

**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. The rainy season is now coming to an end. It is still raining from time to time, and during the day, when the sun is shining, it can still be quite warm. But the nights are already much cooler, and we can sleep without the fan running all the time. We now expect that it will be much cooler overall. This is very pleasant for us.

10 years married and 10 years together in Thailand

On July 10, 2010 we got married in church, and since September 23, 2010 we have been together as missionaries in Thailand. We are very thankful for the way we are allowed to go with God and with each other during this time and we love each other more than at the time we got married. We are very thankful for the way that God has walked with us during this time

Measures against Covid 19

It is remarkable how almost all worship services worldwide had to be cancelled due to the worldwide lockdown. Since time immemorial, Sunday church services have been an integral part of the life of Christian communities. Through one of our friends we receive current information from Crete in Greece, where many orthodox priests were arrested because they were celebrating the Sunday liturgy. Today, all churches there are closed and every priest who lets a single person visit a church receives a fine of 1500 Euros. Officials of the Greek Orthodox Church describe the current situation of the Orthodox Church in Greece as worse than anything the Orthodox Church in Greece has had to endure since the persecutions in the Roman Empire.

In India, the Dalits were discriminated against and oppressed as "untouchables" in the Hindu caste system, although they were guaranteed equal rights in the Indian constitution. Finally, the Dalits had had enough and left Hinduism. 80 % of them became Christians and gathered in small poor free church communities. This is a catastrophe for Hinduism, because if the information of our Indian friends is correct, this would affect about 200 million people, and on the other hand it could lead to the fact that then perhaps other disrespected lower castes could follow the example of the Dalits. A high-ranking representative of the ruling party of India stated publicly that his government intends to make India free of non-Indian religions, including

Christianity and Islam, by the end of this year. From our friends in India we learned that in their free church, 24 pastors allegedly died of COVID 19 within 3 days (the youngest of them was 17 years old). In the same period 4 pastors died of "heart attack" in the nearby big city. In India, the lock-down is carried out very consistently. The many poor Christians in these communities cannot earn money because of the lockdown and India does not have enough money to provide for all of them. Support from Hindu foundations there only goes to Hindus. Our friends in India are making a heroic effort to save people from starvation and we are supporting them by raising funds. However, we expect that most of the poor communities and their members will soon no longer exist.

We are doing comparatively well in Thailand. We have a large garden, 3 balconies, internet and telephone, we receive our pensions, can receive and forward donations. In our village the masks are practically not used, except in school. The situation is different in the city, where face masks and "social distancing" are demanded in every bigger store. The exhaled air, which is saturated with water vapor, reduces the permeability of the mask and we get less oxygen and more CO₂ when breathing. For people with reduced cardiac output, such as ourselves, this is a great nuisance. In addition, the warm and humid mask offers excellent growth opportunities for bacteria and mould, thus increasing the probability of respiratory tract infections with bacteria and mould if the mask is worn for several hours.

Since we cannot agree to children ministry with masks and "social distancing", our children ministry will cease as long as masks are compulsory in schools. We also no longer celebrate official church services, but meet in a small group in our living room.

On August 1, 2020 there was a large demonstration against the Covid measures in Berlin, in which 1.3 million people participated without masks and without a safety distance. This should have led to a huge increase in the number of COVID deaths in August and September. The average number of Covid deaths was less than 10 per day in August and September. In the 41st calendar week in Germany, among the almost 17,000 deaths per week were only a total of 109 COVID-19 deaths. The very high number of COVID tests with positive results was offset by only 877 Covid deaths in the period 31.10. - 7.11. Since the end of October, the number of daily deaths has risen to over 220. A really severe pandemic, which kills 10 % - 30 % of the population, looks different. The number of victims is within the range of a medium to severe flu epidemic.

However, the consequences of the measures taken against the virus are disastrous: you cannot think that you can temporarily shut down an economy for months without dramatic consequences. Mr. X (names here changed by us), one of our friends, was a musician. The lockdown has meant that he can no longer work and earn money as a musician. Another friend, Mr. Z, who lives in the 3rd world, has been receiving only 50% of his salary for the same work performance for several months now, because the state has too little money. Financial bridging aids by the state will have to be financed later. Many millions of the poor in the 3rd world

should have starved to death by now. It is to be expected that the Corona crisis will be followed by a great economic collapse worldwide, which will make many people very poor. In any case, we are preparing ourselves and our friends in the 3rd world for the day to come, and possibly even very soon, that the Christians from the West will not be able to support anyone. We must learn to reckon with the supernatural provision by God.

