

The Hennigs
Mission in Kanchanaburi Province / Thailand
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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
 that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Holy Bible : New International Version. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984, S. Joh 3,16

Dear friends and prayer partners,

we wish you a wonderful Advent season full of hope and a richly blessed peaceful Christmas.

We were surprised to hear, that there are no classes in our school during four days of this week because of the conferences all the other teachers had to attend. Thus we have some additional free days to write our last newsletter for this year.

Travel to Southern Thailand 23rd - 30th October 2012

A friend had invited us to come to Southern Thailand. during the last week of the midterm holidays of our school we spent several days at Phuket, the largest island of Thailand, and 2 days at a resort at the beach of the Indian Ocean. It was a time of relaxing with some very beautiful encounters, amongst others with a missionary who has lived by faith since decades, and a man who builds a mission ship for God.

Christine's Health

Many prayed for Christine's health. Their prayers were heard, and Christine has regained her strength nearly fully. She feels great now. We both are very glad about it and give our heartfelt thanks to all those who have prayed for her.

Marriage Seminar



We held our first marriage seminar at 24th November 2012 at the Thai Christian Leader Training Center in Bangkok. It was a small group only, 8 persons, that came, but they were very open and we got grateful feedbacks. For us it was very easy to hold this seminar, and our translator and the person in charge of the center cared in a wonderful way for us. We shall have this seminar during the next weeks in our church and at 28 February 2013 at Mueang Kanchanaburi Church

for the Churches at Kanchanaburi City. There are plans for additional marriage seminars next year.

Our Church

Teenager and children visit our Church Services but very rarely comes an adult. Even those who came often don't come now. we don't know why, it might be that those who want to come fear slander or even threats. In a village the social control is much stronger than in the big cities.

Since some weeks the Wat Khaosamchan, the Buddhist Temple within walking distance from our home, has become louder again. Our village is inundated by the sound of the ceremonies and rituals transmitted by loudspeakers, many times beginning as early as half past four in the morning. This chanting tries to take in the listeners. We proclaim the victory and Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ. We often blow the Shofar horn and have been known for it in the region.



During our Church Service at 4th November 2012 we distributed a questionnaire. We wanted to know what Jesus means to those who come, and how much they understand about the Christian faith. The teenagers who had come filled out 6 questionnaires, and we received a seventh one from an adult visiting our service 2 weeks later. We were surprised by the results. 5 persons checked the statements "Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.", "Jesus Christ died at the Cross and took upon himself the sicknesses and sins of man." "I am a child of God, because Jesus has brought me into a relationship with God." As some of the respondents never before had spoken to us about their faith, we were very surprised. 4 persons wanted to have the NIV Study Bible. We both had got one copy each last year at the big Christian Congress 7.5. The NIV translation has a simpler style and is thus easier to understand

than the Thai King James Version we have used up to now. This Study Bible contains a lot of helps for those who want to study the Bible. We are very grateful, therefore, that the Thailand Evangelism Committee donated us 7 of these study bibles, and we hope that they will help our young believers to growth in faith.

Khun Suriya



Our neighbour Khun Suriya went to the Lord at 8th November 2012. We had prayed for him since 28th July. Reiner went over to him nearly daily to have a Bible text read to him, to anoint him with oil, and to pray for him. Sometimes Christine came with him. The texts his wife and his son were asked to read to him and the Christian material we gave to Khun Suriya certainly will have an effect on them. At the request of his Buddhist wife Khun Suriya's funeral took place at Wat Khaosamchan. It was a big Buddhist celebration with many guests and many Buddhist monks, also from other Wats. At the end of the celebration a daughter of Khun Somsri (sister of Khun Suriya, Christian and an old friend of ours) gave a 5 minutes report about his life. She mentioned, that Khun Suriya has given his life to Jesus and that we came over

to pray for him regularly. Then Khun Somsri's family sang a Christian song about the Christian hope.

In the Village

Most people in our village greet us friendly and show us respect. Our school gives us a free lunch on the days we are at the school to teach.

House and Garden

Thanks to a very generous donation we could hire Khun Samran to do some projects for our house. He replaced the damaged door of our bathroom downstairs, opened the clogged sewage water duct, repaired the entrance door and started the long overdue painting of the exterior of our house.



Painting



before



and afterwards

Last week the tall Teak trees on our ground and on the adjacent ground were cut. The dark forest we were in before has disappeared. Now some last felled tree trunks and lots of branches have to be removed, the damaged fence has to be repaired and the then empty garden has to be newly planned and planted.



Christmas Celebrations

We plan a Christmas celebration in our garden at 22nd of December 2012. We don't know, how many children and adult will come 10, 20 or 140. We would like to have a midday meal and a small gift for each one of them. Our school will have a Christmas celebration at 25th December. May be we shall be asked to tell there something about Christmas

Helpers needed

We urgently need persons who support us in household and office and in our Sunday Services and could do work with the children here. The work here is too much for us. During the week again and again children come, and we don't have enough time and strength to give them what they need. we need someone who is there for them.

Please pray for us:

- The victory of Jesus needs to be revealed in our village.
- Persons in our village need to be free from occult bound and from intimidation to give their lives to Jesus.
- The young Christians here need God's protection to grow in faith, wisdom and love.
- We need protection against attacks by demons and magics.
- We need wisdom and love when encountering the people here.
- We need God's help for planning and preparing the Christmas celebrations.
- We need God's help for planning our travel to Germany April till beginning of May 2013. A friend from Thailand will travel together with us.
- Christine's mother is now 91 and Reiner's mother 87. We would like very much to see them at our travel to Germany in April 2013.

Thank you very much

for your prayers and for your financial support. We are very glad that we don't have any debt anymore and were able to pay all the invoices we got this year through it.

We wish you a good transition to the new year 2013 and look forward to stay in contact with you in that year, too.

May God bless you richly.

In deep gratitude yours

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