

The Hennigs
Missions in Kanchanaburi Province / Thailand
Newsletter 12 / 2013

Blessed and merry
Christmas
A peaceful year 2014
amidst all the turmoil
these days

Dear friends and prayer partners,

with this letter we send you current informations about the last four weeks here.

Visit from the Netherlands

The two diaconesses, Sister Irene and Sister Ingrid from the Zendings Diaconessenhuis Amerongen/Netherlands paid us a visit for almost 3 weeks. We had a very beautiful and warm meeting and they helped us also very much in the household. Christine has known Sister Irene for about 30 years and both sisters had already visited us 3 years ago in Thailand. This spring we could spend some very beautiful days at their house with them in Amerongen.

House and garden

Our garden for vegetables is protected now by wire netting and the fence of the other garden is repaired. Quite a lot of papaya trees prosper there now. For the first time we could reap many big bananas in our garden. The new water pump and the spraying system in our garden work excellently, but we have a big leak somewhere hidden in the walls of the house by which much water is lost, if we want to pump out water into the house. We must, therefore, carry the water in buckets into our restrooms at the moment. We are grateful for good and reliable employees in the garden and since yesterday in the household, too. They come to us two half days per week.

Our Sunday service

For several weeks our teenagers have hardly ever come to our Sunday services. Somnoek, however, the first Christian baptiyed by Christine and her coworker, has

coming again to us since some weeks. He had moved to another place, but had moved back to our village. He works now for the newly elected mayor of our village and organized at once a visit of the new mayor in our house. It was a good encounter. To our Sunday services Ajarn Yupin and Ajarn Bi, who lead a church in village number 11 of our Tambon (municipality or sub district) Lum Sum have come now regularly to our Sunday service in order to help us. Ajarn Bi plays keyboard and guitar and leads the praise in the service. Their help is a great gift for us. Several times we attended their Sunday services. That is possible, because their service takes place in the morning, whereas our service in the late afternoon. They will help us at our Christmas party on December 28th.

Yookprakun Church at Si Yok Noi

On December 2nd preacher Arija and three members of the Yookprakun Church at Si Yok Noi paid us a visit and gave us 250 comics that show Christmas and the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ. This present helped us to have this year, too, a Christmas party for our village and especially for its children. Also with this church we want to keep a close connection. It is our wish and prayer that all Christians in our Amphoe (administrative district) are one in Jesus and serve each other.

Church and children's village

At the moment there are four Thai persons ready to participate in our planned foundation. The plans for our church have advanced so far, that they have been passed on to a civil engineer and an architect. Christine has a clear vision of the big glass window in the church and she works very hard now to prepare the window.

The house of our neighbor Khun Boon

The big house next to us was the home of Khun Boon, who died there November last year. Since that time this house had been empty. We would have liked to rent it, because the air condition in that house would be beneficial to the computers in our office (and, by the way, to us, too), and we could install there our house for babies in need. We just got the information, that this house is not for rent, but for sale only.

We are very grateful for the connection with you.

Yours sincerely

Christine und Reiner Hennig

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Dear friends and prayer partners,

during November we had a lot to do. Mid of December we decided to write letters that were long overdue, and we added a short newsletter for December. We sent a number of letters and emails, but then so many things were to do, that many letters and emails we intended to send couldn't be sent. Now we finally have got more space and time to send them. We use this occasion to inform you of the things that have happened since mid of December.

Christmas

On December 17th we went to the Christmas party of Yookprakhun Church at Sai Yok Noi. This church is a daughter church of Yookprakun Church in Bangkok. A team of the mother church came and helped to make this a very good celebration, including a very clear presentation of the gospel and a prayer for sick persons.

We celebrated our Christmas party on December 28th. 40 Children and 10 adults came. A big help for it were Ajan Bi and Ajan Yupin and a group of young people from the USA. This group had set out for a mission trip going to 11 countries for one month each. They stayed in Thailand with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Kanchanaburi.

YWAM Kanchanaburi had its Christmas Party the next day. They live in a small village about 30 km distant from us in the same district (Amphoe). Reiner went there and found a good celebration and precious encounters. We want to keep a closer contact with them, as they are called as we are to serve God in a Thai village.

Sunday Services

We are very grateful for the help we get from Ajan Yupin and Ajan Bi in our Sunday services. Both lead a small Church at Village No 11 in the same subdistrict (Tambon) as we. We live in village No 2. Ajan Bi leads our worship in a very good and anointed way. Learning new Thai songs has been a very big work for us up to now.