YWAM Kanchanaburi

3 members of Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Kanchanaburi had decided to support us for our foundation and to work on the foundation board: Khun Paeng as secretary and treasurer, her husband Khun Arun and her mother Khun Auranuth. They also invited us to attend the prayer meeting every Wednesday evening in the center of YWAM Kanchanaburi. Reiner comes there regularly, while Christine, due to her limited strength, only goes there when she has no distribution of relief supplies this week. Reiner has been asked to give a wedding sermon there in early July, and so far we have had to bring a contribution once a month. Once we reported on our marriage, we gave testimonies about other areas of our lives, and Reiner gave several teaching sessions.

Christine

Christine continues to solicit donations for the 3rd world. Several times a year she sends a report to the donors who support her. We bring in the following parts of her current report:

Recently 2 sentences keep coming to my mind: "Act until I come again!" and "We must carry out the commission of him who sent me while it is still day. Night is coming when no one can act."

UNABLE TO ACT

Just last week I experienced how quickly this can go. Everything seemed to be fine. The donations arrived and I wanted to forward them as soon as possible. On 21.10 everything was still working. From Friday the 23.10. nothing worked anymore. Normally I transfer money with TRANSFERWISE, which is a very good service: fast, relatively unbureaucratic, reliable and very cheap compared to the banks. You can transfer there also on holidays and weekends. On Friday, the message kept coming up: "You are not connected to the TAN system. Please con-tact your bank, log in". SECURE GO and the PHOTO SCAN system did not work, all attempts failed. Also the contact to the bank in Germany failed.Then on Monday aftern-oon finally the answer on the phone "We have switched off the system here in the bank, but now everything is unlocked again. It should also work for you again. And it worked. This feeling of not being able to pass on the money entrusted to us, and not knowing how long it will take and what the reasons are for it, whether it will even work in the future, was simply terrible. At this point in time the amount involved was 1,280.00 Euros.

CAN WE TAKE EVERYTHING FOR GRANTED?

We take many things in our lives as naturally as if there were nothing else. But when we take a closer look, nothing is taken for granted and we have nothing firmly in our grasp.

ON THE ROAD IN THAILAND

From 15. to 22.09.2020 I was on the road again in Thailand. Foreign trips were not possible because of lockdown. Together in a team of 5 women from 3 countries, we taught at a women's conference at Khon Kaen with 35 leaders and at Buriram at a women's conference with 20 leaders. But there were more women there than were registered, and even men wanted to participate. We had a lot of freedom in the Holy Spirit to speak there. My topics were: "Reverence for the Lord", "Overcoming Fear", "Living in the Holy Spirit" and "When the persecution reaches Thailand". While teaching, I noticed very much how the Holy Spirit used my preparations (= just writing down Bible passages) and then told me what to say. It was again a wonderful experience with Him. Yes, it was a really blessed time, without accident, with good accommodations, peace in the team. Thanks for all prayers!

ABOUT MYSELF

That's one reason why you are only receiving news again today: My health has been quite bad the last few months. Even before the trip, it was exhausting to be on my feet all day, but thank God, it was possible without naptime and without medication. Only my walking stick helped me to keep my balance even on rough terrain. Shortly after the conferences I felt a physical weakness, most likely the 4th heart attack, so that I could hardly manage the most necessary things. This condition is very changeable, still. When doing bulk shopping for the poor in the huge supermarket, I now usually only go in a wheelchair.

NEWS FROM CFUM PAKISTAN: RANSOM FROM DEBT BONDAGE

With the donations we got we were able to free some people from debt bondage.

<i>19.06.20</i>	<i>Family Masih, married couple with 4 children. The husband was sent by the brick kiln owner to live and work at another brick kiln. Now, after 11 years, the family is free and reunited.</i>
<i>14.07.20</i>	<i>Mr. Bhutta Masih, 65 years - after 18 years slave labor</i>
<i>04.09.20</i>	<i>Family Sohail with 4 children - after 4 years slave labor</i>
<i>18.10.20</i>	<i>Mrs. Emna, 67 years - after 11 years slave labor</i>

This touched me very deeply. The lives of these 14 people were suddenly changed in one day. And likewise all their relatives, who are not mentioned here, experience new dimensions. For 8 children, their future life will no longer consist only of helping to form bricks. Now they can simply be children and go to school and learn something. This had not been possible before.

