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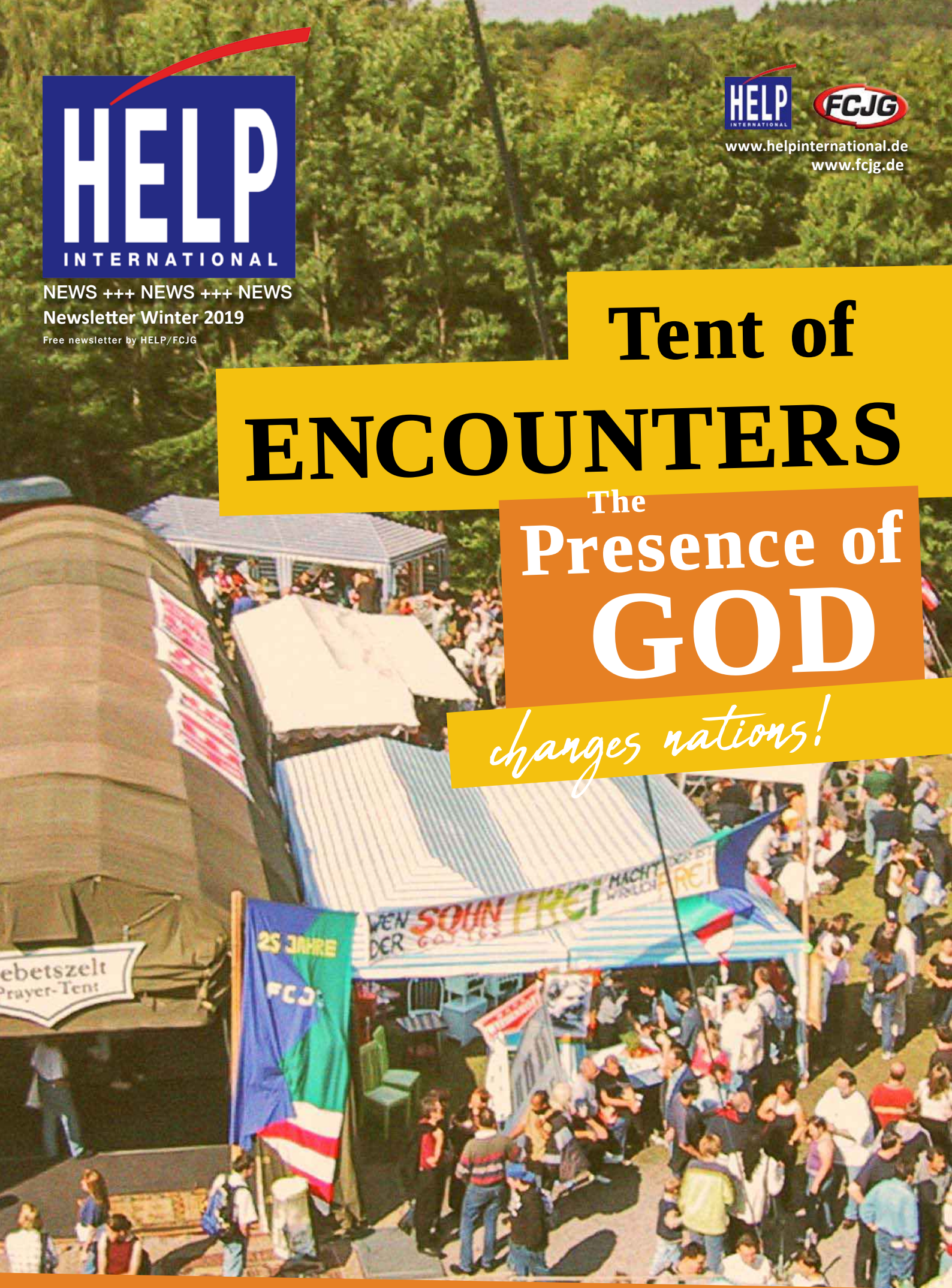

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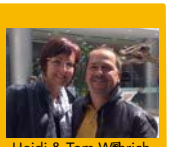

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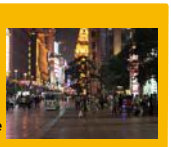

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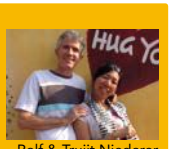

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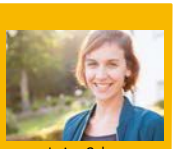

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Dear friends,

Ilona Piras

There is much coming and going in HELP – and it's awesome. In February, we sent out Anna to the Philippines. In October, Karin left for Thailand and Michael for the Philippines. Josia waits in the wings to go to Thailand. Between February and November, some 20 teams went to China to pray and walk the nation – Germans, Swiss, Austrians, Czechs, Thais, Filipinos, Chinese, Mongols, Americans. Most of the teams started out from Germany, but also from Thailand and the Philippines, and very recently we sent our first American team to China.

