

The Hennigs Missions in Kanchanaburi Province Thailand

Newsletter 06 2024

Lum Sum, May 28, 2024

Dear friends,

The rainy season has now begun here, with some days still very hot, but others much cooler and therefore more bearable due to overcast skies or heavy tropical rain.

The response from our friends to our last newsletter was overwhelming. Many are praying for us. Within a week we received so many donations, some of them from people we had not expected at all, and in completely unexpectedly high amounts, that we had a conversation with the doctor the following Saturday in which we informed him that we had decided in favor of the major operation.

The following Monday, May 19, Christine was admitted to the hospital and given a single room, where Reiner has been also with Christine almost all the time. On the same day, Christine had a CT scan of her whole body. On May 20, we were informed of the results by 2 doctors. The tumor on the rectum had already affected neighboring organs, but had not yet spread widely throughout the body. However, it is much larger than a fist and cannot be removed by surgery in this condition. For an operation, it would have to be sufficiently reduced in size by chemotherapy and radiotherapy. As we have both been strictly opposed to chemotherapy and radiation for years, we decided to have a new anus placed in Christine's bowel to avoid the imminent threat of bowel obstruction by the tumor. The doctors gave Christine a maximum life expectancy of six months. If God wants Christine to live, He will have to perform a miracle. We have left the choice up to HIM and are very at peace about it, because HE is omnipotent and knows everything and loves Christine and all those affected infinitely.

This operation was successfully performed on Christine that same evening at 9 pm. The new connection between the colon and the abdominal wall has grown together well. Only the bowel has not yet adjusted to the new situation. As she subsequently experienced unbearable pain in her abdomen, a second CT scan was ordered, which showed inflammation in the part of the colon that was no longer being used. These inflammations are now being treated and Christine is being given strong painkillers. As soon as these inflammations have subsided and Christine can sit and stand up again without discomfort, she can be discharged from the hospital

and go home. Until then, our staff will take care of our houses and properties and look after our cats.

Reiner is doing well at the moment. We have more time together than ever before. God has carried us through this time wonderfully.

We thank you for all your sympathy and prayers and send you our warmest regards

Yours in Christ Jesus

Christine und Reiner Hennig

Addendum from Monday, June 3, 2024 by Christine

Dear friends,

The new situation requires a lot of adjustment. Now we've been back home late in the afternoon since June 1st, THANK GOD! After 13 days of bed rest and being washed, finally being able to wash my hair again and shower myself, how wonderful!

The current situation looks like this: Next Friday I have to go back to the hospital for a follow-up examination. I am coping well with emptying the bag that collects the bowel contents at my new artificial bowel outlet (stoma). When lying down and lying on my back at an angle (which is also possible with my wheelchair), I can also sit without any problems, so I'm doing quite well. Otherwise, moving, bending over and turning sideways to the left is still quite painful. Good things take time.

The tumor is still inside me and can't be removed by surgery. Unless God performs a miracle and I am healed, the stoma will remain until I die. But there are far worse things. And the miracle that Reiner and I have lived in peace since the first day of the diagnosis is no small thing, yes, it is a great gift from the Lord.

God does not make mistakes. Who knows what else He has planned for us! In any case, this whole affair served to shake people up. The shocks went deep for many, and also that we are so at peace and had already let go of each other before our marriage. My spouse is not my property.

And now well over 1000 people are praying for me in several countries. I am very grateful for that. But most of them are praying for healing and not for God's will to

be done in my life. There seem to be only a few Christians who are really convinced that dying and being with Christ is far better and more beautiful (Phil. 1, 21 and 23). It pains us both greatly to see how little Christian hope, which all Christians are entitled to, is for many a genuine reason for deep joy and for an expectation of glory that characterizes their lives. How little will such Christians be able to endure when their life with Jesus is suddenly threatened with death!

Thank you for your solidarity and your prayers

Yours in Christ Jesus

Christine