

# *The Hennigs*

## *Mission in Kanchanaburi province/Thailand*

### *Newsletter 10/2012*

*Dear relatives, friends and prayer partners,*

we are still alive. We had intended to write you earlier, but we had not enough strength. Now we can do it and tell you what happened here from July until October 2012.

### *School*

To teach at the primary school of our village has been a very important part of our life. Christine never before had taught children at school, but she goes for it with great joy and zeal. She has got many ideas and has produced a lot of material for teach in in class. Reiner, too, likes very much to teach again. We teach in English, but we need to use the Thai language in order to understand some remarks in Thai for teachers in our books. And certain things are much easier to understand if we explain them in Thai. We have to select the words to be learned and to determine their correct pronunciation of their Thai counterparts. There are good resources (dictionaries, [www.clickthai.net](http://www.clickthai.net)) for it, but it takes some additional effort.



Most of our 140 pupils have big difficulties in learning by heart. Many don't dare to open their mouth, because they are afraid to make mistakes. A task to "practice in pairs" can be successfully done only, if the teacher explains everything in this task and lets the whole class recite in choir all the sentences to be spoken and to repeat it again and again, until each one of the pupils is able to speak these sentences aloud. Then only they are able to practice in pairs. The words to be learned and their meaning in English are chanted aloud by the whole class repeatedly. To prepare these lectures and to



correct the notebooks and tests written by the pupils took much time, especially in September, because we had to inform the director about the grades we had to give to all our 140 pupils until end of September. After the first week of October we had 3 weeks holidays. Our relationship with the director of our school and with the other teachers is good and agreeable.



*Pupils as dance group during a school festival*



*The director of our school (r.) gives a colleague an official farewell*

## *Visa*

We got an extension of our visa and our work permits until the end of our school year at 30 March 2013. We were not happy, however, about the total amount of 17600 THB (more than 440 Euro) we had to pay for it in spite of the fact, that we are not allowed to earn any money in Thailand, because we have a stamp in our passport stating we are volunteers in Thailand..

## *Our Church*

During the last months came the 3 teenagers we support and some children. Khun Samran came sometimes. As we have no translators, we have to prepare the services in Thai language. It is mostly Reiner who preaches, and he was even able to preach freely in Thai. Some children from poor families visited us several times to play here and to get some food.

## *Khun Suria*

Khun Suria is a brother of Khun Somsri. Khun Somsri, a Christian woman, was born in our village and lives now in Northern Thailand. She has been praying a lot for our village and was very glad that Christine came to live in Khaosmchan. She phoned us at 28 July 2012, to see her brother and to pray for him. The physicians had found cancer in the colon and in the liver. We came over and prayed for him, and this buddhist family asked us to come daily and pray for Khun Suria. Reiner has come over nearly every evening to their home, which is next to our house. He has asked his wife or his son to read aloud a bible text he selected, and anointed Khun Suria with oil and prayed for him. Seen from a medical point of view it is hopeless, however we have claimed the Scripture in Matthew 8,16.17 about Jesus: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

## *About our health*

At 28 August Reiner was bitten by our dog Thongkam Treu into his right hand, when he tried to separate her from another dog near our school. He had to be brought to our District Hospital to treat the wounds and to undergo treatment against rabies and tetanus. During the following weeks he had to go daily to the hospital to get his wounds cleaned and dressed and to receive additional injections against the diseases. The wounds healed very quickly with nearly no traces left. Reiner can use his hand fully as before. Christine, who had a very heavy infection during her time in October, had lost her strength so much, that she could only work few hours per day. During the last weeks in school she became several times so weak, that she had to stay in bed and was forced to leave to Reiner to teach the lessons she wanted to give at school. Friends prayed in faith for her health, and she got her old strength nearly totally



*Our animals come with us to the bus stop.*

back again. The hot and humid rainy season we had the last 6 months was stressing for both of us. Thus we often had not the strength to stow away all the things we had used the day over. And we didn't have the power to write a letter to our friends.

### *Esther*

Esther visited us for one week. She comes from South Africa and is totally committed to Jesus and has a lot of experiences living with God. since 17 years she has trusted in God, that He will provide everything she needs. She had already taught English at a school in Thailand for 3 years, and now she visited friends in Thailand again. One of her friends, who had come to know us via internet had urged her to visit us. She came, and we quickly discovered that we follow the same line, and we strengthened and encouraged each other a lot. She helped us a lot in practical things, too.



### *School holidays 10. - 31. October 2012*

The school holidays gave us finally the occasion to approach things we should have done already. The first two weeks we spent mainly by making order in our house, and we could nearly finish it. The last week we were invited to go to the South of Thailand

### *Marriage Seminar 24 November 2012*

We are very grateful to God that He let grow the love between us very much, especially during the last months. That has been an excellent preparation for our marriage seminar, that will take place at the Thai Christian Leader Center at Bangkok on Saturday, 24 November 2012 from 10:00 to 15:00. For us it is a decisive aspect of the Christian marriage, that the Love of God becomes the basis of the marriage and not our own feelings. To help others to live a good and fruitful marriage will certainly be an important part of our ministry in Thailand.

### *Learning the Thai Language*

We made a new attempt to learn Thai, and we could do something during the holidays. For Christine it is difficult to keep the learned words in the memory. Reiner translates a lot for the Sunday Services, and with sufficient preparation he is able to read Thai texts correctly and to be understood by the listeners. We use a lot the help we get from computer and internet to understand that language better, which differs so much from the European languages.

### *Workers wanted*

We urgently need helpers who support us in the household and in office, in preparing the Church Services and for the work with children. We alone can't do it.

Thank you very much for your interest, for your prayers and for your financial support.

May God bless you richly.

In deep gratitude yours

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