Some want to work long-term with HELP in missions, others do short-term outreaches with us. Students take a gap year and do "Mission live", as well as graduates who don't want to immediately start with their training or studies. Every time people go, they ask the following question: What requirements do I have to fulfill? A very good question, and there are answers. However, the most important is: **What has God spoken to YOU? What did he put on YOUR heart?** When God speaks, he gets us moving and leads us to people, no matter where in this world.
In the kingdom of God it's not primarily about professionalism and qualifications – even though we shouldn't underestimate both – but most of all it's about an open heart and a willing spirit saying, "Yes, Lord, I will go!" While shooting a clip, Walter Heidenreich (founder of HELP International) said, **»We don't need to pray any longer, »Lord, send me!« You and I – we have been sent long ago. Our prayer should rather be, «Where shall I go, Lord?«**

God has words of eternal life, and millions don't know about this. Therefore, we want to call and encourage you to pray, "Where shall I go, Lord?" Our missionaries prayed this prayer – and then they went to Austria, to China, to Thailand, to the Philippines, to Mongolia and to the USA. However, we don't stop there, for God is speaking to us about more nations.
Maybe you don't go long-term to the mission field, but you can always take first steps. Join us between August and November 2020 for international outreaches. To all between 16 and 27 years of age: We have two specials for you! Find all information on page 9!

There are three aspects important to HELP: **Prayer, Going, Giving**. We are happy about everyone who is going and are grateful for all who pray with and for us and who invest into HELP. May God reward you richly and bless you abundantly. Your prayers and financial gifts are a seed that grows in people's lives and bears fruit.
We want to continue to join with you as partners in the worldwide harvest and stay connected with you. It would be a joy to welcome you in the nations while on outreach or at HELP's home-base in Lüdenscheid, i.e. at Burning Hearts Summer 2020. Four weeks that might change your life forever (see Unser Weg).

Wishing you inspiration while reading these "HELP News" that we dispatch with our Lüdenscheid based newsletter "Unser Weg".

Together for the King of the harvest!
Ilona Piras

... recently sent out:

Go up to the land that I will give you!

Editorial

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Exodus Chapter 33

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the tent of meeting. The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp. And the LORD said to Moses, Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob saying, I will give it to your descendants.
Moses said to the LORD, You have been telling me, Lead these people, but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, I know you by name and you have found favour with me. If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.
The LORD replied, My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
Then Moses said to him, If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.
Then Moses said, Now show me your glory.

In Exodus chapter 33 we read about this interesting conversation between Moses and God. Back when I was a teenager, this passage already greatly impressed and impacted me: On one hand, because Moses was so close to God. He had the privilege to intimately experience the presence of God in the tent of meeting. For the rest of the people, the presence of God was visible through the supernatural sign of the pillar of clouds during daytime and the pillar of fire by night.
On the other hand, because Moses wasn't satisfied with that. Like no other man he was as close to God as "a man talks to his friend", however, he desired even more. He wanted to see God himself! The request "Show me your glory", shows us how determined, hungry and convinced Moses was that this would be possible.

»Moses wasn't a natural hero, but the encounter with the living God and his longing for more caused him to become the man who later led a whole people out of slavery into freedom.«

In the bible, over and over again we come across people who desperately yearn for God, like David, the prophets, Simeon and Hannah in the temple, Zacchaeus, the centurion Cornelius and many more. Their hunger stirred up determination and boldness inside of them to believe and dare for the impossible. Moses wasn't a natural hero, but the encounter with the living God and his longing for more caused him to become the man who later led a whole people out of slavery into freedom. Moses knew: Everything is possible in the presence of God – and without the power of God everything will be in vain! He had experienced and tasted what it meant to encounter God. And he knew that then, everything was possible. With God at his side, he was willing to lead a whole people out of captivity through the desert into the promised land.

Like Moses you too, boldly and determined, can lead people into freedom. God wants to give you nations. He wants to encounter you and show you that he is with you. He has chosen you to go and preach the gospel to the nations. He wants to give you his Spirit and his power and you will see that you will bring people "out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light". Let yourself be called and appointed like Moses! You too have found favour to become a blessing to the nations in the eyes of God.

This exactly is our expectation when we erect a tent on *Prayer Mountain for the Nations* in Lüdenscheid for four weeks on the occasion of **Burning Hearts Summer 2020**. It will be a tent of meeting. In this tent, people will encounter the living God. They will see his glory, because he loves to come. He will move by his Spirit, and he will heal, save, deliver and commission people.

