

KROEKERS IN BOLIVIA

Missionaries to the Mennonites of Bolivia



July-August 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support through the summer of 2021. Thank you for your continual trust and faith in God, that God will get us to the mission field in His perfect time and plan. In our eyes, plans, and goals we would have been on the field as of June 2021, but God has shown us otherwise and we just continue to trust in Him. I am currently reading in Exodus and God is encouraging me through the ministry of Moses, that in His perfect time He will make all things work out. God is so good and we rejoice in His perfect plan and will!

Outreach

I was able to share my testimony with my Mother in Low German. This was special to me in that I have never been able to express to my parents what has taken place all these years. It was also special in that Mennonite parents have a great respect for those who keep the mother tongue from generation to generation. With God enabling me to do this I gained a great platform from which to reach out with the Gospel. Though one may speak the language it is very difficult to express yourself with Biblical terminology. It took a lot of concentration, and all my mind and energy to properly express myself. It is one thing to speak in a language and quite another to think in that language to the extent that you do not need to translate in your mind. Please pray that I will be able to get my parents to a point of consideration and decision making.

As we travel we have the opportunity to give tracts to waitresses, waiters, cashiers, housekeepers, and others. Please pray for people to consider the message of salvation and also consider the local church we try to connect them with. Some are down and discouraged and need light and hope! Some just need to be recognized and valued. I gave one lady a thank you tract and cash tip and she was blown away yelling, "This is amazing!". I could tell that this act of kindness and respect went a long way. The money was not something to write home about, but the fact that someone regarded her and honoured her, helped her rejoice and gladly receive a tract. Please pray for a continual brokenness, awareness, and genuine love for the lost and to reach out to them. This is my mission and I want it to remain hot, stirred, and vibrant. It is too easy to look at self and the ministry and be caught up with my own life. Pray specifically for a trucker that seemed to be a devout Muslim whom I gave a tract to. He was on the lawn praying and doing rituals when I approached him and quickly ended as if he was ashamed. I did not want to disrupt his practices and was rather going to leave the tract on his truck when he suddenly ended with his prayers. I didn't say it, but was thinking what Paul said and how he was not ashamed and in Christ we do not have to be ashamed. He seemed to be angry with himself and quickly grabbed the tract and firmly squished it. Pray that he would see the emptiness and the void in his religious ways and that he would ponder why he was ashamed. I believe people long too, and are designed to worship their Maker. Pray that he would find God through Jesus Christ!

The Low German Gospel tract I have been working on has gone through two stages of critiquing and proofing. I am now in the final copy stage and looking at getting it formatted and printed. Please pray that God would reach the hearts of Mennonites and that they would be saved through this means.

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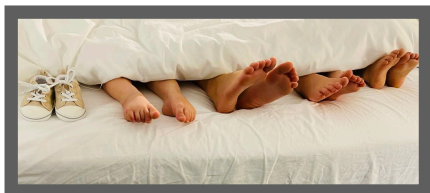
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Family

We are excited to announce that we are expecting the arrival of our fifth child for April 1, 2022! No, this is not a joke 😊. Mom and the baby are doing well! Pray for a healthy pregnancy, delivery, and child! The children are learning to adjust to the deputation schedule again, are doing well in school and are very excited to be apart of Sunday school and children's church. They were also excited that they were able to be a part of the V.B.S. at Pembina Valley Baptist Church just prior to us hitting the road again. They are growing older and leaving friends and family was noticeably different from the first time to this time. Pray for special grace when we move to Bolivia.



Brenda and I were able to get away and enjoy some time together and a meal for her birthday.

Deputation

As you may know from our previous updates, we have hit the road again and are pursuing deputation once again after being off the road for a year and five months. We have several meetings and missions conferences lined up and praise God for the schedule He has provided in such short order. We also have meetings lined up for the new year. Please pray for the schedule to fill up and for God's perfect will. Pray also that we might be able to cross the border in a much more desirable and cost efficient way in the future. This would be a great help as we plan to hit the road again in the new year, take a break for the arrival of the baby in April, and hit the road again in May, or have all our support before that 😊!

Literature

Two books Brenda has spent many hours on have been proofed and now published. One is an interactive daily devotional for young children, and the other is discipleship book for a school year curriculum with a focus on children learning about the local church and serving in the local church.



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Support

We had a church in the U.S. email us saying that they had watched our video presentation, were thankful for it, and as a result voted to take us on for support! We are at 45% support at the moment. Please pray for prosperous meetings, safety in travel, churches to be stirred for missions and soul winning and for churches to be stirred to support our ministry.

Thank you!

Love, labourers together,

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