

The Hennigs Missions in Kanchanaburi Province Thailand

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Dear friends and prayer partners,

Due to overcast skies or heavy tropical rain, it is now much cooler and therefore more bearable during the rainy season. The current newsletter is written by Christine, who is most affected by our current situation.

Christine Margarete Hennig: Thoughts on prayer for healing

Part 1

Several years ago, I prayed in a team of Christians for the sick that they would get better and get well. This is in line with Jesus' command, see Matthew 10:8, among others. Some were healed, some were not, others died. But we must also give God the freedom to act how, when and where HE wants. We cannot heal on our own initiative, but only when it is exactly His will at that moment.

I myself have experienced several times how Jesus has saved me, often at the last second, made me healthy and restored me, with and without prayer.

Just 2 examples of several:

Example 1: I went on "home leave" from Thailand to Germany for a few weeks. One afternoon I became weaker and weaker and was transferred to the university hospital. I was no longer able to do anything at night, in need of total care and dependent on a wheelchair. On the day I was discharged, the doctor in charge said, "If you had come just one day later, there would have been nothing more we could have done for you. We did everything we could, that was all we could do." A massive streptococcal and staphylococcal infection with 3 different pathogens had completely paralyzed me and almost killed me.

Example 2: There were many times in my life that were characterized by extreme hardship, despair, suicide attempts, etc. I didn't know why this was happening. What was wrong with me?

I was admitted to 3 different psychiatric wards 5 times in my life, some of them in closed wards. All attempts and various therapies, medication, etc. did nothing. During my last stay, the head doctor of the clinic told me: "No one can help you anymore, only the Holy Spirit." As I had nothing left to lose, I agreed to let the Holy Spirit help me. If anyone now thinks that everything is fine, far from it! It was a process.

It was only years later that I was able enough for God to confront me with the truth. First came the breakdown, followed by 1 ½ years of disability pension and only then, years later, was Jesus able to set me completely free. I was a different, new person. I forgave my abusers and rapists, but that was also a process. That was 15 years ago now.

Part 2

In the meantime, about 17 years have passed since I worked and prayed with the healing team. I am now 70 years old,

Diagnosis: Colon carcinoma (colon cancer) with spread to the neighboring organs, but not yet to the other internal organs. That was the first shock.

The operation to remove the tumor was planned. After the second CT scan, the real shock came on May 21, 2024: this cancer is already far too large and is inoperable! Life expectancy according to the doctors: a maximum of 6 months.

A colon stoma (artificial bowel outlet) was inserted during the night to prevent an intestinal obstruction.

As a palliative patient, I was discharged after 2 weeks.

Now I want to report on my Experiences afterwards.

I was clearly very shocked at first. My husband and I hadn't expected it.

My husband and I have rejected chemotherapy and radiotherapy for years, as we do now. I/we still believe that God can do miracles and still heals today, because he created the whole universe out of nothing.

I received so many letters, hundreds of people are praying for me, for both of us. Almost all of them, with very few exceptions, pray for healing, healing, healing. Some prayed as if they were manipulating God, challenging Him, pressuring Him or imposing their will on Him. Some proclaimed healing as if they themselves were God and used "in the name of Jesus". But was it in his name? I myself felt ignored, disregarded, even abused by all the prayers.

Part 3

Only two people asked: "What do you want, Christine?" Everyone else prayed - for healing.

Jesus also asked people: "What do you want?" "Lord, that I may receive my sight". "Lord, that I may be healed." The sick and the healthy had their expectations and ideas of how Jesus should act, intervene and heal. The woman with the gynecological bleeding also wants to go unnoticed. She only touches the hem of Jesus' skirt and believes that this will heal her. But Jesus seeks contact with her. He always sought contact with people. And Jesus did not heal everyone. Jesus needed authority from the Father in heaven. Jesus did not have this authority automatically, as we usually think. (See *John 5:19, John 5:30, John 8:28, John 8:42, John 14:10*) See, for example, the sick at the pool of Bethesda, (*John 5:2* and following) only ONE was healed! But the others wanted to be healed too, didn't they?

I also never heard from anyone: "What does God want with this, does he have a specific purpose?" But this thought rarely came up! During these weeks, I too often had the impression that it was all about healing and nothing else. God, His will, didn't come up at all. "You can't die, you still have to work for the Lord!" But what if God has a different opinion? What if God has something completely different in mind that we cannot see or know?

Is the LORD my LORD or am I? If HE is the LORD, then I am also subject to HIM. Is HE the LORD over life and death? Whereby death, that is yes defeated anyway, we Christians go but home!