Come and bring your friends, family, colleagues, and all those who don't know Jesus yet und those who are in need of healing. Be determined and full of expectation to encounter Jesus and see him work by the Holy Spirit.

Petra Feddersen

Ready, set, go!

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Heaven touching Earth

Longing
We all long to experience heaven touching earth. When we touch heaven by encountering the Holy Spirit in a personal way, we are changed forever. Therefore, in our house everything is about the presence of God. We seek him and are amazed at how God is with us.

Moritz (15 years old) only came to us because his sister had told him he should join a teenagers outreach in Vienna. He knew hardly anything about the Holy Spirit. Following our first gathering in the house of prayer he said, If you don't encounter God HERE, I don't know where! Before he left, he told us, still in awe, that he had immediately noticed something was completely different in these walls. I received the Holy Spirit so powerfully! And now I can pray in new tongues.

To encounter God is easy
Hungry for the presence of God, two Czech pastors take the effort of driving six hours almost every month. They mainly come to encounter Jesus in the house of prayer, to worship and to pray for their church, their country and the needs of the world. The peace of God is so strong. All burdens fall off us.

Many visitors have said that it is very easy to encounter God at the IHOP Vienna. They describe it as a place with an open heaven. This precious presence of God dwells in us and we take it everywhere we go. We specially love to take it to the streets. Every week we go to a social hotspot located between the bookmaker's, alcoholics hangout and the tram where the presence of God attracts people and changes them. I didn't planned to walk this way, but I just had to come. There is such peace among you!, says a woman while we simply worship Jesus. This is just one example. Some people come regularly, because they know we are there because God is there. Often children passing by start dancing. They feel heaven touching the earth.

Hope for a City
We believe that the presence of God, this unique encounter with him, is not only changing individuals, but also our area, the Vienna metropolis and all of Austria! There is a vast harvest field ahead of us. You are most welcome to visit with us for a couple of days or a few weeks and live with us. No matter if individuals, families, youth groups or leaders, young and old everyone is welcome!

Veronika von Bernuth

You are IMPORTANT!

I am convinced that every vision, every ministry is born in prayer. Through prayer we pave the way for God's plans to become reality. We see this happening in our ministries in Thailand: The REVIVAL SCHOOL on the Move and the slum ministry are increasingly taking shape. Teams rise up and start to live the vision.

Prayer opens doors. It is the key to the neighbouring countries God spoke to us about, i.e. Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar. Thailand shall become a blessing to the whole region. In the future, we want to do more prayer outreaches to Southeast Asia to receive God's heart and his plans for these countries.
Over the last years, we have welcomed many outreach teams to Thailand. It touches us to see how they take on our vision, how they identify and invest in the Thai people.

You too can be a blessing to the nations and make a difference. You are important! And again, it starts in prayer. "Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession", says Ps. 2:8. Have you ever asked the Lord of the harvest for your inheritance and possession among the nations?

Rolf Niederer

From Prayer Mountain to the nations

On the runway of Bangkok's airport, the lady in the seat next to me asked what - except my friends - I had been missing living abroad. I had just lived six months in Thailand and the first thing that came to mind was a place: the prayer house for the nations!

Nowhere else God has spoken so straight and clearly to me as there. It was during a seminar when the power of the Holy Spirit came and I got kicked off my chair! The next moment I became very calm and God began to speak and he planted a vision for Southeast Asia into my heart. Starting from the carpet with the world map in the prayer house, I joined several short-term outreaches and after graduating from the *REVIVAL SCHOOL on the Move* I became a missionary to Thailand. Thinking back, my very first short-term outreach to Asia in 1997 (I was still a teenager then) started on Prayer Mountain.

We see a great openness for the power of God and for the gospel among the Thai people! The Good News of Jesus is needed everywhere: We worship in the slums of Bangkok, visit families and heal the sick. In Pattaya, a place of hopelessness and shame, we exalt the ONE who is the path, the truth and the life. We worship Jesus over the red-light districts, evangelize and see people being restored by the love of God.

Simon Schittler

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Thailand

Outreaches

Lord, I don't want to die!!

