

**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. After a few cooler weeks, it has now become quite warm again. During the day we now have temperatures at 32 - 35 degrees and in many cases it now hardly cools down at night.

Easter - a different view

Paul writes to the church in Ephesus: "I pray that God will make you understand 1) what is the hope of your calling, 2) how glorious is what you inherit together with those who belong to God, and 3) how outstandingly great is the power with which God works on us who trust in Him. With the same power, God worked on Jesus when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heaven, high above all powers, authorities, forces and dominions. God put everything under His feet. (according to Eph. 1, 18 - 22) ... And you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made you alive together with Christ, raised you up and seated you with Him on the throne of Christ in heaven." (according to Eph. 2, 5 - 6) We need hearts and eyes opened by God so that we can see how great and encompassing the events of Easter and the Ascension really are. And we need insight from God about what has already been given to us in Christ. God must let His hope shine in our hearts. Then we can also endure these critical times.

Renovations

After getting through the busy weeks of November and December and sending out our Christmas newsletter, we were able to breathe a sigh of relief and have a very quiet few days of Christmas.

In the weeks that followed, we were able to tackle some things we hadn't gotten around to before. Our large room on the first floor received a new coat of paint because some of the paint had come off the walls. Two narrow wooden cabinets had become very damaged. We replaced them with two green and white steel cabinets with additional space for books. Our office received a new coat of paint because paint had peeled from the ceiling over a large area. Our kitchen had to be

re-tiled because the old tiles were starting to peel off the wall.

Design in the house

We took these renovations as an opportunity to tidy up and rearrange the rooms in question. All the files that we need to keep, but currently only very rarely need, found space on a large shelf in the room next to our office. This new archive thus eliminated the crowded confinement from our office. It freed us up a lot. In our large room on the first floor, we replaced the thick old curtains in the entrance area, some of which were damaged, with lightweight blinds. Since Christine now has her main place to stay with her nursing bed and her computer on the first floor in the space between the great room and the kitchen, we visually separated this part of the room, which measures about 8 m², from the part with the china cabinet and kitchen shelves with Japanese-style room dividers and set up her office there, including two new shelves for files. Her books found a worthy place in the new cabinets in the great room. Christine's sewing machine and creative desk, which used to be next to the nursing bed, found a bigger and better place in the office on the 1st floor. This office is otherwise now Reiner's office, which he was able to redesign and make more beautiful, and where he now has space for a large part of his books. For both of us, our new office spaces are much nicer.

Rental Contracts

A new rental contract was due for houses 2 and 3 as well as for house 1. In Thailand it is customary to conclude rental contracts for a period of 3 years. For House 2 and 3 we were able to conclude the new rental contract. Also for house 1 we received a new rental contract, but then the brother-in-law of the landlady suggested to fix the term of the rental contract to 5 years and the landlady immediately agreed.

CTTM

Der Kontakt mit unserer Kirche und Missionsorganisation Christ to Thailand Mission (CTTM) macht uns weiterhin viel Freude. Für die Leiter der CTTM-Gemeinden gab es im Februar eine gute ZOOM-Konferenz mit einer Gastsprecherin, die aus Norwegen zugeschaltet war und einer Gruppe zugehörte, die in den vergangenen Jahren evangelistische Einsätze zusammen mit CTTM in Thailand durchgeführt hatte. Es ging dabei um die Gnade Gottes in unserem Leben und in unserer Verkündigung.

Our trust with the leadership of CTTM has grown so much that we suggested CTTM to take a new approach to our foundation proposal by having the leaders of CTTM's Goodwill Foundation, both Thais, chair our foundation board. In a telephone conversation, the head of our organization was very much in favor of this, and Reiner was invited to a meeting with key people from CTTM on March 26

at our center in Bangkok. There it was decided that the leaders of the Goodwill Foundation will also lead our Foundation Board and the lawyer from CTTM will be the secretary. Now it remains to be clarified whether Reiner, as a missionary on a missionary visa, may be the treasurer or even a member of the foundation board, and to what extent the foundation's goals, reformulated by a senior official of our district administration, contradict our own goals or impose obligations on us that we cannot meet in the long run. If these issues are resolved to our satisfaction, we will need to hold a new constituent meeting of the Board of Trustees and make minor changes to the Foundation Application so that we can return it to the District Office in triplicate. Once the District Office gives the green light, the application then needs to be reviewed and approved by the Governor of our Kanchanaburi Province before the Governor then officially registers the Foundation and this act is then published in the Official Gazette of Thailand. It is important to us that this foundation is first and foremost a religious foundation that also works socially. To our knowledge, only 3 social foundations have been accredited in Thailand on the Protestant side that also have permission to support Christian religious work.

