

KROEKERS IN BOLIVIA

Missionaries to the Mennonites of Bolivia



November-December 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful support both in prayer and finances in the year 2020! We are so encouraged by your faithfulness and your love for the Lord! Thank you for believing in us, if I can say it that way. It has been an uncertain year and almost a year since we have not been able to have physical meetings to present our ministry, yet you have still supported us in our goal to get to Bolivia and reach the Mennonites with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you!

Outreach

We have found ways to get the Gospel out as well as be an encouragement while in Winkler, Manitoba as we wait for the borders to open and present our ministry in the U.S. I have been so encouraged by the creativity of my wife and some of her friends that initiated some outreach projects. My wife got many families together and asked for the children to make Christmas cards for the elderly in a local care home. The children worked hard at getting together 145 cards made, as well as 145 placemats made for their Christmas dinner. The staff was excited that someone from the community was trying to encourage these dear folks. Only eternity will reveal the joy these folks received. This also got the attention of the local news media when confronted about the fact that only negative news was being aired. They listened and interviewed one of the mothers who did a great job in explaining the motive behind this kind gesture.

This project sparked a great interest in one of the mothers and she thought of putting on a Christmas program for this same care home. Many families pooled together sending videos of Scripture recitation, Christmas songs, story time, skits, and greetings! I was privileged to take about 15 minutes at the end of the program and give a clear plan of salvation with an invitation to accept Jesus Christ. My wife got in contact with a Southern Health representative who was very eager to get this video into hospitals. She gave the go ahead for us to share it to the Health Science Centre in Winnipeg. She then insisted on the video getting out to all hospitals and care homes connected with Southern Health! This small idea of sharing a program at a local care home became so much bigger and we were able to share it far and wide! Pray that folks would trust Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! I also shared this video with my parents. This was a great open door as I have never had a chance (though I have attempted) to personally share a clear presentation of the Gospel with them. Please continue to pray for their salvation!

We also had a great time finding ways to share Christmas goodies and Christmas cards. We visited many church families and were able to connect a bit having not seen many faces in months. We also spent some time carolling which was a great encouragement, especially to the elderly, the widows, and widowers.

Done!

The children were so excited that they have finally fully transitioned to the Bolivian school calendar as they finished their respective grades.

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They are currently on their "Summer Break" and excited to start back up in February. They are doing very well academically and we are looking at introducing Spanish as a second language in the new school year. Originally we were going to wait until we were immersed into the language and culture of Bolivia, but thought it wise to introduce it to the children, as they will pick up the language quicker than an adult would. Personally, I can say that was the case for me as we spoke Low German at home but English took over early in Kindergarten to Grade 1. Please pray for wisdom and understanding as this is a huge project. It is a unique circumstance in that we speak the language of the people we are reaching yet we need to learn Spanish to do everyday business as well as reach Bolivians with the Gospel.

Looking Ahead!

Please pray for the opening of the Canadian/U.S border. This is our biggest hindrance of not being able to further present our ministry. Also, pray that churches would consider virtual meetings. Pray for churches to consider supporting us that we have already presented to in Canada. Pray that we would get meetings scheduled when the border does open up.

Thank you once again! Have a great New Year!

Love, labourers together,

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