"Lord, I don't want to die!" ... It was early morning, still dark. We were sitting in a tiny, completely overloaded boat of the official Ugandan fairy company crossing Victoria Lake (besides too many passengers with their suitcases, there were banana plants, loudspeaker boxes, chicken, a table and a bicycle on board). On the lake, right where we were heading, there was a mighty thunderstorm and I knew for sure that this would be too much for this little boat, plus most of the passengers couldn't swim ☹ Suddenly, I heard the whisper of the Lord, "Why are you afraid? Don't you believe that I am able to interfere as I have done the past two weeks, when you always had good weather for the open air crusades?" So true: We have seen so many wonderful things happening, dark clouds vanished after prayer, besides many others, one mayor who had persecuted Christians for many years gave his life to Jesus, many sick got healed, we baptized people, it was simply great. And now God interfered again: The outboard engine didn't work for quite a while. When it finally worked, the thunderstorm was gone and we safely reached the mainland.

There are loads of such stories. Outreaches are exciting and a wonderful opportunity to take first steps towards the mission field, to experience the guidance of the Holy Spirit and his work in a new dimension. It's 11 years that I have been a missionary to Mongolia, however, before I have joined many outreaches to many nations and have wonderful memories. We have seen so much happening while travelling in small and big teams, going over mountains or through rushing rivers. We squeezed into a Russian jeep and dashed through the desert, stayed in hotels, with families or in tents. We explored new cultures, different food, learnt new languages and had many opportunities to introduce Jesus to people.

Reaching a remote place in the Gobi desert – with unexpected fruit!

Once a man – that was about 14 years ago – took us to his family somewhere in the Gobi Desert and asked us to preach the gospel to them. His cousin, a nomad, took the effort to ride with his motorbike over the sand dunes to see us. In the heat of the day, we shared the gospel with him and he surrendered his life to Jesus. It was only recently that I met our former host and he told me that through his cousin another 1,000 people gave their lives to Jesus, and they formed a church – despite suffering persecution and living in poor conditions in the desert!

Sometimes you watch the immediate impact of what God is doing and sometimes you only hear years later of the impact the outreach has made. However, whenever you go out for God, you become a blessing and you are blessed. Your vision expands for what is on God's heart, for what he wants to do in and through your life.

Cécilie Reuss

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... come and join!

burning hearts SUMMER 20

Perhaps such adventures are awaiting you, too. All over the world, you find people who don't know Jesus, sick that need healing, people desperate for hope and addicts and others who are in bondage and seeking deliverance. The nations are waiting for YOU! From August through November 2020, HELP is hosting international outreaches. You are welcome to go with us to the nations:

Outreaches 2020

Austria I
Vienna & Czech Republic (Aug. 14 – 27, 2020)
5 days in Vienna: Outreaches and community living
5 days in Königgrätz (Czech Rep.): Prayer and outreaches

Austria II
Nehemia Weeks in Vienna (Sept. 4 – 15, 2020)
10 days of community living, practical work, outreaches

Austria III
Vienna & Bosnia-Herzegovina (Oct. 9 – 22, 2020)
5 days in Vienna: Outreaches and community living
6 days in Bosnia: Worship, training of Christians, outreaches

Switzerland *(Aug. 19 – 29, 2020)*
Worship on mountains (heights) and evangelistic outreaches in the valleys

China
Project AC (Sept. 7 – 27, 2020)
Prayer walk through China

Mongolia
Ulaanbaatar (Sept. 12 – 30, 2020)
Worship and outreaches to hotspots in the capital city

Thailand
Bangkok & Pattaya (Nov. 3 – 20, 2020)
Supporting HELP's rehab (Shelter), outreaches to the homeless and to slums, worship, prayer and evangelism

Philippines
Manila (Nov. 8. – 24, 2020)
Practical help, evangelistic outreaches to slums, worship, prayer

Specials for young people

Texas
Austin (Aug. 12 – 29, 2020)
Community living, teaching and training, evangelistic outreaches, creativity (for 16 to 23-year-olds)

India *(Sept. 28 – Oct. 17, 2020)*
Living together with locals, training and teaching in evangelism, prayer, outreaches to slums (for 18 to 27-year-olds)

Vision for Mission (Missions Weekends)
March 20 – 22, 2020 with Mel Tari
June 19 – 21, 2020 with the HELP Team
August 6 – 8, 2020 with Walter Heidenreich

For all who want to get insights into HELP and missions – and for all who are doing outreaches with HELP.

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Real hunger
always leads to taking action!

Hunger ...

Merisha Janke

Reading the Bible, I discover one thing: God is looking for hungry people! He is looking for hearts that are marked by a hunger that will not let go because it can-not let go. All throughout the New Testament we see Jesus having absolutely no inter-est in just lip service or solely outward sacrifices, but being deeply moved by people who put all on one card and know that He is the only chance they got. People like the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8. After 12 years of suffering it would have been so easy to just give up and be sorry for herself. Yet she decided to go after Jesus at any cost. Touching His garment, she was completely healed! Or Moses, unwilling to go anywhere without the presence of God, he was chosen to lead a whole nation.

