

KROEKERS IN BOLIVIA

Missionaries to the Mennonites of Bolivia



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Dear Praying Friends,

I want to open this letter with praise to God for his goodness to us during our deputation ministry! Looking back I could not help but with great joy and thanksgiving, praise the great God we serve. By God's grace we have held our head above water and He has enabled and worked in us to stay the course during these days of restrictions upon travel and meeting with churches. Though we see Satan at work and we could say with the apostle Paul that Satan has hindered us, we would rather focus on what God is doing. God has specifically met our needs in a very real and intimate way that is hard to explain. He has done this in our spiritual life, our physical life, and our financial needs. God is so good! Thank you so very much for your prayers and your financial support! Your prayers are surely noticed and realized! Thank you!

Outreach

Recently I was on the phone with my mother and she shared some personal struggles she was going through. This was strange for me, as she never opened up about such matters growing up, nor during these past 12 years that I have been praying for her salvation. After the conversation I went about my day and started on repairs on our vehicle. While working on the vehicle the Holy Spirit told me that this was an open door that I have been praying about all these years. At the moment I was overwhelmed and would not have known what to say in such a delicate situation. Even then, after the Holy Spirit's prompting, with tears of joy and burden overflowing I didn't know what to do. The Holy Spirit further insisted; share this with a Pastor who would have insight, and lives near her place in Ontario. I emailed the Pastor and shared the story. I am thankful I did. With his insight we have been able to navigate the situation wisely and are waiting now for an opportune time to further reach out to her. Please pray for wisdom and for perfect timing, and for the conviction and openness to be there when the opportunity to meet comes. My fear is that she will brush off the work God is doing and the person God is using. Please pray that she would listen. I love my Mother and it hurts when I know what she needs, and she is easy to brush one off as soon as she is approached with her need. It is a situation where you would rather that they just broke down and came to you for help out right rather than these subtle hints. Either way, I am humbled that she would come to me, and that she knows I have the answer. Please pray she would receive the answer—Jesus!

Support

Currently we are sitting at 35% support. We are excited to announce that a church is considering and voting on doubling the support of their missionaries. We are also excited that we have another virtual presentation lined up for May 16, 2021 with a church that is looking to support our ministry as well. Remember, these are specific answers to prayer that you have been praying about! Thank you! Please pray for our support to be raised, for more virtual presentation meetings, and for churches in Canada that we have presented our ministry in to support the ministry. After a year of not being able to hit the road as we would like to, the temptation to go to the field prematurely is there as we have a call upon our life to fulfill. We are trusting God that He will supply all our need as He has been doing through your labour of love! Thank you! Please pray for wisdom and for God's timing.

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Literature

Please pray as I am looking to complete a Gospel tract in Plautdietsch (Low German) and have it proofed for printing. It has been a long term project as I battle through the correct spelling and phonetics to appropriate, as well as what Scripture to use. There is no official phonetic structure to the language, as all works hesitate to make their particular approach one of authority not knowing how it will be received or criticized. On top of that, I have to approach the people with truth that can be well received in their culture. For an example, generally we would have a three to four point outline in a Gospel tract, yet I see it necessary to have a fifth point that deals with the matter of works for salvation. While I add a fifth point it is hard to keep it concise and to the point so as to not lose them, as most of these people are illiterate and if they have picked up on reading skills they do not want to read a lot at a time. Please pray for wisdom! After this I want to translate a small discipleship booklet to help new converts in the matter of their past, security, baptism, church membership, Bible study, prayer, obedience, temptation, giving, separation, and the home. Brenda has completed a children's lesson book focusing on serving in a local church. The idea is to train them young and to stir their hearts to serve God at a young age. It has gone through two stages of proofing and is going through the final stage and is then scheduled for printing. She has completed the next volume which is scheduled for its first proofing. She has also finished a children's devotional that is soon to go through the second stage of proofing, and then it will be ready to print as well. Her next big challenge is to translate this work into Low German for the mission field. This type of material is lacking in English itself so you can imagine the great need in Low German. The days of sitting idly by are past and a spirit of innovation and pioneerism (new word for your dictionary) shall be the new norm. William Carey stuck out as a strange person to his contemporaries, yet we look back and admire his passion and mission! May God give us more strange and peculiar people who will "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Proud of my wife? Not a little! Please pray for her, as the Devil attacks hard on a mind that attempts things that are beyond us but can be done through Christ which strengthens us!

Needs

I have never mentioned a specific need such as materialistically speaking. God has prompted me to share a need we have, yet through the means of praise! I was praying specifically for a new laptop as my memory is soon too full, only having an entry level 120gb laptop. A few days after, I received a text from a pastor asking if we had any needs. I couldn't think of any and all of the sudden the Holy Spirit reminded me and prompted me to share the need of a new laptop. The pastor is looking at sharing the need with his church family and helping us out! Praise the Lord! Why is this a need? Brenda has been typing these volumes on her phone via Pages. She upgraded to an iPad that we got a keyboard for but is now in need of a laptop. I will be upgrading mine and giving her mine which is very sufficient to run Pages and small gigabyte documents on. We both have the need to upgrade and God is working it out!

We have also been able to upgrade our vehicles suspension as it has gone through a lot towing a 37' camper. While we are not on the road but plan to be, I thought it was good timing to upgrade and enhance the suspension. This will help a lot for better control and less stress on our vehicle. I was also able to add a cold air intake, giving the vehicle more air intake to help with low end torque and fuel efficiency via the more dense air. God also used a Christian gentlemen with one particular bill, who was at the mechanics while I was. Praise God!

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Serving

We had the privilege and opportunity to help serve a meal at the 2021 Canadian Baptist Bible College graduation supper this weekend. It was a joy to serve and specifically serve a graduate that we saw God doing a great work in through his teen and college and career days. I also had the privilege and opportunity to sing in a College Student and Alumni Mixed Ensemble during the 2021 Canadian Baptist Bible College commencement service. What a joy it was to serve in the college we are both proud to be affiliated with! A college where you are loved, trained, and taught to walk and serve God in a practical way. Please do consider Canadian Baptist Bible College if God is leading you to full time service and ministry, or you desire to know God and His Word more in depth. We need labourers!

Love, labourers together,

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