

**The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province
Thailand**

Christmas 2018

Dear friends and prayer partners,

for Christmas we send you our greetings. We are grateful that you stand behind us and pray for us. We wish you a Christmas with the great joy at God becoming man like ourselves, and we wish you a great new year 2018 under God's blessing and protection.

Short news about us

The Sunday Services, the program for children at Saturday and the biweekly distribution of food and soap to the poor went on. Reiner got his work permit as Christian Missionary extended for an additional year. We both got the needed one year extension for our visa, but this required additional paperwork and 2 visits to Bangkok. We went to Khon Kaen to participate at the Ministerial Convention of our organization CTTM. We heard good teachings there, and we are glad, that they are with us. Reiner overhauled the German and English part of our website www.hennig-lumsum-online.de and the German songs there. He continued to learn Thai. Christine had to do a lot with correspondence and counseling via internet and passing on donations to India and Pakistan. We prepare our travel to Pakistan and booked the flight for March 2nd - 30th. While we are absent, one of our friends will be in the house. For Christmas and some days afterwards we expect a visit of dear German friends.

Christmas, the celebration of Love

Jesus, the Son of God, through whom God created the whole cosmos and everything in it, and who bears the whole cosmos by the power of His word, became a little child dependent on His earthly parents.

Jesus became a man, who could nothing do by Himself, but was totally dependent of His Heavenly Father for all of His life.

Jesus came into hostile territory: The ruler of this land had built an gorgeous Temple for God, but wanted to kill the person sent by God.

Jesus came into a country, where the Word of God was studied more than anywhere else on earth, and when the wise man came from the east and asked: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?", they were able to give the correct answer "at Bethlehem in Judaea", but no one of them went there to see and to honor the newborn king.

Jesus came into the People of God, where God was honored in a wonderful temple

with wonderful services and where in all towns and villages the people gathered each Saturday to listen to the word of God. But the religious leaders of this people became His fiercest enemies, who persecuted Him, hated him with a burning hate, slandered Him and caused him to be executed by the most cruel and shameful death penalty.

In the people, that venerates God, Satan rules, the enemy of God, and seduces people and destroys the lives of all persons and their relationships to God and to the fellow human beings. Men come into guilt and life destroying bondages. Many ruin their lives. There are people, who open themselves knowingly and willingly to powers of destruction and contribute to the destruction of many. Others try with all of their efforts to do good things. But Jesus had to say to such a "good" man, that all of his efforts are not sufficient, and that nothing less is needed than a total new birth of man effected by God.

Jesus came into the world created by God as good and beautiful. It is, however thoroughly damaged, rotten from within and decaying, hardly bearable by a person with a really clear view

Why did Jesus come into a world so broken? There is one reason only: Love.

It is love, why Jesus became man like us in order to be near to us, to be able to understand us and to feel our suffering and pain.

It is love, why Jesus went the whole walk of life for us in poverty, dependence, shame and death, and His love cost Him everything.

It is love, why Jesus gave everything for a world that hates Him, and for men not worth of it, who mostly don't give thanks to Him for it.

It is love, why Jesus makes possible for all the forgiveness of their guilt, liberation from curses and from wrong bondages.

It is love, why Jesus makes it possible for all, even the very weakest, to receive a new life in freedom and to do things helpful for themselves and for others.

It is love, why Jesus makes it possible for all, to become beloved children of the almighty God, safe and cared for in God's mighty hand and provided with everything they need.

It is love, why Jesus makes it possible for all, to love the same way He did, to serve out of love like Him and finally to rule like Him.

It is love, why Jesus makes it possible for all, to partake in His Gory and His Rule over everyone and everything.

It is love, why Jesus makes it possible for all, to have a life that will never end in a love, that never ends.

It is love, why Jesus paid everything needed for this all, but it is love, why He gives the freedom to everyone to accept or to refuse this offer. But how big is His pain, because so few accept it!

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus

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