Real hunger always leads to taking action. Saying No to complacency, fear, or unbelief - and saying YES to pursuing Jesus with full abandonment. Hunger keeps you moving forward. Hunger decides over life and death. If you harbor hunger for God within you, then Jesus promises to fill you up (Matt. 5:6). Living together on our base, we experience that as we pursue Him, He pursues us. He shows us things that can`t stay in our hearts if we truly want to live for Him. Through His love, roots of mistrust and pride are exposed and dealt with. Masks have to go, and freedom comes. As we express our hunger for more, He always responds and calls us out into new and unfamiliar territory. One example for that is Cathy: Coming from a broken family, hav-ing lived on the streets, and having been in prison, she will now be part of our first team of Americans that we are taking to Asia for a mission trip. "I know that God has more for my life!" she told us some weeks ago - and then decided to take this step of faith, something completely new for her.

As we decide to act upon the hunger in our heart, God is right there to meet us, and to do what only He can do. Read how Hannah, a young American woman just experienced this during one of our Gatherings:
To me there was nothing about the Holy Spirit. I got Jesus - that's enough. I've seen it were it was fake or strange, and so I closed my heart and made the decision that I don't want the Holy Spirit. But yesterday, after all of you shared your testimonies on how you live with the Holy Spirit, I was like "This is real and this is authentic and I want that!" And so I prayed "Holy Spirit, if this is you, please put it on my heart to receive you." Some seconds later my heart started racing superfast, and I knew I had to make a decision. I decided that I will not be afraid of this anymore, and that I want to receive all that God has for me. "Holy Spirit," I said, "I am so sorry that I've been afraid of you. I'm sorry for not trusting you. Please forgive me." As Merisha laid her hands on me and started praying, I fell to the ground. My ears got hot and everything went silent. I had this overwhelming peace and joy all at the same time. I have never experienced that in my life! Once I got up from the ground, I realized that my back didn't hurt anymore. For the last four years my lower back has hurt really bad all the time because I got injured in a dance. I got completely healed of that while I was lying on the ground, and I had not even asked for it!
He does the unthinkable, the extraordinary, the miraculous - when we just take that one step!

»As we decide to act upon the hunger in our heart, God is right there to meet us, and to do what only He can do.«

Unstoppable!

Tom Wehrich

Back then, just as today!
The kingdom of God is on the move and expanding unstoppably. For the past 25 years, we have witnessed God visiting Mongolia time and again. What we have seen so far with our own eyes is remarkable, but we feel that God still has so much more in plan for the Mongols and their amazing nation. When we set foot on Mongolian soil for the first time and preached the gospel, immediately »signs and wonders followed« as described in the word of God. We continue to move on in this dynamic – we won't stop doing what God has shown us. »For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.« (1 Cor. 4:20). This word is our driving force and guideline.

A team in Ulaanbaatar goes from door to door to share the love of God with people. Sometimes the door gets slammed into their faces, but the next day healing happens and someone receives Jesus into his heart. Ulaanbaatar has 1.5 million inhabitants – almost half of the three-million-population of Mongolia, there is a lot to do!

Seven »rescue teams«
But also the other half that is living in the provinces shall hear about Jesus, for instance in Bayan Ulgii, the westernmost province of Mongolia, where mainly Kazakh people live. They are Muslims and most of them have never heard the gospel. When we went there in summer 2019 with seven teams, we did not visit the people straightaway but first climbed the mountains surrounding the villages to worship Jesus. When afterwards we went into the villages, we witnessed once more: Where the kingdom of God is breaking forth, healings and miracles happen! People opened their hearts for Jesus and called their relatives for they also should hear the Good News. Pain disappeared, a leg that was too short, grew out, a mute girl started to speak for the first time in her life!

The love of God is like a blazing fire – burning and hot, full of passion, ineraseable and unstoppable! His heart is burning for the Mongols (and every nation on this earth). The gospel has to be preached, so that many will get saved who will then spread this burning love throughout Mongolia and to other nations – like Munguu:

Completely free
»I had lost all hope and didn't want to live anymore. Alcohol had me firmly in its grip. I had tried a lot to get free, even occult techniques. At the rehab centre of HELP Mongolia, I experienced that Jesus is real. He completely delivered me from my addiction and turned my life around. At the moment I am attending a bible school in the USA, because I want to get trained to reach as many people as possible for God!«

2019: Seven teams left for the westernmost west – they shall hear about Jesus.

1992: First outreach to Mongolia!

