

KROEKERS IN BOLIVIA MISSIONARIES TO THE MENNONITES OF BOLIVIA

August 2023

We made it! We safely landed in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:30 p.m. Thank you for praying for us and supporting us financially!

We had three very good flights with no severe turbulence which we are very thankful for. We are excited to be in Bolivia and are starting to transition and adjust to a new world. The home we are looking at renting is not ready at the moment but should be towards the end of September. A gentlemen from Iglesia Bautista Luz y Vida in Pailón opened up his home in the city to us. We are so thankful to have a place to stay while we wait.

I was privileged to be able to aid as a translator for a medical team that was serving in Pailón this Friday. Several Mennonite families came out to seek medical attention. After aiding in registration and triage I was able to hand out Gospel tracts to these patients and many of them were reading them on the spot as they were waiting for further treatment. Afterwards I was able to talk to some of them one on one about the Gospel. Please pray for fruit from the seed planted.

Our documents are in the hands of two lawyers who are taking care of our three year residency visa application. This is such a big relief as we are free from having to run all over the city to complete the prerequisites to the application. Veteran missionaries, Jake and Sharon Wiebe have been such a huge help and blessing to us and have helped us in every step.

Once settled in Pailón, I will be looking at preaching in surrounding villages for outreach but also for discipleship with some young converts. There is an ex-Mennonite, Cornelius Unger, attending the church mentioned above who was saved at the age of 24 and has been reaching out to Mennonites for many years. He has been praying for help for 22 years and is super excited about our family coming here to stay. We have had some good talks and our hearts have been knit together through the discussing of sound doctrine and expressing our desires to see the Mennonites reached with the Gospel. This is such a relief, especially concerning the doctrine of eternal security which he affirmed he believed in. In the midst of having a strong desire to get out and labour for the Lord, would you please pray for balance in settling in to the country, community, culture, and way of life, as well as Spanish language studies? We will shoot ourselves in the foot if we don't buckle down and learn the immediate and national language. Being in the city has already helped us immerse ourselves and force ourselves to exercise the little we know. Please pray for our Spanish studies and that we do well!

Love, labourers together,

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