Part 4

If God heals everyone, as most Christians now believe, why didn't he give Nick Vujicic

arms and legs and took Joni Eareckson Tada out of her paralysis and wheelchair, to name just two? That's a small thing for him! Yes, I believe that! Well, nobody in the world would know them. But so they have become world-famous with their proclamation of God and His Kingdom and are living testimonies. In doing so, they have given God more glory than if HE had healed them. In the midst of being wounded, weak and dependent on help, then giving God the glory, doesn't it count much more than being unharmed and healthy? Quoting Paul from 2 Corinthians 12:9 *But he said to me: "My grace must be sufficient for you, for my power is mighty in the weak." Now I am even proud of my weakness, because the power of Christ rests on me.* Pride even in illness? Yes, because this gives us the chance to come into closer contact with the Lord, to become more dependent on Him. It's about the Lord and not about ourselves, that's how it should actually be.

A very pious woman once wrote to me at when I had been in a wheelchair for a while: "You need to be healed, because God can only use healthy people in his service". Please, how absurd is that! I have not found this anywhere in the Bible. Please tell me the passage if you have found it.

Part 5

Do we believe that God knows our situation and the situation of all those who depend on us or who cling to us very well and knows better what they and we really need? Do we believe that God is able to give us and all of them exactly what is necessary and helpful? Do we believe that God, who is love, loves not just temporarily, but always and really means well with us and them all? If we believe this, we need not worry at all about the bereaved and can leave confidently and happily when God calls us.

Part 6

Is HE the LORD over life and death? Death is defeated anyway. We Christians go but home! Ooooh! Don't we have a living hope? Why do even Christians push this thought aside? "You must not die!"

Lukas 14:33 Therefore none of you can be my disciple unless you part with all that you have.

Saying goodbye to our own ideas of how God should work is also part of this. Letting the LORD really be LORD, that's what it's all about. But where does JESUS come in? Do we believe that HE loves us, that HE knows everything much better, that HE walks with us even in the most terrible illness?

What I have noticed for years, no matter in which country, is that it is more about "me, me, mine, me" and, to put it piously, "It's all about serving the Lord". But Jesus is left out.

Pastors, leaders, bishops, deacons, evangelists, teachers, Christians wake up!!!! It's about Jesus, His kingship and not about us!

Romans 8:18 By the way, I think that the sufferings of the present time are of no importance at all in comparison with the glory that will be revealed in us .

Romans 8:19 The entire creation is waiting indeed eagerly awaits the day when the children of God will be revealed in all their glory.

Now we come to the essentials.

Jesus prays in *John 17:24*: "Father, I want all those you have given me to be with me where I am. I want them to be able to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me - even before the creation of the world. "

Do you feel this longing, this desire of Jesus for his people? To finally take the wedding feast with HIM? To be in eternal fellowship with those for whom HE himself gave away his life and perished in the most brutal way?

Revelation 19:6 Then I heard a song of rejoicing that seemed to come from a choir of many voices. It sounded like the roaring of a strong surf and at the same time like the loud rolling of thunder: "Hallelujah! / Blessed be God! / Our Lord, the almighty God, / has now taken over!

Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! / For now the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself beautiful for it,

Revelation 19:8 clothed in bright white linen." The fine linen represents the righteous deeds of the saints.

Where is the love for Jesus that can hardly bear the fact that it still cannot see him face to face? Where do we find this living hope of being united with Jesus for an eternity, where is this longing to go home to HIM rather than to be here on this earth one day longer? Christian brothers and sisters, this is far more, indescribably more, than being healed!

Paul wrote in *Philippians 1:23* I feel torn. On the one hand, I long to cross over and be with Christ, because that would be the best thing by far;

Philippians 1:24 on the other hand, it is more necessary because of you to stay alive.

He knew this longing, do we know it too?

Christine Margarete Hennig, Lum Sum 27.06.2024

"Christine, how are you", I am asked so often. Here is my answer:

Almost 2 months have passed since I was informed, that my tumor is inoperable and has already spread to the surrounding organs, that I only have a maximum of 6 months to live. I have been spared severe pain so far, but the tumor continues to grow inside me and I can feel the effects and my body is fighting against it. One of the effects of this is that I am becoming weaker and weaker and am now able to cope with much less than before. I used to be able to do a lot of practical, hands-on work. I really enjoyed doing that! Now I can do less and less. So I'm grateful that I can at least still do practical work every morning, a little housework, prepare food, cook "very tasty lunches" for Reiner and me, as Reiner says, and also work a little on the PC. In the afternoon, I hardly have any strength left and have to lie down or lie in a wheelchair in the garden. My sleep rhythm is pretty mixed up. I often don't fall asleep until around 1 or 3 a.m. and then of course it takes a long time to wake up. And so my daily schedule often gets mixed up. What also bothers me a lot, is that my nerves have become much thinner, and so I find a lot of things extremely more difficult than before. The ability to concentrate, to listen to someone for a long time, or to follow a sermon at has also diminished considerably. It's a process: letting go more and more, giving up and giving in, a dying process. It's not easy to experience your own body decaying or being eaten away more and more and not being able to defend myself against it.