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Mongolia

The transforming Power of Love

In the tropics, when the wet season begins the rain brings new life, year after year. This transformation is amazing to watch, and it is a wonderful picture of what happens when the power of God changes a person, a group, or even a region.

We have many open doors in Manila, and we find many open hearts that we can touch with the love of God. In the Set Free centre (drug rehabilitation), in the Father's house, and during outreaches to prisons and the slum area of Tondo, it is the love of God that brings transformation.A beautiful smile appears on a lonely, sad, old face, and laughter replaces the darkness. A man from Tondo, who had lost all hope because of his many, heavy sins, hears that through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, it is possible to repent and ask for forgiveness, and to receive the peace that God gives.

Or there is Balti, a 17-year-old, who came to the Father's house as a street child with many needs. Considering his age he is still very small and weak. Because school and most academic concepts totally overwhelm him, he has taken an apprenticeship as a carpenter. God has gifted him with the ability to tell stories, and his co-workers hang on every word he says when he speaks about his experiences with Jesus.

Balti (17) got to know the transforming love of God in the "Father's House".

We regularly celebrate Jesus and hold a church service with the prisoners in local jails. The love of God doesn't stop at prison bars. Here they sit in the most confined of spaces, the men in one cell, the women in another cell. One young woman invites Jesus into her heart and announces a new beginning for herself as tears flow down her cheeks. The presence of God transforms the atmosphere. Even the men are touched by the Father's love, and share their experiences from our last visit. They have found hope in Jesus, now pray together and discover life that can't be suppressed even by prison bars. The love of Jesus makes everything new!

Melchior (39 years old) has also experienced the transforming power of God:
"I used to sort and recycle garbage to earn a few pesos. During work, I heard a group of people singing Christian songs. For me, caught up in drugs as I was, that was so far from my reality. But one of them came to me and told me about Jesus. The whole group visited me in my little house and gave me a few coins to buy food with. Over two years, they kept coming by, talking to me and praying for me, even when I was working, dirty, smelly, lacking perspective, or even in prison. I had given up all hope long ago, had lost my family, and I didn't know what more to do. Then they gave me a contact of HELP's Set Free Centre, and they suggested that I call if I wanted to start afresh. In my desperation and loneliness I called them. I was allowed to move in immediately. God's love reached me. I became his child, and I've begun a new life since then. The passage 2 Cor. 5:17 " "The old has gone, the new is here!" "totally fits my situation."

Jonathan Pieren

The Presence of God

Wiebke Ramdohr &
Monika Berkenkopf

It's Catching

A young Chinese Christian visits at our center for the homeless, where needy people receive practical and spiritual support. She tells us, "This is just like family! The love of God flows in this place!" She is deeply moved by the atmosphere of God's presence among the 45 homeless people. Although this event is rather normal to us, it is very special to her, which makes us happy: It is special, because God is in it.

How can we bring God's presence into every situation? It is our personal encounter with God, that ignites and strengthens our fellowship with him. This fellowship then carries through into public life where it can impact others. God can manifest his kingdom through us, because he lives inside of us, in evangelistic outreaches as much as - sometimes unexpectedly - in everyday life.

Relationship instead of Institution

We had an opportunity to preach on this in a church. The young people were very open and just remained silent before God for a long time, yearning for a deeper relationship with him. The Holy Spirit came in. "We have never had this happen before." One elder resolved, "This is, what we need! It all begins with relationship."

Right now, the Chinese church is experiencing a new wave of persecution. Well established large frameworks are cracked down on; only small groups can continue to meet. The Christians embrace this challenge as an opportunity. Everyone is responsible to build and live *church*. Very quickly, the individual discovers the state of their personal relationship with God. As institutions break away, there is a new craving for the power of God in each believer's life.

The burning Question

Those who want to express their faith become part of networks, often using internet platforms to intercede or study the bible together. A few believers may meet in a café, a park, over dinner … Unrestricted by denominational borders, the burning question remains: How can we live fellowship with God in such a way that we spiritually grow and the Holy Spirit can move through us?

