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NEWSLETTER March – April 2011

Dear friends and prayer partners!

We cordially thank you for your interest, and your faithfulness, for your e-mails and your prayers.

Khun Nian

On March 4th, 2011, surprisingly a meeting took place in our house. The participants were several employees of the Office of Social Development and Human Security of our province, the mayor of our municipality (Tambon), a Community developer responsible for our

Tambon, Khun Nian's daughter Pum together with her husband, Khun Nian and we. At this meeting it was decided, that Khun Nian shall be cared for by her daughter Pum Monday to Thursday day and night and by us Friday to Sunday day and night. Khun Nian protested in vain against that ruling. By that arrangement we were

free to do things outside of Lum Sum from Monday to Thursday. We realized, however, that the positive development of Khun Nian's health and abilities ended and that she was worse more and more each time she was brought to us. Her pronunciation and her digestion became worse and worse, and she lost more and more weight.



In April 3rd she asked to stay with us during the whole week. In order to get an official confirmation we invited the mayor of our village, and he invited in turn her Daughter Pum and her husband. After we had declared our readiness all agreed to Khun Nian's wish. Unfortunately, during the following weeks the situation of Khun Nian deteriorated more and more. The digestion was catastrophically bad, and her weight decreased from day to day and she became weaker and weaker.

Shortly before midnight April 12th to 13th we had to bring her by an ambulance to a hospital in Kanchanaburi. Afterwards her decline went on faster and faster. She asked to be brought to Pum to her daughter for a day on April 21st. Her daughter took her to her home at 11 o'clock and at 3 p.m. we were informed by her husband that she had died. She was 48 years old.

On the Easter Sunday we celebrated an hour of commemoration for her in our church. Her Husband Khun Ot and her youngest daughter Pop came. We gave Khun Nian back to God and preached about the word of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life."

Services:

Much fewer persons came to our Church Services, and we do not know all the reasons. Khun Samran, one of the oldest members of our church, was forced by his relatives to become a Buddhist monk for some time. Poor people in this country see no other possibility to pay for a Buddhist funeral than that a male member of the family becomes a Buddhist monk for a short time. After this time Khun Samran came again to our Service and repented publicly for it.

One Sunday nobody came except Malin and Khun Nian could make a great confession of her sins 3 weeks before her death. On another Sunday when except Malin nobody had come Ploi brought her mother who wanted us to pray for her healing. Meanwhile Ploi's mother is better.

Personal:

For the unity in our marriage we are very grateful and we always experience that the love between us grows more and more. We felt that we needed relaxation urgently because the preparations for our departure to Thailand in last September were extremely exhausting and we had not gone on any longer holiday since then. So we were glad that we had to have to go to Laos for 5 days to renew our visa. We are grateful, because we got visa until middle of June without problems. The expected recreation failed, however, because Christine got a very heavy food poisoning, and we had to go to the medical emergency service once in the morning and once at 3 o'clock at night. We could have a short, but very helpful vacation in a nearby hotel at March 28.-

31st. The increasingly difficult situation of Khun Nian and the full time care for more than 2 weeks has exhausted Christine very much.

To ease our work load we have hired Khun Fon for one day per week. She washes dishes, cleans the house and washes and irons our laundry. She is a very fast, thorough and reliable worker.

We still have hardly found time to learn the Thai language and writing. This will be one of our most important tasks in the next months..

CTTM (Christ to Thailand Missions):

We went to the Pastoral Leaders Training in Sangklaburi at 22. - 24. 3.2011. It was organized by CTTM, the organization our church belongs to in Thailand. We found it very good and have met pastors, who are totally dedicated to Jesus. We are very pleased about the spiritual orientation of CTTM. In addition, we learned there that we can immediately join to Goodwill Foundation of CTTM, as soon as we get the money for the purchase of the property of the planned children's village.

With the owner of this property and his wife we had a very beautiful meeting again. He very much still likes to be ready to sell the property to us for this purpose.

Our current prayer requests:

1. We need urgently relaxation.
2. We must finally learn the Thai language and writing.
3. Protection for our mind, soul and body.
4. Michael, the husband of Malin, did not go on holidays for years. He thinks now about taking a longer timeout with us at Lum Sum to get refreshment, to work on his relationship to God, to his wife and to his son from his first marriage, and to get a new perspective for his business in the future.

Yours in Christ Jesus

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