Then, on March 26, a prayer meeting of CTTM missionaries was held in the afternoon. Reiner was asked to give a teaching of about 20 minutes there. As a result, he was asked to give a 20-minute devotion on Ephesians for all CTTM missionaries 5 days a week, starting March 29, as part of ZOOM conferences. God is helping him a lot with this.

Publishing house

CTTM is also very much behind our project to build publishing houses with which we desire to serve people especially in the countryside who do not read much. The plan is to have such a publishing house for Christians and such a publishing house for general customers. In connection with our foundation or the Goodwill Foundation, such a publishing house can then count on a greatly reduced tax rate because it serves to further the foundation's goals. We have begun planning. We have material for publication, but need to clarify the legal and organizational issues involved.

India and Pakistan

Service to the poor in India and Pakistan is a significant part of Christine's work. She now receives a great many requests for help, many of which she is unfortunately unable to respond to. She formulates requests for help for projects that seem trustworthy to her, which she then posts on the Internet. She documents incoming donations and forwards them to the recipients. Through the Internet, she has extensive conversations via email or chat with donors, with people who are considering whether to donate, and with recipients. Some of it goes as far as counseling, coaching and pastoral care. Every month or two, she writes a report to donors, some of which goes into background. She reports to the donors how much money has gone to which recipients since the last report.

We were under the impression in prayer that we should fly to Pakistan for 4 weeks at the end of March, as soon as we have the new rental contracts, to meet our friends there. Unfortunately, the trip did not come about, because at the moment visit visas for Pakistan can only be applied for via the internet as e-visas, but the corresponding program was not able to process Christine's passport photo, although it had been created according to all specifications on the part of Pakistan.

About us personally

Last fall Christine probably had her 4th heart attack. The heart has become very significantly weaker and no longer manages to remove the lymph. This means that the lymph collects mainly in her right leg, causing her severe pain very often and making walking and climbing stairs very difficult. It also leads to water in the lungs, which makes breathing difficult. She has been hospitalized twice for this. Therefore, she has to be careful with drinking. This then causes her to sweat less than she should, which of course makes her more affected by higher temperatures than before. Therefore, even with our high temperatures at the moment, she is much more dependent on the air conditioning in her sleeping and working area. Bulk shopping in the provincial capital has become an arduous burden for her, even if she can be wheeled to do it. She copes well with work in the air-conditioned office, only sometimes having to lie down on her bed for a bit in between.

Reiner's health has not deteriorated in recent years. Because of his atrial fibrillation, he is no longer able to do long periods of heavy physical work. He tolerates the hot weather better than Christine. He drinks a lot and does well without air conditioning when he can be in the air stream of a running fan.

On the inside, we are both doing very well. We trust God more than before and become more and more willing to let go of everything and put it into God's hand. We learn more and more to stand before God with our weakness and to hold out our empty hands to Him and experience very much how God fills them. We usually experience dependence on God as very beautiful and relaxing. It gives us a great inner freedom. Reiner has never been so free and serene, and it changes him, right down to his voice and demeanor. We both realize more and more how much God is there with His help and how much He is willing to help.

But this leads to a very great pain when you see how little this help of God, who is so willing to give it, is taken up in the world and especially among Christians. So much misfortune happens that could have been prevented so easily with God's help!

Prayer

We are very grateful to God:

- that our rental contracts have both been renewed,
- that we are provided with everything we need,
- that people entrust us with money so that we can help others,
- that this could save a larger number of people from starvation,
- that further persons can be ransomed from debt bondage,
- that God helps us greatly to proclaim His Word,
- for a very rich vegetable harvest in the past weeks,
- for our marriage and the good relationship in it..

We ask God:

- 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 recognizes what is needed now and allows to be prepared for it,
- that the church of Jesus Christ learns to use the help 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

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