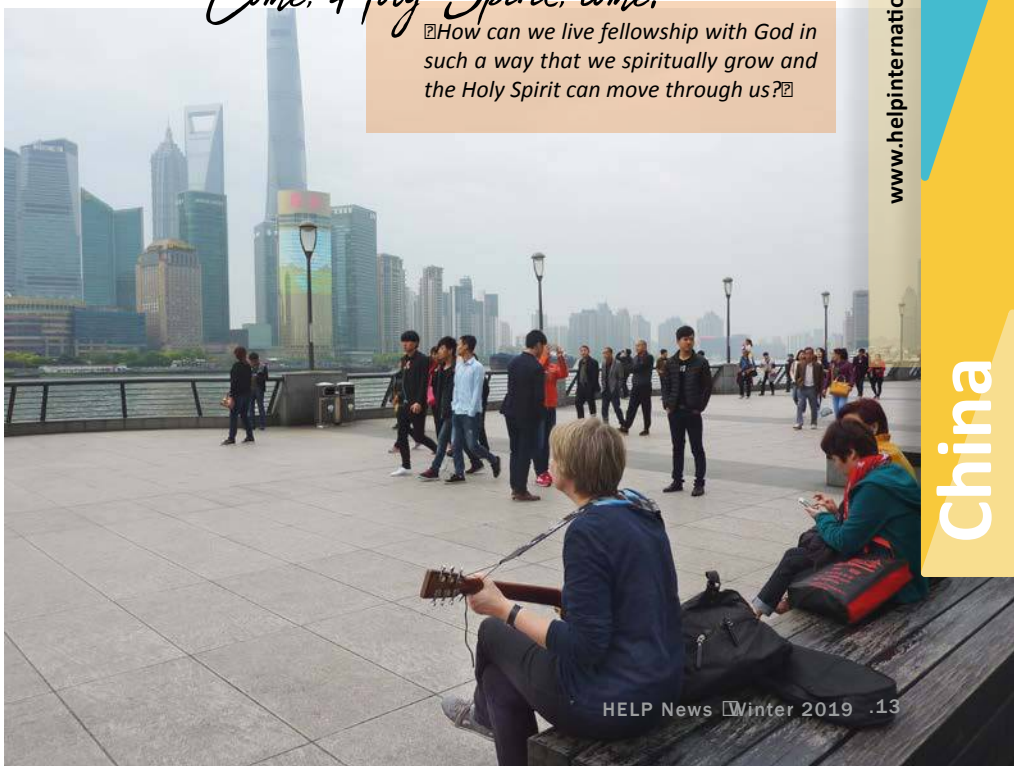
I meet a pastor in a fast food restaurant. She is wondering if the gifts of the Holy Spirit can help her. A fellow believer who just came along receives the gift of tongues immediately. She has been craving for God's presence.

God makes himself known – without a framework or program, often unexpectedly and always in a wonderful way. We believe and experience this presence of God in us as the foundation and center for everything. Every activity, every encounter with people only has value and spiritual meaning through the presence of God in it.

What a privilege for us to live in China in a season where the kingdom of God is being built and expanded – only by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

"How can we live fellowship with God in such a way that we spiritually grow and the Holy Spirit can move through us?"



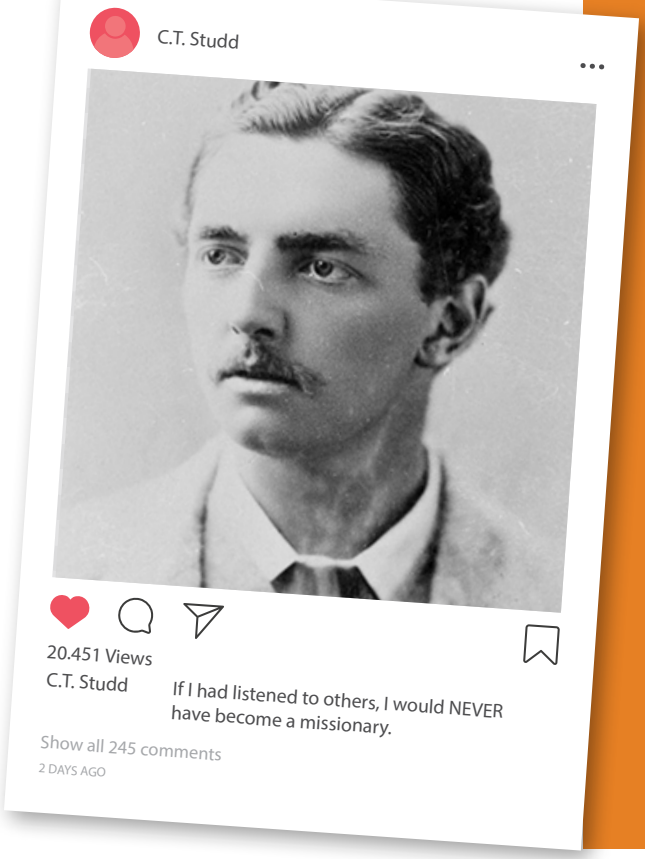
Affair of Honour

»Everyone is looking for something worth. Worth enough to invest your life into.«

Scrolling through social media and Instagram stories, you will soon discover this ongoing search for something good. For something worth enough to like, promote and use your face for. Something that is phat enough to invest your life into. This topic is also moving our students. During the past months, they have experienced a lot with God on their journey in missions. And now the question is: Will those experiences remain precious moments or will they change their lives forever? Presently, they are reading the biography of one of the greatest influencers of the 19th century: Charles T. Studd. He knew what life was all about and even though he was a famous athlete and heir of millions to-be, his conclusion was, "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him."

