

Andrew & Deanna's 2020 Newsletter #1

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day." 1 Chronicles 16:23

We would like to start by saying that we are so grateful for all your support! 2020 has already been a very interesting year to say the least, filled with uncertainty, but we know that none of this can change God's faithfulness. We have seen so many things that we take completely for granted, such as our freedom to roam where we please, meet with whoever we want to, buy things at our every convenience, being taken away; and yet we have the certainty that none of this is forever. Our freedoms, that we took so for granted, have for many of us become a stumbling block and a hindrance to our faith. Let's take this time to dig deep into God's Word, and become better acquainted with the Bible. If we truly believe that God is sovereign, then not even locking the entire world down can stop His plan from being achieved. God is at work, and there is still much to be done in the Kingdom. Let's read His Word, pray, and keep working faithfully to build His Kingdom!

What we've been up to...

Firstly we would just like to apologize for how late this newsletter is. Our laptop, which I usually type on, is having issues and needs to be repaired. Usually it wouldn't be an issue, but due to the current lock-down shipping computer parts takes longer than usual, so it will probably be a few weeks before our laptop is fixed. Thank you for your continued support and your patience.

Since January, there has been quite a bit of upheaval for us, but that's the same for pretty much everyone these days! Once again, we are in awe of God's faithfulness, and we can't wait to see what plans He has in store for us all. In January and February, we managed to make a bit more progress on the studio, and it is now



Recording in MB



Bonus: Spending time with Soren!

being used to record the weekly radio program Kjikj Nopp! as well as the podcast that Deanna is a part of, called "Mennonite Girls in a Modern World". The studio is working well, although a few things still need to be tweaked, but we have been so busy getting ready for the arrival of our first baby that it's kind of taken away from my time to work on renovations lately. Deanna is due on April 22nd, so feel free to pray for us, that everything would go well during the delivery and that we would adjust well to being parents. We need all the prayer and help we can get!

We would also just like to say, that because of the current lock-down of the economy, and since international borders are currently closed, the CD that we had hoped would be in Canada by now still isn't here. The album is complete, and the first shipment is ready, but it is stuck in Mexico for the time being, since that is where we decided to make the actual CD's. So for now, we have to wait until the borders reopen.



Recording piano!

In the second half of February, we travelled to Manitoba for another recording project for D'Friesens, this time a Christmas album project, both in Plautdietsch and in English. We are very excited that we could get this project started, but there is a lot of work to be done before it's complete! While we were there, we also sang at Low German Sinjstund evening.

On March 8th, we shared at the La Crete BMC, sharing an update on our work, as well as some music. I (Andrew) also brought the message that morning. There were a few other missionary reports that morning, and it was very encouraging to see how God is working in various places around the world! We also took time in March to continue working on the radio program Kjikj Nopp.

Future plans...

Our plans are still to record an album of the two of us, but we aren't sure how much having a baby will disrupt that, so we don't want to make our plans too concrete. Also, all of our travel plans for the summer are currently on hold, since we don't know how long the lock-down is going to last, or how much our summers are going to be affected. However, there is still much work to be done, and we aren't going to run out of opportunities to serve any time soon.

In regards to the radio program Kjikj Nopp, we will soon be finished with the Gospel of Mark, so I need to choose another book to go through soon. My hope is to start recording videos of the devotionals in the near future, but we first need to invest in some video recording equipment for that to happen.

Lastly, we, along with several others, are still working on getting the licenses for a Low German radio station in La Crete, so please pray for that process to go smoothly! All the equipment is here and is working, we just need the licenses for us to be able to broadcast legally.



Singing at Sinjstund in MB



Thank you all for all your prayers! We are greatly in need of them. Thank you for your continued support and help. It's a blessing to see how the Lord works through people to accomplish His will in the world, and we are only a tiny part of that work. Your contributions are what keep us going!

Prayer and Praise...

- Praise God for His faithfulness, greatness and sovereignty; no matter what we go through He is still in control!
- Praise God for the peace that He gives, even in troubling times.
- Praise God that His work is still being accomplished.
- Praise God for the continued support of people from all over. Without you all we cannot do this!
- Pray for us, for the birth of our child, and us becoming parents for the first time!
- Pray that we would be able to keep up with our work, even with a new baby.
- Pray for the Church, that believers would not lose heart even during this pandemic, and that we would all take encouragement from the Word of God. Social distancing is tough, but with God's help we will make it through.
- Pray for those families who have lost loved ones recently, and cannot gather together to grieve properly because of gathering restrictions. Pray that they would be comforted by the God of all comfort.



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