

**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 donations. During the last months we had the hot season of the year. The highest temperatures were 37 – 39 degrees centigrade or 98 °F – 102 °F. They were clearly lower than last year, but they were nevertheless very exhausting for us. Now we have the rainy season with lower temperatures and its heavy rainfalls filling our water tanks.

Christine and her health

Christine's second heart attack has had effects until now. Her strength is now clearly lower than before. She cannot sleep on a flat bed, but needs a special nursing bed what lifts the feet a bit and Head and back a lot. Catherine Riley-Bryan gave us an used nursing bed, that gives her a good sleep. This bed now stands in our living room.

Christine's weakness was strongly enhanced by an severe infection entering her body by a graze measuring 5 cm x 5 cm (2" x 2"). Christine had learned to treat these wounds while working as a geriatric nurse. Therefore she cleaned and dressed this wound for 5 weeks, until it ceased to produce pus and closed completely. For many weeks her weakness didn't allow Christine to go out for bigger walks. therefore she had to give up her plan to stay 3 afternoons per week at house 1. Often she had to lie down during daytime. Nearly everyday she was able to cook a tasty meal for us, but she feels, that she has no longer the power to do something special with the children. We need someone to take over the children ministry. Khun Paeng comes about once a month, and several times Khun Kanitha took care alone of the children, if they were not too many,

Together with Khun Kanitha Christine continued our biweekly distribution of food to the poorest in our village. For each distribution she goes with Khun O and Khun Fon to buy things in big quantities at Kanchanaburi City. During the last months the number of persons receiving help from us has grown. Therefore we need to reduce the things we give to basic food such as rice and oil.

Reiner

Reiner has been stronger than Christine, but his strength is reduced also. He can't

stand strong bodily efforts any longer. Sometimes he had to lie down during daytime also. An Echocardiogram showed, that his heart, considering his atrial fibrillation, is quite well.

He continues to hold our Sunday services and preaches nearly always. He took time to learn the Thai words and that has to continue during the next months. And he intends to write again writings helpful for poor. In the future he wants to have more contacts with the men in our village and with others abroad. He wants to come into contact with the officer of the Thai Army, who is in Charge of the contacts with foreigners in our province.

Using PVC tubing he built a bed table for Christine's bed, a support for her and his computer monitor and structures to hold the books on his desk.

Foundation

Reiner is the one who prepares and organizes our planned foundation. He does it in unity with Christine. This has been his main task during the last months. He produced the rules and regulations of the foundation in Thai, utilizing the rules and regulations of two other foundations and adapting them to our views. He translated these rules and regulations into English and German. The only things lacking yet are the final design of our logo and a small map indicating the position of our office. 3 Thai friends of ours, Khun Arun, Khun Paeng and Khun Auranuch, who belong to YWAM Thailand and live as missionaries and farmers in another village in our province, promised us to join our foundation and to help us by being members of its board of directors. They now check our rules and regulations.

Every foundation needs an office, an address and the written permission of the landlord of the office. As we didn't get this permission from the landlords of our houses 1, 2 and 3. Khun Fon and Khun O allowed us to build this office adjacent to their home. We signed the rental contract and got their written permission. They intend to start with the construction next week and assumed, that it will be finished within 4 weeks. Next week we plan the first session of the board of directors of the foundation and the election of its director, its assistant director, its secretary and its treasurer. As soon as we have got all the funds we need for our application, we can ask the governor of Kanchanaburi province for an official registration of our foundation. This will take some paperwork and a number of checks by the officials of our province and our district.

Others had given us the advice, to apply for a foundation for social aims only, because usually the processing of social work only foundations goes much faster than the processing of a religious foundation. In spite of it we decided to cover all our work with the aims of our foundation. We think, that it is much better and much more helpful, if the State can see at once everything we want. As the people and the State officials in our region know us very well, because we are the only

Europeans in our village (The director of the administration in our subdistrict [Tambon] told Reiner, that she knows everything about us.) we can't go for a purely social foundation, especially as we plan to have a big Church building at the center of our village for children. We trust in God, that He makes the impossible things possible. He must help us to a quick registration without complications for our foundation,

Our Sunday services

Our Sunday services went on. At some of them Christine had to lie in bed. In late May, however, when Christine didn't need it any longer during the Sunday services, we decided to have these services at house 1, starting with May 27th. The main reason is the fact, that many people in our village fear our dogs and don't dare to enter our land around house 2. All the villagers here live in houses with 1 floor only. For them it is easier to come to our 1 floor house 1 than to come to our 2 floor house 2. Those who receive food from us, receive it at house 1, the new place of our worship is therefore not new for them. The nursing bed takes a sizeable part of the our former room for the Sunday services. And life is easier for us, if we don't need to clean and arrange the room on Sunday afternoon before the service. At our food distribution at June 1st we invited all the recipients of our food to our Sunday service, and Sunday, June 3rd, we had 8 adults and 2 children in addition to our regular 2 +3 visitors. The next Sunday, however, no one of the new attendants came again.

