

Andrew and Deanna Friesen's Newsletter

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:1-3

We have been tremendously blessed since the New Year in a variety of ways, especially since we are beginning to see some of the fruits of our labors from the past year. Last year we spent some time in D'Friesen's studio, recording tracks for a new Plautdietsch CD, and a few months ago we began to hear some of the (almost) final mixes for the songs! We are grateful that the songs have come so far, and it is our hope that a new D'Friesens CD will be available soon.

God is so good!

We have also had the opportunity to see in several different ways how God is working among the Low German people around the world. In January, I (Andrew) had the opportunity to go to Cuauhtémoc, Mexico, to a gathering of Mennonite conferences and churches from all over North and South America, as well as representatives from Steinreich Bibel Schule, to discuss partnering together in a network called 1Gloowen. Under 1Gloowen, churches and conferences would partner together to share resources, goals, and missionaries, with the goal of reaching the Low German people around the world. It was exciting to be part of these meetings and discussions and to see how many different people have the same vision for the expansion of the Gospel. We must remember that spreading the Good News of the Kingdom of God is our primary purpose as the Church, and I believe that 1Gloowen is an important step in that direction. Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of all who are involved, especially those in the interim board for 1Gloowen, so that His will would be accomplished through 1Gloowen.



Diedrich and Andrew in Mexico



Singing in Vauxhall with D'Friesens

We have also been hearing in the last few months of revivals that are happening in Bolivia, in Paraguay, in Belize, and in Canada, specifically Alberta. This is extremely exciting news and we are elated at how God is working! Pray that this revival would spread, and that many more people would come to faith in Christ. I have also heard from a few people that the radio program I produce, called "Kjikj Nopp!", is being well received among the Mennonites in Mexico and South America. This is very encouraging for me. I spend quite a bit of time in the studio,

writing the devotionals, recording them, and editing them into a short program, so to hear that my effort is not in vain is very motivating. Pray that God would give the wisdom to accurately and rightly teach the Word, so that people may come to faith in Him and be encouraged by "Kjikj Nopp!".

In February Deanna and I had the opportunity to sing at a few different churches' Sweetheart Suppers, and we also shared some music at the Tompkins Evangelical Church, where I also had the message that morning. It's always a blessing to be able to share music and the Word, and we are grateful for the opportunities we had to do that. In March we flew to Manitoba, where we spent a few days with D'Friesens in preparation for a fundraiser in Winkler. The fundraiser went well, thank the Lord, and the next day we left on a short tour to Vauxhall, AB, and to Abbotsford, BC. In Vauxhall we had a regular concert, and in Abbotsford we took part in a fundraiser for Low German Ministry put on by Multi-Nation Missions Foundation (MMF). MMF is also the organization that handles all the tax deductible receipts for us and D'Friesens, and they have a real burden for the Low German people to come to faith. They are the ones who keep track of our funding and that helps us in our work tremendously. Helmut Wiens, MMF's director, also treated us to a short tour of Vancouver, which we had never seen before. That was a real treat!

Future Projects...

One dream that we have for this year yet is to record our own Low German CD. God has blessed us with being able to write some of our own songs, so now it is time to start the process of practicing, figuring out exactly how we want the songs to sound, and then record them! While it is an

exciting process, it can also be daunting, particularly because recording, mixing and editing music does not come cheap. There is a lot of time and money involved, and on average, it takes about \$7,000 to finish an album and produce some copies to sell. There is also the need for adequate space for recording, and while our studio works for the radio program, it is not yet finished to the point where we can record professional music. Our hope and aim is that in the coming months we will be able to finish up the studio and start the recording, so that by the end of the year all our songs will be recorded. This is a big step for us, and we trust that God will use this music to further His kingdom and build His church.



Andrew driving the travel van



Exploring Vancouver

Prayer and Praise...

- Pray for our monthly support to keep growing, so that we can spend more time making music and producing the radio program
- Pray for those among the Low German people that are coming to faith in Christ, and are facing opposition because of it
- Pray for the missionaries who are hard at work advancing the Gospel among the Low German Mennonites
- Praise God for the revivals that are happening, and pray for them to continue
- Praise God for providing for the needs of His workers
- Praise God for the safety we consistently experience as we travel, sing, and work at home

As always, we would not be able to do this work without your help. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. If you would like to support us financially to keep projects such as a Low German album, or the radio program going, that would be greatly appreciated. One of our biggest need is for wisdom, that we will make good use of the resources we have in order to bless the people we come into contact with for God's glory. Pray that we will be good stewards, and that we will be motivated to keep working tirelessly to spread the Gospel. God bless!



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Working together, that the world may know who Jesus is!