

**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 rainy season, but the rain only makes itself felt from time to time. At present, therefore, the temperatures are usually above 30 degrees during the day and a little below that at night, so that we constantly need a fan or air conditioning.

***Be prepared!***

*The current situation presents us with great challenges: Fundamental rights have been restricted or suspended in the context of disease control, many things that used to be self-evident have been banned, and a tightening of measures can be ordered very quickly at any time. And there is no telling how quickly, or if at all, a return to normal conditions will happen. We are experiencing more and more that a reasonable discussion can no longer be held, but that deviants from the line set by political correctness are no longer seen as interlocutors, but as people with whom one no longer needs to talk because they are considered stupid, sick or criminal. The tendency is to silence dissenters, to destroy their public image and professional status, and to punish them severely.*

*How do we deal with this as Christians? Jesus himself said very clearly, "Whoever does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." (Luk 14:33) We must be willing to let go of everything, everything we have, all our securities, all our relationships, our reputation, and our prestige, our honor, our well-being, our freedom, and even our lives. If there is anything we are not willing to let go of, it will prevent us from following Jesus and going to heaven. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul will lose it, but whoever loses his soul for My sake will find it." (Mt. 16:24,25) When Jesus spoke here about taking the cross, it was immediately clear to all His listeners that this was not about a nice piece of jewelry, but about the most painful and dishonorable execution that the Roman Empire had to offer: Horribly beaten up in front of all eyes, deprived of all his own things, over and over again for hours threatened by suffocation,*

*slowly dying a miserable death. Jesus Himself went this way, and He invites His disciples to do so. One cannot go such a way by one's own strength, one needs the strength and the comfort of the Holy Spirit for it. You have to believe that God has everything under control and nothing escapes Him. Jesus said after His resurrection, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." (Mt. 28:18) We must trust that God has everything in view, even the smallest detail in our lives (Mt. 10:30), and that therefore for those who love God, God makes everything, even the seemingly very worst, work for the best (Rom. 8:28). And we have experienced that where we have left everything to God and held out our empty hands to Him, He has given us abundant gifts. We just have to keep our nerves. We are greatly helped by the hope that the Holy Spirit gives us, that we already have our place in heaven at Jesus' side and an eternal life that no one can take away from us here on earth and that will never end, not even with our bodily death. And we believe that one day Jesus will visibly come again and put an end to all the misery and all the darkness here. We ask more and more urgently that He does this soon.*

## **A. Christine**

### **1. Wheelchair**

Christine's health has continued to deteriorate in recent weeks. Walking is now very difficult for her and very painful; she can no longer walk more than 100 meters. She used to be able to be very strong and is now experiencing an ever-increasing weakness. This change is not easy for her. She says to this, "Please do not pity me, for the Lord also said to me, My grace must be sufficient for you, for my strength comes to completion in your weakness." We decided to buy her a sturdy and comfortable wheelchair with electric drive, which she is very happy about. The newly gained freedom to be able to move around independently when doing bulk shopping and to be able to go to stores in the village by herself again is very good for her. And she has found that she can work much better sitting in her wheelchair than in her office chair. So we changed her room so that you can now move the wheelchair in and out without having to fold it up.

### **2. Fundraising**

She reports: *"I often sit at the computer all day. Suja, Sobia, Martha, Silvia and many others seek exchange, ask for advice, want to share their concerns. Apparently there are too few people who are willing to listen and are simply there. And with that also the requests for donations come along."* The requests that are brought to her, she then checks them and puts the ones that seem credible and worthwhile to her as donation projects on the Internet. People from her circle of friends or others to whom Christine was recommended then sometimes make inquiries that Christine has to answer. She then accounts for the incoming

donations and forwards them to the recipients. She then informs the donors about the forwarded donations. Some friends donated in the past months that people could be ransomed from debt slavery. These ransomed were Mrs. Fioza (03.05.2021), family Rasheed (04.05.2021), family Farzana & Laqiat (01.06.2021) and family Akmal (28.06.2021). With the children, this was a total of 19 people.

### **3. Distress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world**

She can do this sedentary work at the computer well. However, it is very painful to see how many people are now unable to earn money and are suffering from hunger due to the measures taken to combat the disease. In the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, a strict lockdown has been ordered for 2 months, with everyone having to stay indoors unless they have a police permit, which has to be applied for daily. For people who, like very many there, work for a day wage, this simply means starvation unless others come along and deliver food to their homes. Our friends there do this and perform almost superhumanly, and so it was possible to save over 1000 people from starvation through donations that Christine was able to forward. However, it is extremely painful to think of the many for whom no outside help is coming. The Christian congregations there are forbidden to do any work, and the pastors are banned from all their professional activities as pastors. We heard from credible sources that in India, according to official figures, 2000 pastors and other Christian leaders have now died of the disease. Among these was a pastor who, with no major respiratory problems, went to a hospital one afternoon for heart trouble, which then announced the next morning that he had died of covid. Of the affected pastors we know more about, the youngest was 17 years old. During our visits to India, we had personally met some of these pastors. That hits you even harder than a report about people we don't know.

### **4. Help in Thailand**

We see ourselves led by God in such a way that we do not ask for donations for ourselves and our work. We trust that God will provide us with all that is needed for us and others. Christine provides for the poor in our village and the surrounding area. In total we support 95 people in Thailand at the moment. Christine organizes the 2-weekly bulk purchase for relief supplies. Our co-workers Khun O and Khun Fon are helping a lot and are able to do the shopping and the distribution by themselves.