Christine's agency for charitable donations

In 2016 Christine came to know a small orphanage in Pakistan via internet. After many personal talks with the leader via chat she decided to ask others for donations for this orphanage. Other contacts followed and led us to two visits in India. There we came to know personally many people and their situation. This helps us to discern, which projects and persons deserve support. We see it as our way given by God, that we pay ourselves all the expenses for the bank transfers and the administration. Thus 100 % of the donations reach the recipients. We expect from the recipients a receipt of the money and a report, if anyhow possible, with picture, how this money is used. Christine sends a monthly report to the donors. The number of requests for help and the number of donors have markedly increased. Support is now given to people in India, Pakistan Nepal and Cambodia. That is a work that doesn't require hard bodily work, and Christine can do it sitting in front of her computer. Christine asks for donations for others, but we see it as our way, to ask no one for donations for us and for our work, and we believe that God will give us everything we need.

Our gardens and houses.

During the past months we got a big harvest of papaya, banana and, for the first time, mango. The areas, where we intended to plant things, including the newly rented parts were plowed up, and 22 new fruit trees were planted. We planted also more than 20 uppermost leafy parts of pineapples, and it seems, that we shall get strong pineapple plants of most of them. A part of the new vegetables were sown.

Adjacent to our house 2 inside of the vegetable gardens a new shed, needed since long time is built for gardening tool, building and painting materials and spare chairs. It will be finished the next days. House 1 got an urgently needed new fence of the garden, a new entrance door for the house , and wire mesh mosquito nets for the windows.

In house 2 we now have a problem with ants. They are small animals, size 1 - 2 mm and below, who can bite. And they like to take a housing in electrical appliances, sockets and switches. They destroyed the electronics of our laser printer, and we had to buy a new one. Because of them we had to replace our baking oven. Several times Reiner had to open sockets, switches, and our toaster in order to remove lots of dead ants blocking the electrical contacts.

Young cats

At our main road in front of the house of Khun Kanitha someone had put a sack with 5 kittens, and Khun Kanitha bought it o us. One of them was fetched by an adult cat, and we took care of the others. They have grown to 3 timmes the size when we got them, and they seek very much to be near to us.

Khun Aew

Last autumn Khun Aew was very weak and needed to stay in bed because of cancer in the liver. We had prayed for him and now he is fine. At our last food distribution he came in person to get the share of his and his wife. Reiner visits them sometimes and prays with them.

Reasons to give thanks to God:

- The preparations for our foundation seem to be nearly finished.
- We got a new rental contract for our houses 2 and 3 and more land for 3 years more
- We got the permission to build the office of our foundation adjacent to the house of Khun O and Khun Fon.
- Khun Arun, Khun Paeng and Khun Auranuch, the mother of Khun Paeng, help us for the foundation,

- Christine's strength increases again
- Once per month Khun Paeng does the program for the children on Saturday.
- Khun Aew's health has markedly improved, and he has read the Bible and prayed.
- During the last months we had good and agreeable encounters with state officials.

We ask God:

- that Khun Somwang, Khun Kanitha's husband, follows Jesus, and that Khun Khanita continues to go courageously with Jesus in spite of all resistance,
- that the children and youth, who come to our services, are protected against bad influences and seduction,
- that we get a good person, who takes over the whole work with children and youth,
- that the application for our foundation is finished very soon, and that our foundation will be recognized by the state quickly and without problems,
- that God gives recovery and restoration of our strength to both of us,
- that God can love and speak through us to the persons we encounter.

We wish you a very good and protected time 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 (she knows nearly all of them personally) and widows and orphans in Pakistan. 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.



Shoot of a Mango tree, grown from the kernel of the fruit of one of our Mango trees



Our 4 cat orphans



Christine's leg wound



House 1: Our new garden fence



House 1: Before our Sunday service