

The Hennigs
Mission in the Kanchanaburi province/Thailand
Newsletter 06/2012

Dear relatives, friends and prayer partners,

Thank you very much that you are so close to us, for your prayers and for your support.

Pupils supported by us

Wir support pupils living at our village, who are eager to learn and willing to attend the Highschool of our district (Sai Yok Manigan Withaya-Schule at Wang Pho, 8 km distant from our village). The families of these children, however, are too poor to afford the midday meals at school and the transport to school. Per pupil we pay a monthly amount of 1500 THB (47,50 US \$) plus a yearly contribution to the school uniform and two computer courses amounting to 2400 THB (76 US \$).

We asked these pupils for short statements:



"My name is Noi. I am 17 years old. I like to play music with a saxophone und a guitar. I love my two younger brothers. In school I love especially art and computer. I am now in my 3rd year at the school. I shall leave school after this year to become a baker and confectioner."

"My name is Phatson Aeamun. I am 14 years old. I attend the 2nd class of my school. I like to go to school and I like to learn. My favorite subjects are sports, art, Thai language and cooking. I love cats and dogs. As my mother often goes outside to work, I did all the household work. During the weekends I often work outside to earn money for my family. I plan to finish school after the 3rd year. After finishing school I want to become a teacher for elementary schools." (Her nickname is Ploi.)



„My name is Nantida Petchtaptim, my nickname ist Pop. I am 13 years old and visit now the 1st year of my school. I want to do all the 6 years of my school. I want to become a High School Teacher for art and computers. At school I like most Thai language and Thai dance. Outside the school I cook for the 8 persons of the household I live in." (Since the death of her mother Khun Nian she has lived in the family of her half sister in the house of her half sister's father in law.)

Who is willing to support Khun Sa?



Khun Sa, the woman we pay to work in our Garden was hit hard. On April 16th, 2012 a violent storm did much damage in our village. In the land we live on 5 trees were uprooted. A big tree near the house of Khun Sa was uprooted, too, and crashed on her home, leaving it uninhabitable. Through the broken roof the rain came in and destroyed most things in the house. Khun Sa was divorced some months ago and has to care for her 3 children, aged 2, 4 and 6 years.

The mayor of our village gave her a one time support of 3000 THB (about 95 US\$), and the state of Thailand gives her free medical treatment for herself and 2 of her children. Her relatives, however, don't support her financially. Another family received her and her children into their house, Khun Sa, however has to pay for it 50 THB per day plus costs for water and electricity. Khun Sa's weekly income, however, is 800 THB (25.37 US \$) or less.



Teaching at Khaosamchan Primary School (โรงเรียนบ้านเขาสามชั้น):

In April 2012 Pujai Deng, the mayor of our village Khaosamchan, asked us, whether we would be willing to teach English at the primary school of our village. Thai friends had recommended us to teach part time at a school in order to get visa for teachers. This way is safer than trying to get visa as Christian missionaries, because Thailand reduces the numbers of visa slots for Christian missionaries more and more. Therefore we decided to teach at this school. Since March this year we have a stamp in our passport stating that we are as volunteers in Thailand. That means, we are not allowed to earn any money in Thailand. Therefore we agreed to teach at the school without income, and that Christine works together with Reiner in class during the lessons. It had been a dream of Christine for a long time to teach. And it is much more effective and pleasant to have 2 persons teaching together as a team.

Our school has 3 preschool classes and the 6 classes of the primary school, one class for each year. English is taught at the school with 1 hour (60 min.) per week in classes 1, 2 and 3, and with 2 hours at classes 4, 5 and 6. It was the wish of the director and of all teachers at the school that we teach English in all classes. We agreed, and thus we shall know and teach all the children in our village who attend our primary school. We have a call from God to serve our village Khaosamchan and we see it as a great gift from God and a very big help to be more deeply involved in the village situation.

There was very much to do to get the work permit and the visa. The director of our school and Khun Tip, a friend of her, worked very hard to get all the documents required. For the work permit alone 19 documents or groups of documents were needed. We, too, had to spend many hours to fill out forms, to copy documents and to sign the copies, to visit offices and to learn, that a new contact with this office is

needed, because something was missing or insufficient. As our previous visa ended at May 30th, we had to pay 3800 THB (120.75 US \$) to stay longer in Thailand to get 7 days more in Thailand. As the paperwork couldn't be finished during this short time, we had to go to Laos, in order to get there Non-Immigrant Visa type B (for teachers and students) for 3 months. Visa and travel expenses were about 11500 THB (365,43 US \$). We shall have to apply for one year visa in Thailand and for the corresponding extension of our work permits and we shall have to pay for it at least 5500 THB (about 138 US \$).

House for Babies:

We had to postpone our project of a house for unwanted babies. It became very clear to us, that we have a calling to serve at our village Khaosamchan. That means that we can't run a house at our provincial capital. Besides we learned that the house we thought about was rented to others soon. The house belonging to the mayor, which might have been a first small house for abandoned babies in our village, is now used by others living there.

We think, that the village for children in need must be built and run not by foreigners, but by local people renewed by Christ. We see it as a pilot project for similar projects in rural Thailand and South East Asia, that can be implemented by poor villages and churches with their own means. Therefore it is of utmost importance for us to know the local situation very well and to have the trust of the authorities and of the people here. We see our work at school as an important step towards this goal. The most important foundation for our project, however, is a real spiritual breakthrough in our village, our district and in our province.

Marriage Seminars:

We had the contents of our planned marriage seminar checked. Due to the many things we had to prepare for the school, we were not able to work on the details of the seminar during the last weeks. We plan now our first marriage seminar in July or August.

Christine's Health:

Please continue to pray for a full recovery of Christine. After her severe illness last September she never regained full strength. There were some weeks in April, when Christine's health and her strength improved considerably. Since then, however, came one attack to her health after the other. At the moment she can go on somehow by taking medicine only.

May God bless you richly.

In deep gratitude yours

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