 months?

Christine

a) Hunger aid in India, Pakistan, Nepal and Benin

Through our friends in these countries we get first-hand information about the current situation there. Christine keeps in close contact with them, advises and consoles them and is able to pass on concrete requests to a circle of donors. It is very surprising how even small amounts can have an unexpectedly large effect: 0,32 Euro = 1 loaf of bread in Pakistan, 1,00 Euro = 3 lunches in India, 1,00 Euro = care per day per orphan in India, 1,00 Euro = care per day per orphan in Nepal, 2,83 Euro = care per day per widow in Pakistan, 3,50 Euro = 1 Bible in India, 6,30 Euro = 1 sari + 1 blouse + 1 petticoat = complete Indian women's clothing, 9,00 Euro = 1 Bible in Pakistan, 10,00 Euro = 1 Salwar Kameez = Pakistani women's clothing.

In the current situation, hunger relief has become by far the most important part of our fundraising efforts, and the donations received were far higher than usual. This, together with the tireless efforts of our friends on the ground, has meant that so far about 5000 people have been saved from starvation. However, there were also donors who were willing to help to buy people out of debt bondage in brick kilns. Thus it was possible to free a family with 5 children from 14 years of forced labor in brick kilns. In addition, so many other donations have recently been received that another ransom has become possible and is imminent. The contact with local friends and our donors, the forwarding of the donations and the bookkeeping take a very large part in Christine's life.

b) Help in our surroundings

Another very important part for Christine is the concrete help for the poor in our surroundings. This distribution continued during our absence and has grown steadily. Currently (June) we are supporting 23 households in our village and 4 in the surrounding villages, a total of 70 people. Every two weeks on Friday afternoon food is distributed to people who cannot help themselves enough. At the moment this is usually 5 kg of rice per household or individual, 1 liter of cooking oil, a few cans of fish, coconut milk, eggs, some packs of instant noodles, spices, sometimes fresh vegetables from our garden, soap and dishwashing liquid. Once a month they get shampoo and detergent for washing their clothes. In order to buy and transport these quantities, Christine and 2 of our employees and her pickup truck drive to our provincial capital one or more days before distribution. Bags with the goods for each household must then be prepared for distribution.

c) Miscellaneous

Christine cooks every day and the Holy Spirit helps her a lot. She organizes the work of our staff in the house and garden and is mainly responsible for the shopping for us and the poor. Correspondence and pastoral care via the Internet take up an important part of her time. At the moment she has considerable problems with her right leg and walking. Because she has become weaker and has a lot to do in the office, we have decided to let Khun Saichon, who had replaced Khun Hwan very well and reliably during her accident, work for us regularly in house 2, while Khun Hwan is independently responsible for cleanliness and order in house 1 and house 3. Khun Hwan also helps with the food distribution and its preparation. As soon as the children ministry will reopen, she will again cook for the children in house 1 on Saturday.

Reiner

Reiner was mainly busy thinking about God's omnipotence, omniscience and love, about our life with God, our ministry and our future and about the ways without God. More details can be found in the appendix of this letter. He continued to study

languages, especially Thai, do the bookkeeping for our household and do small repairs. When there is a need to preach, Reiner usually preaches, and he experiences God's help very strongly. In the last few months he also had a somewhat more extensive correspondence with some people. In the meantime, we have writings of him translated into Urdu as well. In the last months he lost 2 teeth, his last molar in the upper jaw and an incisor in the upper jaw.

Closer cooperation with YWAM Kanchanaburi

Three members of YWAM (Youth with a Mission) in Kanchanaburi Province, Khun Arun, Khun Paeng and her mother Khun Auranuth, agreed to join us in forming the board of trustees for our foundation. Khun Paeng had also taken over our youth work. Once a week all the staff of YWAM Kanchanaburi, except for the three of them this is another pastor from Korea with his wife, who do student and student work in Kanchanaburi, meet for a church service at the YWAM center in Kanchanaburi City. Regularly there are also 2 younger couples we have known for years and two young men from the student ministry. In May we were invited to come there regularly. We agreed that Reiner would go there every week and Christine during the weeks when she does not give food to the poor. We are warmly welcomed there. On one of these evenings Reiner was asked to deliver a preaching and on another evening Christine gave testimony about hearing the voice of God. At the beginning of July there was a wedding in this center where Reiner was asked to deliver the wedding sermon.

Our foundation

On August 6, 2019, we had submitted our complete documents for the recognition of our foundation to the competent authority, the office of Amphoe (district) Sai Yok. However, despite our inquiries and a complaint to his superior, the official in charge of processing the documents had done almost nothing by June 17, 2020, and now the head of Amphoe Sai Yok has personally intervened in the process. We now expect our application to be processed quickly. However, we learned on 17 June that we need a police clearance certificate from Germany for the application, which should then be sent to us by post. Unfortunately, we have made the experience that meanwhile 2 - 3 months of mail from Germany were on their way to us. We will have to formulate some things differently in the statutes, and probably the name and logo of the foundation will also have to be changed. But we are glad that finally something is happening in the processing of our application. We are grateful that our worker Khun Paeng is very committed to this project. Some changes in the statutes will be necessary. As soon as the foundation will be recognized by the state, there will be much to pray, think and do.