### **5. Deborah Community**

Deborah is a ministry to Christian women to strengthen, encourage and equip them. The main themes are finding identity in Christ, living in close relationship with God, learning about the inheritance we have in Christ, and thus becoming influential in church and society. Christine has been teaching at Deborah women's conferences since 2019. In April 2021 she taught at a women's conference in Khon Kaen, and in June at a ZOOM conference for Thai women.

## **6. Housekeeping**

Christine cooks daily, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it turns out very well. We are very grateful that our home help supports her very much by preparing the meals and taking care of the washing, ironing and cleaning.

## **B. Reiner**

### **1. Foundation**

CTTM hatte in einer Sitzung am Vormittag des 26. März beschlossen, mit uns zusammen die Anerkennung unserer Stiftung zu beantragen. Kurze Zeit nach diesem Beschluß traten wegen der Seuchenbekämpfung Maßnahmen in Kraft, die eine Reise in unsere Provinz oder aus unserer Provinz heraus unmöglich machten. So kam es bisher zu keiner weiteren Sitzung des zukünftigen Stiftungsrats

### **2. ZOOM-Andachten**

On March 26, there was a prayer meeting for CTTM missionaries in Bangkok in the afternoon. Reiner was asked to give a devotion for it. He spoke about Eph. 1, 1-2. Reiner was then asked by CTTM to hold a 20-minute devotion on Ephesians for the missionaries of CTTM via ZOOM 5 days a week starting the following Monday. This turned into 23 sessions through the end of April, in which Reiner went through the entire letter to the Ephesians verse by verse. This series ended on April 30.

### **3. YWAM**

We have close contacts with YWAM Kanchanaburi. Reiner regularly attended their weekly staff prayer and 1 - 2 times per month he was asked to teach there. Christine was also asked to preach there once in June. In the meantime, staff from YWAM come to us every 2 weeks on Sunday afternoon.

### **4. Philadelphia Church International Lum Sum**

Due to the requirements of disease control, we have, despite various requests, no youth work, as long as the schools are still obliged to wear masks and keep their distance. Also our Sunday service in the designated room is cancelled under the current conditions. With people who want this, we sit at our dining table, and Reiner then usually gives a message.

### **5. Housekeeping**

Reiner does minor mechanical and electrical repairs around the house. Because of Christine's declining strength, he finds himself more challenged to take responsibility and do things around the house. We are both pleased that he is taking more and more pleasure in making things in the household beautiful.

## **C. Common and other**

### **1. Khun O and Khun Fon**

With their pickup truck they drive us when we need this. Only in this way are our two-week bulk purchases for the poor and for us in our provincial capital Kanchanaburi possible. In addition, they can take Christine's wheelchair with them, which has made shopping in larger department stores possible for the first time. They relieve us of the burden of carrying heavy loads; for rice alone there are currently 26 bags of 5 kg each. In the meantime, they have been trained to such an extent that, after consultation with us, they can carry out the purchase of the relief supplies and their distribution themselves. This relieves Christine very much.

In consultation with us, they manage our gardens on their own responsibility. They planned, built and independently operate a hydroponic system in our garden, in which lettuce plants are grown without soil in running water. So we can now get very good, fresh and crisp lettuce every day, which is so clean that we no longer have to wash it.

### **2. How are we both doing with the situation now?**

Besides the physical pain of Christine, we experience strong pain inwardly when we see so much oppression and unnecessary suffering, caused by indifference, negligence, real guilt and abysmal wickedness. In particular, it pains us when people, and especially Christians, do not take advantage of help that God offers them and would so gladly give them, and are therefore unable to do what God actually wants done now. In this way, we too have missed many good opportunities in our lives.

On the other hand, we are more dependent on God and learn to let go of everything inwardly and to be open to what God now offers us or wants to do through us. In this we experience very strongly the help of God. Never before in our lives have we been able to reach more people. In the final phase of our life and ministry, of all things, we are experiencing our ministry expanding more and more. Never have we been so free as we are now. We are looking forward to the moment when God calls us home, and until then we are gladly at His disposal here on earth. That is why we are feeling very well inside now.

## ***Prayer***

### **We are very grateful to God:**

- that God helps us greatly to preach His Word,
- that we are provided with everything we need,,
- that people entrust us with money so that we can help others,
- that a larger number of people could be saved from starvation as a result,
- that further persons were ransomed from debt bondage ,

- for our new salad plant and the good lettuce that grows in it,
- für Christines neuen guten Rollstuhl.

**Wir bitten Gott:**

- For clear guidance from God on how to proceed now,
- that more people in our village come to faith in Jesus Christ and grow in faith,
- for supernatural provision for our poor brothers and sisters in the 3rd world,
- that the Body of Christ may know what the hour has come to and prepare for what is needed.,
- that the church of Jesus learns to use the helps that God offers her,
- that our foundation is officially recognized,
- that God guides us with our publishing project and that we get everything we need for it.

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

**Yours sincerely**

*Christine and Reiner Hennig*



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In case someone has accidentally transferred money to our old account at ING-DiBa: We have and continue to use it for us.

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).



For Christine we bought a stable and comfortable wheelchair with electric drive. Because it is so comfortable, she now also uses it as an office chair.



In our garden is the new lettuce plant, planned, built and operated by Khun O and Khun Fon. In it, small lettuce plantlets are first grown from seeds in soaked foam. As soon as these plantlets grow larger, they are placed in a basket, which is inserted into one of the thick horizontal blue tubes. Below the rack is a large water vessel containing a nutrient solution. A constantly running electric pump in this solution constantly pumps up nutrient solution, which then flows through the thick tubes back into the water vessel. The roots of the lettuce plants absorb nutrients and water from this flow, and after a few weeks one harvests fresh, crisp and clean lettuce.