THE NEXT RANSOM

Now we collect for *family Shabana*. At the moment the total debt is 1.533,00 Euro. 500 Euro are already fixed on the extra account. 2 years ago we (my husband and I) met the family in the brickyard. At that time the father was still alive. He had a severe kidney disease and could hardly work anymore. In this year he died. Now the mother and the big children have to continue making bricks. The mother was born into the brickyard, as were all 5 children. They know nothing else and they have never attended school. The chances that the mother will ever be able to pay off the debts are zero. The children would remain slaves after their death. This is their future. The only chance for them is to buy their freedom.

NEW PROJECTS - TWO NEW WELLS

The water in the brickworks is often very dirty. Buying drinking water is expensive. So it is inevitable that many people fall ill, like the 5-year-old Sania, who is currently being treated in the hospital. Thanks be to God and the prayers as well as to the donor that she is now feeling better again. This is already a miracle. Dirty water is the reason that CFUM wants to drill 2 new wells in two different brickworks, so that the people there can live healthier.

NEW PROJECTS - A SEWING SCHOOL IN A BRICKYARD

38 girls and women have been waiting for so long that they too can learn to sew. After already opening a sewing school in a brickyard in the evening, another one is now to be built by the end of this year. But first we need 12 sewing machines. We have a good dealer who will sell us the sewing machines for social purposes and social business openings for 9000 Pakistani Rupees. This is about 47 Euro per sewing machine, so in total 564 Euro. Normally we pay 90 to 100 Euro for a sewing machine in Pakistan.

SHOES, CLOTHING AND BLANKETS

The winter started in Pakistan and temperatures in Lahore and the surrounding area vary between 13 degrees Celsius at night and 30 degrees during the day. Many children walk around without shoes. That is dangerous. Because in this dirt to get an open injury can end very badly. The brickworks workers also lack warm clothing and warm blankets. From a daily wage of about 8 Euro, it is not possible to buy shoes and clothes. For many widows it is equally urgent that they receive warm blankets and warm clothing. If they become ill due to the temperature fluctuations, the costs for hospital and medication also increase.

SHORT NEWS FROM INDIA

Suja's husband is paid only half of his salary only receive 50% salary and will probably never get the full amount.

Providing breakfast to 100 old widows and men every day in Purushotapatnam costs the Congregation a fortune. Monthly a minimum of about 560 Euro.

Addition

Since Christine now finds it extremely difficult to climb the stairs, we have placed her computer and a small piece of office equipment right next to her care bed, which is located on the first floor in the storage room between the kitchen and the living room. This way she only has to go short distances to her office and kitchen work.

CTTM

On August 5-7 we both attended the CTTM Pastoral Leaders Training, a meeting for pastors and leaders of the churches of CTTM. Reiner gave a talk there about forgiveness. From August 10 - 12, we were at the Missionary Advance Camp, where the missionaries of CTTM met. Reiner spoke there in detail about the meaning of COVID 19 for the missionary. From October 21 - 23, Reiner was at the pastors' meeting of CTTM. There he held a teaching unit with the topic "The Price of Revival". We are very happy to see that our relationship with CTTM has become much closer lately and we are very happy to see that CTTM is willing to take new paths because of the special challenges during this time. We are especially grateful for the friendship we have developed with Sonny Largado, one of the founders and directors of CTTM, who was responsible for the missionaries of CTTM, and his wife Dahlia.

Preparations of the foundation

The further tasks necessary to prepare for the recognition of our foundation by the state were Reiner's main task in the last months. We had to order police clearance certificates for us in Germany. The head of our amphoea (the amphoea is about the size of a county in Germany) had intervened after our application for recognition of our foundation had been practically lying dormant for almost a year. He made proposals for a radical reformulation of our foundation's statutes. Since the time lag between the constituent meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 25, 2018, and the wording of the minutes did not correspond to the authority's expectations, we received a sample protocol and were able to hold a new constituent meeting on September 22, 2020, based on this protocol. A corresponding protocol of the meeting was then prepared. We needed a new official confirmation from the bank that the promised foundation capital was available in one of their accounts. A stamp for the foundation had to be designed and ordered. All documents had to be written in a new font. Since for each member of the foundation board a decision of the responsible official is necessary whether the person in question is suitable for the foundation board, Reiner wrote a four-page job reference in Thai for Christine. Khun Paeng, who is treasurer and secretary in the foundation board, had to be assigned as Thai citizen to conduct the talks with the authorities. So we were finally able to hand in all our documents in triplicate to the responsible authorities again on October 19. On November 2, we heard that it was planned to submit the application to the governor of the province for approval in the week after next, after the Amphoe had completed its examination of our application. He is responsible for the

registration of the foundation, and he only had to make sure that the name and logo of the foundation did not look too much like the name and logo of an already registered foundation.