Prayer

We give thanks to God:

- for preservation and provisions in the past months,
- that things are finally moving forward with the processing of the recognition of our foundation,
- for the possibility to help people in need, in our village and especially in India and Pakistan,
- that friends give a lot, especially in this situation, so that a lot can be helped,
- that a family could be bought out of debt bondage and that there is enough money for buying out another person,
- for a rich vegetable harvest, for dragon fruits and the first pomelos from our garden,
- for the good cooperation with YWAM Kanchanaburi,
- for our employees, who help us a lot.

We ask God:

- that more people in our village come to faith in Jesus Christ and grow in faith,
- for God's guidance and strength for our ministries,
- for a quick recognition of our foundation and wisdom in deciding how to change our statutes,
- for supernatural care for our poor brothers and sisters in the third world,

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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We continue to use our old bank account at ING-DiBa, but are not allowed to receive on it money for others.

Christine supports persons in need in India and Pakistan (we know most of their leaders and many of them personally). These donations will arrive at their destination by 100%, as we pay the expenses for money transfer and administration. For more information please contact Christine under cmhennig23@yahoo.com.

Dr. Reiner Hennig: Dimensions of God's love

About God's omnipotence and omniscience

We know today that the entire universe, together with space and time, was created at a certain moment by a cause outside of space and time, which encompasses space and time and can intervene in space and time anywhere and at any time. This cause decided itself that and when the whole universe came into being.¹ This cause is therefore a person called God. When God is outside space and time, he sees all things in the universe at every moment from the beginning to the end of this world, he sees everything past, present and future.

Surprisingly, the great diversity in the events of this cosmos can be described by comparatively very few laws of nature. In recent decades it has become increasingly clear that these laws of nature must be extremely finely tuned if atoms, molecules, planets, stars and galaxies are to exist at all.² In addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that more and more conditions must be fulfilled for human life to exist on a planet: It needs the right type of galaxy with the right environment, it needs the right star that the planet orbits, in the right place in the galaxy, the right planetary system, the right orbit of the planet, the right size and composition of the planet, and its right history. It is becoming more and more apparent that it seems absolutely impossible that in the entire universe a single habitable planet can exist on which humans can live unless God performs a huge miracle.³ The same is true of the origin of life from inanimate matter.⁴ The cells in animals and plants have proven to be so complex that they are more complicated in structure and function than any man-made factory.⁵ Everywhere you look you can see evidence of purposeful planning. An amoeba, a unicellular animal, contains more information in its cell nucleus than the 30-volume Encyclopedia Britannica and 1000 times as much in the entire cell.⁶ All this means that God not only has the great overview of all the interrelationships, but knows everything down to the smallest detail. Thus God knows more and is wiser than all. He knows much better than we do, what situation we are in at the moment, what we really need, and how the development will continue.

1 Geisler, Norman L., und Turek, Frank: I don't have enough faith to be an atheist., Wheaton Illinois 2004. p. 93

2 If the ratio of electric force to gravitational force were to differ by only $1/10^{16}$, the formation of stars would be impossible. (Lennox, John: Hat die Wissenschaft Gott begraben? Eine Analyse moderner Denkvoraussetzungen.. Witten: R. Brockhaus 2009). The most extreme case of fine-tuning known today says that the density of matter in the cosmos must be extremely precise. In this context, a quantity known as "dark energy" plays a role. Today, this "dark energy" may only have a tiny fraction of its original value, namely $1 / 10^{122}$, the number 10^{122} being a 1 with 122 following zeros. (Lawrence M. Krauss, "The End of the Age Problem, and the Case for a Cosmological Constant Revisited," Astrophysical Journal 501 (1998): 461, doi:10.1086/305846). Quoted in: Ross, Hugh. The Creator and the Cosmos: How the Latest Scientific Discoveries Reveal God . RTB Press. Kindle-Version, Position 2827.

3 „Thus, the probability of finding a life-site within the observable universe capable of sustaining the equivalent of human civilization, without invoking the intervention of a super-intelligent, supernatural Being, is much less than one chance in 10^{1032} !“ (Ross, Hugh. The Creator and the Cosmos: How the Latest Scientific Discoveries Reveal God . Covina CA: RTB Press 2018. Kindle-Version. Position 3707)

4 Tour, James: The Mystery of the Origin of Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zU7Lww-sBPg&t=387s>

5 Lennox, John: Hat die Wissenschaft Gott begraben? Eine kritische Analyse moderner Denkvoraussetzungen. Witten: R.Brockhaus 2009. S. 175

