

The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province / Thailand
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Dear friends and prayer partners,

it is high time to inform you again. Thank you for your patience and for standing with us. We need you in Germany, the Netherlands, the USA, India, and Thailand (thus far have spread our contacts). We need your prayers and your backing for the project devised by God.

During October we thought that we had nothing new to tell you, everything seemed to stagnate somehow. During the last three weeks, however, many things came quick and fast, and it is not easy for us to keep up.

Our Homepage

During the last weeks we were able to insert some texts into our homepage www.hennig-lumsum-online.de. Some of them are translated into the Thai language. Because of the many things we had to do, however, we had neither the time nor the strength to put in more pictures.

CTTM Church Camp

Christ to Thailand Mission (CTTM), the organization we belong to in Thailand organized its annual Church Camp for all the members of all churches belonging to CTTM. It took place at Pattaya during October, 18 - 20. This year pastor Yupin Natthiwan came with us. She lives in a village that belongs to the subdistrict Lum Sum, the subdistrict our village belongs to, too. Since September she has come regularly to our Sunday services to help us. The motto of the church camp



was: "serving by grace", and the central verse of the Bible was the

statement of the Apostle Paul about himself in 1. Cor. 15,10. We were very glad to hear precisely those things, that are central for us: To accept from God the love and care we didn't deserve, and to receive from God all the strength and all the abilities needed in order that God can do through us all the things He wishes to do.

Christine's Healing

In March this year, before we did our trip to Germany, Christine was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. That appears to be the reason, why Christine was so weak and couldn't eat many kinds of food. Several months and a half year later two blood tests were taken and finally the doctor stated: "The hepatitis is killed." Now Christine has regained most of her former strength and has a thirst for action. We thank all those who prayed for this healing.

Science Week at the Bamboo School

When we met Catherine Riley-Brian, we asked her, how we could help, she asked Reiner, a former physics teacher, to hold a science week at her Bamboo School during the holidays in October.



Bamboo School: Everyday things for experiments in physics



Reiner teaches physics at the Bamboo School

For the children of this orphanage a special program was organized during the holidays. Part of this program were daily physics lectures for the 9 students of classes 4 – 6 in the primary school and daily physics lectures for the 12 students of the secondary school. Each lesson took 90 minutes.

We had 7 days in total, namely 8 – 11 and 14 to 15 October. We talked about mechanics (mass velocity, acceleration, forces and energy), heat and electricity. We made experiments using simple household items like a bamboo stick, a sack of rice and a belt. Both students and teacher enjoyed these lectures.

Help by the Bamboo School

In return one evening three students of the Bamboo School came to us to clean our gutters. As it turned out that the scaffold they had brought with them could not be placed besides our house, they climbed onto our roof and cleaned the gutters. That was a difficult breakneck activity not planned this way before, and we are glad and grateful, that the boys came to ground again sound and safe, and that our gutters are free now of the earth and little trees that grew there before.

A gift from the Bamboo School:
Material and medicine for first help
and boxes to store them.

Children visiting us often need a
plaster or a treatment of wounds.
Some need also medication against
headache.



A small part of the great harvest

Our Garden and our House

Unfortunately the rainy season has ended. All our beans are harvested, and now the season of the pumpkins has come. We could harvest so many, that we could give some to others free. Christine found many ways to produce delicious meals with pumpkins: fried, cooked, sweet and spicy.

We have now quite a lot of young papaya trees and three new banana trees. They all grow very well. Again and again we are amazed, how quickly new seeds and saplings start growing and thrive.

To prevent our dogs to enter our garden we reinforced the fence by a wire-netting fence.

We could replace our old water pump outside our house by a new and excellent one inside the house. To make watering the garden simpler, we installed a spraying system in the garden, that saves a lot of time and effort.



The water sprayers for our vegetable patches



The new water pump

Finally our kitchen is safe from intruding cats.



Before and after renovation

Here is the proof:



The grille now goes up unto the roof. Thus it becomes absolutely impossible for a cat to overcome it.

Our room for guests urgently needs a new painting, because the children breaking into our house left such heavy soiling at the walls, that we couldn't remove it by washing. We must, therefore, paint the walls again.

Collaboration of two churches

Pastor Yupin Natthiwan, who now regularly has come to our Sunday services, came together with Pastor Bi from her church and we talked about the project of the planned village for children in need. It seems, that both have caught the vision and are ready to join us in preparing the foundation and to help us in our Sunday services. Sunday November 17 Pastor Bi will pick us up and bring us to his service. Without a car or a motorcycle it is impossible for us to go there. In the afternoon he will bring us home and help us in our service, especially in praising God.

Village for Children at Lum Sum

At October 30 we had another meeting with Khun Dentai and his son, who served as an interpreter. We give you the result of this talk: Khun Dentai intends to give us now 5 of the 100 rai (5 rai = 8000 m²) intended for the village and to build there a church for 100 people. We are to provide the plans and an estimate of the costs for this church until our next meeting 1.5 to 2 months later. Now we work hard for it. The big church at the center of the project is to follow later.

Death of Reiner's Mother

November 1st we got an email informing us about the sudden death of Reiner's mother the day before. During our last visit in April this year we had seen, that her strength had diminished considerably, and that this

encounter might be our last one. She had a clear mind and could live in her own home until her death, but she became increasingly weak. Reiner's sister and her husband, living within walking distance, looked after her in a wonderful way with a lot of efforts. Her death was a surprise for all, because she visited her grandson and his family and had lunch with them. When the grandson wanted to bring her back with his car to her home, she took a seat, fastened her seat belt, bowed forward and was dead.

Born in modest circumstances she worked hard and became a very successful teacher at primary schools. After the death of her husband Reiner kept close contact with her via telephone and had many trips and travels with her during the holidays. At the age of 60 she had begun to learn the Italian language, and a number of times they went together to northern Italy.



Reiner's mother in 2009

To be present at the funeral and to help, as far as possible his sister, Reiner flew to Germany for a week. He is very grateful , that he could have time to see the mother a last time before the coffin was closed, to see the coffin lying in the grave and to live some days the last time in the not yet changed house of his parents. He is grateful for good encounters with many relatives during these days. His soul was protected and comforted and in peace during these days.

Other things to come

At November 22 we shall have very dear visitors. The diaconesses Irene and Ingrid from Amerongen in the Netherlands will visit us the second time. They will stay with us more than 2 weeks. We look forward to it with a really big joy.

We give thanks

- for Christine's healing from hepatitis C,
- that Reiner could fly to the funeral of his mother,
- for the new strong water pump in our house,
- that our kitchen is now safe from cats and that Christine now can prepare meals without visits and assistance from cats,
- that a friend donated and sent us a Thai-Englisch dictionary, the very best we have got and very helpful for learning the language,
- for the great harvest in beans and pumpkins.

We pray:

- for wisdom and ideas for the ongoing planning of the village for children,
- for the next meeting with Khun Dentai to see together clearly the next steps to go,
- for 5 additional Thai Christians from Kanchanaburi province to start the foundation for the village for children,
- for a reliable person who helps us in our household, a help that is really urgently needed,
- for a pickup truck, a car we need urgently,
- for the visit of the two diaconesses from the Netherlands beginning at November 22.

We wish you, that you can keep calm in all the changes happening world wide at the moment, and that you experience the strength and help from God in everything that you will meet.

We are very grateful for the connection with with you.

Yours sincerely

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