The foundation is cancelled.

In a telephone conversation with Sonny Largado on November 1, 2020, Reiner learned that the management of CTTM had met with the lawyer who handles the legal affairs for CTTM and thus prepares and submits, among other things, the applications for the granting and extension of visas for foreign missionaries. During this meeting it was found out that there is a new legal regulation in Thailand which forbids that a missionary can be the chairman of a foundation. As a result, we decided to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and renounce our foundation. The starting capital for the foundation had been provided to us by others and we felt responsible for it. In all our planning we had always assumed that we both carry and guide the vision and initiative of the Foundation. Christine didn't want to be the director of the foundation because she is physically too weak for that in between. The other members of the Board of Trustees were happy to support us in this, but did not want to take over the chairmanship or add essential personal touches. So it had been clear that Reiner should be the chairman and Christine the deputy chairman of the foundation. On the other hand, we saw it as clear guidance from God that Reiner should continue to stay in Thailand with a missionary visa.

We had the impression that the Holy Spirit was urging us to give up the foundation as soon as possible. Therefore we decided to end the application for recognition of our foundation and informed the responsible official of the Amphoe on November 2. He handed over our documents and it was a meeting in peace. God made this step easy for us, but Christine experienced an attack of darkness that was more severe than ever before in her ministry in Thailand. With the completion of our application this attack was over. We both now feel that a burden has been lifted from us. We have the impression that something new is now approaching us and we have declared to God that we are ready for anything.

It may be that there was a window of opportunity for our foundation to be established. For some years this window was wide open and it would have been possible to enter it. Now this open door seems closed again. For some years it was possible to teach English in Thailand as a foreigner, even without a teacher's exam, if you do it without payment. At least since the introduction of the measures against Covid this possibility is over. Since the conditions in many parts of the world are changing very fast, we can only recommend that you do something that God has shown you, if possible now, because there may not be time for it any more in the near future.

Could it be that there were people who were so busy with their own plans and projects that God could not call them? And could it be that people had a clear call from God to join us, but were not ready to do so at the time, but now have no power and no possibility to do so?

Prayer

We are very grateful to God:

- that we may live in the village and not in the city,
- that we are provided with everything we need,
- that people entrust us with money so that we can help others,
- that thereby a larger number of persons could be saved from starving,
- that two individuals and a family could be bought free from debt bondage,
- that God helps us to proclaim His Word,
- for our marriage and the good cooperation in it.

We pray to God:

- for a clear guidance from God as to 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 the hour has struck and prepares for what is necessary,
- that the church of Jesus learns to use the help that God offers,
- for an extension of our visa and Reiner's work permit as a missionary for another year.

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

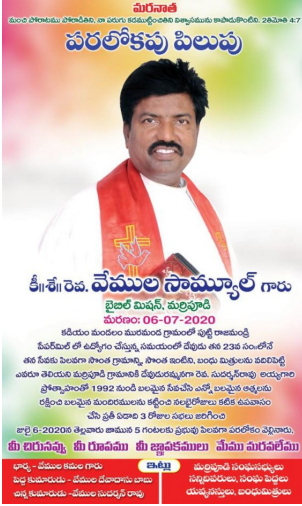
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In case someone has accidentally transferred money to our old account at ING-DiBa: We have and continue to use it for us.

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.

Pictures

In one province of India 28 pastors died within 3 days. In 24 of them the coronavirus was given as the cause of death, in 4 of them heart attack. Almost all of them left behind a wife and children. Here are some pictures:



Pastor Vemula Samuel Garu



Pastor M. Kiran Kumar Coc



Pastor S. Sangeetha Rao Lalacheruvu



Pastor V. Joseph Francis T. Nagar



Pastor Theeda Nanali Annapornammepeta



Pastor Dara Yesu Ratnam



Pastor Nathaniel Santosh Nagar



Pastor Sunil Kumar



Pastor Dara Yesu Ratnam

Ransom from debt bondage



Family Sohail in the brickyard before the ransom



Emna, frei nach 11 Jahren Schuldklaverei



Shabana's family when we visited them on our first trip to Pakistan in 2019. At that time the father was still alive.



after the ransom on 4. 9. 2020



Shabana's family now: The father died, and now they have no hope of ever escaping slavery by their own efforts.