6 Dawkins, Richard: The Blind Watchmaker. New York: Norton 1987 S 17 – 18, 116

About God's love

God is love. Love lives in the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Love trusts in God the Father and receives everything from Him, and love passes on the received love to the one who meets me at the moment without seeking its own. The essence of love is trust and voluntary obedience. In this way, Jesus came into this world to redeem us, and in this attitude he invites us to share His lordship and His glory with Him. He accepted our human nature to give us a share in His divine nature. Just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one and together are God, so those who have voluntarily accepted the redemption through Jesus Christ are members of the Body of Christ. They are called to be as one with Jesus and the other members of this body as Jesus is with the Father. Jesus as the Head and His members are together the Christ, who is then again in unity with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

This communion means that in everything we encounter the infinite love of God, who knows exactly what is best for us now and in the future, whose plan is perfect for us and who uses everything we encounter to permanently form His image in us and to transform and renew us profoundly. Since God is almighty and much stronger than all our enemies, we can be sure that He carries us through every situation and we can experience His victory. Because God has everything and gives us everything we need at every moment, we don't need to hold on to anything except our relationship with Him and we can stand before Him empty-handed and receive what we need at every moment. He is our security, strength and wisdom. Because He loves us, we no longer need to worry about our standing in this world. We do not have to accumulate any securities, we do not have to worry about anything, we can let go of everything, we are free.

About our ministry

To live in unity with God then means for our ministry that God Himself is present in us, loves, speaks and acts in and through us, the God who created heaven and earth with His Word. He gives the right word at the right time, the insight and perspective where it is necessary. Where God Himself speaks, hearts of people can be reached and transformed profoundly. Where God helps, there is truly in-depth, effective and lasting help. Those who are sent by God are the poor, who make many rich. For the enemies of God and for those who do not want to bow down before God, the presence of God is a terrible nuisance which they cannot bear, but which they face with indignation, anger and hatred. This ministry in unity with God can be lived in every situation, even among the poor in the 3rd world and when all outer supports are gone from us.

About our future

The unity with God is an eternal community that does not end with our death, but

then simply continues without interruption. In unity with God, we place ourselves calmly into the loving and powerful hand of God and can thus let go of everything here on earth. So death has no more horror for the Christian, not even death from the Corona pandemic. On the other hand, life with God is already a unity with Christ in heaven, with Him on the throne of Christ.⁷ And everything that God asks of us here in this life should serve to increase this unity and to prepare us to receive more from God. The dimensions of our future ministry are much greater and more extensive than anything we experience here on earth. We will see God in all His glory, love and omnipotence and no longer carry the effects of corruption in our bodies. Then many things will be much easier than here on earth. But then we will no longer be able to practice trust in God. Therefore it is necessary to take every opportunity now to practice our trust in God.

About the ways without God

We are called to live in trust in God, to expect and receive everything from Him and to live in voluntary obedience to God. In this way He works life in us and through us. But if we do not trust in the love of God, but think we know better than God what is good for us and for others, we step out of our relationship with God. This was the way chosen by the spirits to whom God had entrusted this creation, and their leader Lucifer, the light bearer, became Satan. Thus the world came under corruption, destruction and death. Nor did man remain in trust towards God and could no longer live his calling to cultivate and preserve the world, and so came under corruption and death. God the Son became man as Jesus of Nazareth, and through His death, He has reopened our access to a relationship of trust with God. Every person can and may turn back to God from his wrong ways and enter into the fellowship of trust. He receives a new life and becomes a child of God. However, if he steps out of this relationship of trust and goes his own ways, he loses touch with the presence and power of God. Instead of letting God give him the gift of what he is to do now, he is content to imitate it with his own strength, and this imitation is, even with the best will in the world, insufficient in God's eyes and does not bring good fruit in the long run.

God is ready to receive again those who turn away from their wrong way, to ask God and men, where necessary, for forgiveness and to walk anew with God. However, this should happen as soon as possible. The longer one waits with this turnaround, the more difficult it becomes and the more difficult it becomes to listen to God. The longer you wait, the more opportunities you miss to work for and with God, and one day the last possible chance is missed. When God became man, Israel had many chances to come to God. Jesus, love in person, who bore the sins of the whole world and therefore also all the sins of Israel, had to weep over Jerusalem because He saw how the missed chances led to disaster: The temple of God in Jerusalem was burned and Jerusalem was destroyed.

⁷ Eph. 5,6 „God raised us up together with Christ and put us together with Him on the throne in heaven in Christ Jesus.“ (translated. R. Hg)

We must ask ourselves seriously whether with the present Corona pandemic and its consequences a similar judgment might not come upon us Christians in the Western world. A revival, which is now expected by many, will in any case be accompanied by a deep shock about our rebellion and godlessness, even in pious circles, and by the realization that we really deserve God's judgment. God knows how to preserve His own, no matter how great the disasters that are coming. But we cannot put aside from the outset the thought that conversion may have come too little and too late in many areas of church and society, and that therefore the catastrophes for the western world may now be inevitable.

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