We like to go to their service, too. It is a poor church, but we feel there a liberty for the Holy Spirit to work, and we see there an unusually high percentage of men active in the service.

Twice we had persons in our service who made a there special program for the children who came.

Teaching at our Local Primary School

We continue to teach English one hour per week at our local primary school. The director of the school promised us to continue our work contract for the next school year. Up to now this contract was the reason that we could get our visa for one year. We don't know, however, whether the director will be able to give us the new contract.

Visitors

During the time of 10 – 30 January we had the privilege to have Rouven Schmeichel with us. He spent time with us before going to a Bible School in New Zealand for half a year. This fine young man follows Jesus in much of the same way as we do. With him we visited some of our friends. It was a very good time for him and for us.

Khun Somnuek, the first person coming to Christ when Christine came to our village Ban Kaosamchan had moved away and become member in another church. We got the impression that he had really grown in faith during this time. Now he has moved back to our village and came several times to our Sunday Services. He works for the newly elected mayor of Ban Khaosamchan. Directly after his first visit with us he organized a visit of the mayor in our home the next day. That was a very good encounter.

Malin, who had worked with us for years came twice to visit us during the weekend. The translations she could give were a great help for us during the Service and encounters with other persons.

The two younger brothers of Noi have given their lives to Jesus. Their mother is a Buddhist, but she is very glad about the positive effects it has in her sons and gladly allows them to come to us.

Noi came to visit us. He is a very gifted young Man, and we had gladly supported his High School attendance. We regretted his decision to leave school and to go to

work in a repair shop for motorcycles instead. He told us, that he would have liked very much to continue High School. His mother, however, had become so ill that she couldn't earn money herself, and thus he had to earn the money to feed her and his two younger brothers. He works now 6 days per week with 10 hours each for 7200 THB per month. That is about less than 220 US \$ or 170 €. In his "free" day he attends a school for adults in order to get his high school degree, but this requires very hard and concentrated work. It seems to us, that a better solution for Noi has to be found, because we think, that the present work load is too much for him.

House and Garden

We couldn't find the leak for the water in our house. We had to lay some new tubing inside and outside the hose, but we could thus eliminate the big leak. We are very glad, that we can use now our taps and showers everywhere in the house again. This big repair was done by the very good and efficient worker we can have in our garden. We are very pleased with his help.

Since Mid December Khun Fon has again worked in our house. She had worked for us, but had interrupted it when she got a new baby. She is a very hard working, reliable and thoughtful worker and is a very big help to Christine for washing, ironing and mending clothes, washing dishes and cleaning the house.

Church and Children Village

We have got the 7 Thai persons needed to start our foundation in Thailand. Now we have to work out the purpose and the statutes of this foundation and to open a bank account for it in order to apply for the recognition of the foundation by the authorities of the province of Kanchanaburi.

When reading our notes we discovered shortly before Christmas, that there was a very clear prophecy stating that of all the houses of the children village the big round church in the center is the first to be built. We have had, therefore, no longer the liberty to build a smaller church first, as we had planned up to then. We informed Khun Dentai about it, but had no answer from him up to now.

Together with Malin we visited the now 80 years old owner, who had offered us until last year a land of 151 rai. He had sold it in the meantime to another person, but that person did not pay the land until the appointed date. Now he offered us 50 rai. As the costs for land in our village have increased quite considerably during the last years, he wants to sell us the land for an increased price. His dream is to see the first building of the village when he is yet alive. He offers us

the land at 2/3 of the normal value. As a first step I would be sufficient, if we buy 30 rai (4.8 ha = 48 000 m² = 11.86 acre). As his wife is now in the hospital at Bangkok, he needs money very quickly and is ready to sell the land, if he can get the money within 4 weeks.

We give thanks

- for much help from God for preaching and teaching
- for the working water supply in our house.
- For good workers helping us in our garden, our house and at our Sunday Services

We pray

- for new one year visa
- for a good and quick preparation and recognition of our foundation
- that we can buy and pay the land for our children village until the end of February
- for a good solution for Noi, that gives him enough strength and time for learning, enough recreation and an income that allows him and his family to live well

We are very grateful for the connection with you.

Yours sincerely

Christine und Reiner Hennig

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We can withdraw cash from this account via ATM in Thailand. The expenses for it are much less than for a transfer from a German account to a Thai account.

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