This was not just a phrase, but his actual lifestyle: He gave up everything to spread the gospel in Africa, founding a huge mission movement. This doesn't sound too mainstream – but it moved thousands and we are among those.

Florentine came to the RSotM without any prior experience. She wasn't even quite sure what her relationship to God looked like. She just knew, "I need an encounter with the Father. I need to see his heart for me and others." That's where she started, and then she went step by step. During her first outreach in Germany, she hid behind a rock, because the others had the crazy idea to preach the gospel from a bench. "I thought I'd die of embarrassment!" And now? Now she is in Texas, sharing her testimony from a rock. "I'm always so excited for the outreaches, to share the gospel with people. It is just crazy to see how God touches people through me!"



Florentine, 6th Street, Austin TX (USA)

Sabina, Manila (Philippines)

Sabina was sitting amongst street kids in one of the biggest slums of Manila. Even though she saw all the need and pain around her, her heart felt like a cold stone. This shocked her and drove her to her knees. "God, change my heart!" He did. During the next outreach, while surrounded by half-naked kids, God touched her heart. "I felt my heart breaking and suddenly I knew, that it was the only right thing to bring God's love to those kids! To be right in this place!"

The girls experienced, just as Studd did, that there is only one person, who is worth of following him. The greatest influencer of all times who didn't advertise products and yet wrote the best life story ever, "Dead and done? No, but the point where life begun – Jesus."
It is about life and death. All or nothing. It's about sharing a vision rather than a picture. The vision of all to get saved. All to be reached. All to come to the knowledge of truth. It's about these testimonies today becoming YOUR testimonies tomorrow. Likes and followers will not carry us through, but a diligent heart will!

»Come if you feel there is no greater honour, after living for Christ, to die for him.« (Charles T. Studd)

It's an affair of honour.
Your life. Your share.
Are you ready to give it all?

Luise Schumann

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Growing with every challenge

»... living long-term in a foreign nation, in an unknown culture? Leaving home for an indefinite period of time? What about family, friends, the pension?«

Nina Schneider

When I heard for the first time how the ministry of HELP International was established, I had to smile. However, beyond that first reaction, I am greatly moved and excited of how God brings things and people together.

When 30 years ago, the young Christians of FCJG discovered that there were so many more places to bring the gospel to than the own city – yes, even the own nation – there was such joy and an sense of new beginnings in the air. They enthusiastically began to plan outreaches to other nations. Organising the whole thing was already an adventure, as nobody really knew what to take for such outreaches abroad. New foreign cultures were explored, new experiences gained. Coming back after four weeks, still full of excitement these experiences were shared. The *pioneers* thought they had moved forward quite a bit – until a friend, a missionary, came and challenged them, "Stop playing in the sandbox – get serious!" A sharp word! We were in a state of shock – how could he say this? Hadn't we just begun to discover the world by doing outreaches for several weeks, even months. But living long-term in a foreign nation, in an unknown culture? Leaving home for an indefinite period of time? What about family, friends, the pension? But deep inside, in the quiet room everybody knew: This word is true and relevant. It was not only a missionary speaking to us – the Holy Spirit had called on our community. However, a calling needs to be accepted. We all know that this is often a problem. God's thoughts over and plans for us are so much bigger than our own. We are facing a challenge that first seems to be too much. But if we don't tackle the challenge together with the Lord, one day we might look back and think we should have tried.

Today, we are facing the challenges together – the father generation and us. Out of above state of shock, certainty has grown: He is with us! Deep confidence and faith developed! As a "mission of faith" we know that the Lord adds everything that is needed. Let it be intercessors, staff, competence, relationships, finances …
We went to the nations and founded HELP International. Everybody is welcome to partner with us, for God is speaking to us about even more nations, mainly in Asia. That is why we are training missionaries together with the *REVIVAL SCHOOL* and the *REVIVAL SCHOOL on the Move* (RSotM). In addition, communicating about missions generally is also important. We do that at by means of *Vision for Mission* seminars, and during the workshops we prepare participants for short-term outreaches with HELP. Lüdenscheid is the centre point of our administration. Everyone who wants to grow needs good structures. We are the place where all threads come together and where the cradle stands of a 30-year-old missionary community.

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