



KROEKERS IN BOLIVIA

MISSIONARIES TO THE MENNONITES OF BOLIVIA

April-May 2023

Dear praying friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of our ministry! We have seen God do great things and we are excited to share these blessings with you!

Support

We are so excited to announce that **we have reached 100% of our needed support!** Thank you all for believing in our call and most of all, in God who has called us. Thank you for sticking by our side through a challenging, yet rewarding deputation process. The almost two year delay has taught us to wait on God and has taught us patience and challenged and grown our faith. We know the same is true for you and I believe God is especially glorified when we offer up our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Take time to praise and thank God along with us. This is a great reason to rejoice. We cannot wait to tell our story and reach folks with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Bolivia! Reaching 100% of our support will give us the go-ahead and freedom to move to Bolivia as soon as our needed documents are processed.

Logistics

The last of our translated documents came in the mail today. They have now been sent to Global Affairs to be authenticated and then will be forwarded to the Bolivian Consulate to be legalized. After this process we will be purchasing our airfare tickets! The way it stands now, the authentication process should take up to 10 days and the legalization process should take two days. Please pray that this would be the case. These are needed documents to apply for our three year residency visa upon arrival. Concerning our trip to Bolivia we are all set with our passports as the only needed documentation.

Outreach

We had the privilege to go to Thompson, MB to present our ministry. I was able to share the Gospel with a young boy, buy him a treat, and invite him to church. Also, my wife was in touch with two girls in Winkler, MB that used to ride the bus for Master Club and VBS. They both expressed interest in coming back to church. Arrangements were made and they both came to church. One is now of College and Career age and we are working on getting her connected with their age group. It is one thing to see young boys and girls get saved in a bus ministry and another to see them faithful in their youth and college and career days. This situation is unique because both of these girls are from Bolivia. Their families live a very undecided life. They have been in Bolivia for the past 5 years and only recently moved back to Winkler, MB. There is already talk of the one family moving back to Bolivia. This is just two testimonies of connections we have made with Bolivians while serving in Winkler, MB. We also had a couple over to our home that just recently moved back to Winkler from Bolivia.

We invited them to a young couples outing and they said they would come but ended up cancelling. Many have been hurt by their recent pastors and are not easily won over and a trust is hard to be made. We have experienced this with many Bolivian couples.

Housing

We were able to find a house that is for rent in Villa Nueva, Santa Cruz, Bolivia with the help of missionaries Jake and Sharon Wiebe. This village is only three kilometres from the town Pailón, which I mentioned in the last prayer letter. It will be available in August some time. Lord willing, in the mean time, we plan to stay at a missions house in Santa Cruz de la Sierra. We were also able to find a property for sale with a three bedroom home on it. Purchasing it is beyond our means at the moment because we need to establish a rightful status and credit in Bolivia. They were asking for a cash downpayment and a three incremental cash lump sum payments afterwards. Please be in prayer about this place. That we would know it to be the will of God and for means of purchase. With our young, growing family we would like to have a homestead and live off the land with gardening, a small orchard, and livestock. This would also be a great way to interact with the locals and have them teach us how to live off the land.

Set-up & Passage Fund

Please pray for the remainder of our set-up and passage fund to be raised and consider if the Lord would have you give toward this fund. Below is a list of categories in this fund and the subsequent percentage raised and goal set.

Set-up & Passage Fund (CAD)

Category	Percent Raised	Goal
Visa Applications	100%	\$7,350
Airfare	90%	\$7,000
Home furnishing	15%	\$27,000
Vehicle	7%	\$54,000

Family

We are excited to announce the arrival of baby Kroecker for the beginning of November 2023! Mommy and the baby are doing very well. We are praising the Lord that we have access to prenatal service and to an upcoming ultrasound appointment. Please pray for our youngest daughter, Ember's leg to heal in good fashion as it was broken earlier in May. We have an appointment for June 12, 2023 for the potential removal of the cast. The children are doing well in school and are excited about moving to Bolivia. They were in good spirits when they helped with packing all their toys and books ready to be shipped to Bolivia. I am excited about studying Romans and plan to preach through Romans on Sunday mornings, John in the evenings and Baptist distinctives for a midweek service.

Prayer

- Authentication and legalization of documents to be processed soon
- The two girls to be faithful to church
- Set-up and passage fund to be raised to 100%
- Healing of Ember's leg
- The purchase of a home
- The sale of our travel trailer

Love, labourers together,

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