But millions of people in this world are like this and similar and even much much worse. I still have it very, very good, I find help and comfort in the Lord, HE has given me a living hope, I don't fall into a black hole but go home. I also have my very loving and understanding husband, who is now walking with me through this phase, standing by me and being such a great help. That is also a tremendous testimony to society here in this country and I think beyond that too.

Reiner reports on how he experiences this situation.

For over 40 years I have known that going home to Jesus is so much better than life here on earth. I haven't always thought about it, but it has never left me. On the other hand, God has been training me for many, many years to be willing to give up everything if God wants to take it away from me. At the beginning of our marriage, we made the decision that God could take our partner at any time if HE wanted to. We have maintained that decision to this day, and we had several occasions where the life of one or both of us was truly in imminent danger. So the current situation did not surprise me. The other big help is, that I have come to understand more and more that God knows everything down to the smallest detail, that HE is stronger than any situation we face, and that HE loves us infinitely and wants to give us the very best. This means, that God will take care of Christine, of me and of all those who have trusted in Christine's help .

I didn't marry Christine to satisfy my needs. Rather, I saw it as my task to be there for her and to accompany her on her journey with Jesus and help her to become the person God wants her to be. I encouraged her to use and develop her creative gifts and to live out the strong sensitivity she has. I didn't want to squeeze Christine into the image I had of her, but to give her the freedom to become who she was meant to be. It has always been my vision to give Christine and what she has learned, expanded and refined in our life together back one day to God with great gratitude, and I look forward to that day with great joy and anticipation.

Over the years, the love between us has grown more and more, and we have never had a better time together than now. I am very grateful for the spiritual unity we have had from the beginning of our marriage until now, both in the way we see people and situations and in the way we find God's will. We have never needed to have big discussions about it. The common willingness for all things that God leads us to is an extremely precious commodity that God has given us.

We have many reasons to thank God and we must take time to do so.

In the situation now with Christine's declining strength and her earthly end in sight, I see it as my task as her husband to be there for her and help her to make this phase as beautiful and pleasant as possible. I must support her to complete the tasks she has done so far. My central task here on earth is now to be there for God and to be there for my wife. That means that I haven't been able to do much else in the past few weeks and probably won't have much time for other things in the coming months. I am very grateful, that God has helped me a lot to love and carry Christine during this time, and I expect that He will continue to do so.

Reiner Hennig, Lum Sum 16.07.2024

Handover of the fundraising service on August 31, 2024

After the prognosis given to me by the doctors, and because I can clearly feel the decline in my strength, I have decided to hand over the fundraising to other hands.

So I am very grateful for the great help that Carmen Paul has given me. We have been in good contact for some time now and work but very similarly. Carmen has confirmed that she will continue to work in my interests.

She has already taken on the following projects in her association

la Chajim (<https://lachajim.org>)

even though there is no mention yet of this on their homepage:

BANGLADESH

- Monthly supply for the retirement home with 20 residents
- Widow's help for the 7 widows who wash and cook for the residents
- Widows' aid for villagers
- Baby food and baby milk powder

PAKISTAN - CFUM

- Buying free slave laborers from the brickworks

PAKISTAN - Silvia

- School fees for currently 7 children
- Care for slum children in 4 slums in Lahore
- Care for widows

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The donation account for this is

Owner: laChajim e.V. Carmen Paul

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Use:

This association is recognized as a non-profit organization and is therefore entitled to issue tax-deductible donation receipts.

For the other projects I have not yet found anyone who wants to take on these projects.

Please pray that people will still be willing to continue this work.

Thank you for your solidarity and your prayers.

We wish you God's protection and blessing.

We greet you warmly from Lum Sum.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Christine and Reiner Hennig



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Due to her illness, Christine has to stop supporting needy people in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh as of August 31, 2024. The most important projects in Pakistan and Bangladesh have been taken over by the laChajim association (see page 6). We still need someone to look after the needy in India and other projects in Pakistan that we have supported to date. We cover the transfer fees and administration costs for the donations that Christine receives for these projects. If you have any further questions, please contact Christine by e-mail at hennigcm23@gmail.com.