

Andrew & Deanna Ministry Newsletter

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God," (Colossians 3:16).

Looking Back...

The Lord has been so good to us. It is our prayer that the verse above is true in our lives, so that we can help others make it true in their lives as well. Since January, our portion of the ministry has become more established. As this is our first newsletter of the year, there is some catching up to do. We have been fairly busy since joining MMF in September of 2017! January saw us preparing to head to Belize, and quickly putting on a fundraiser in La Crete before we would be gone for several weeks. The fundraiser did well and raised quite a bit of money for Low German ministry; we were very blessed to see that. We then spent most of February travelling with Diedrich and Nettie Friesen in Belize, heading to different colonies to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through music and fellowship. While there, we spent some time in Blue Creek, Colonia Del Valle (in Mexico), Spanish Lookout, Shipyard, and Little Belize. We were tremendously blessed to be able to go back to where Andrew spent time growing up to reconnect with many people, and make new friends as well.

After arriving home in La Crete, we spent three days resting up before heading back south again, this time to Redcliff, AB. We use the word "resting" loosely, since during those three days at home Deanna took pictures for a wedding, which is always a lot of work! We joined Andrew's parents again for a week of evening services filled with singing, preaching, and coffee and snacks, both in Redcliff and Bow Island. Once again, we made lots of friends, and although we were tired, we were also blessed to have had the opportunity to go.

After arriving home again, we quickly got to work getting Low German radio program going. Andrew writes and records Low German devotionals that are set to be aired soon in some radio stations in Bolivia and Belize, and getting that set up was a lot of work. It meant



reorganizing our apartment a bit so that our spare bedroom became a recording room, where the programs get made. Every week several devotionals get written, and recorded, in the hope that soon there will be enough to air them weekly.

A few weeks after the trip to Redcliff, we set out for Manitoba, to spend a few weeks with Andrew's family and to record another Low German album! After practicing the songs, and doing a few concerts and a fundraiser, we started recording all the tracks that we helped in. This CD is a bit different from the other D'Friesen's CD's, because it is just the four of us this time, not the whole family. This newest CD is set up to sound similar to when we travel as a group, since usually just the two of us and Diedrich and Nettie are able to travel. After three weeks in MB, our part of the CD was done, even though our trip was postponed a week due to the sudden loss of Deanna's grandpa in April. We are so blessed to have such a faithful Saviour, who helps us in our times of grief and gives us strength to keep going.

After arriving back home, we quickly got back to work making more devotionals. We also got started on making our own website, and a podcast site, where people can listen to the devotionals online. We also post the devotionals in writing on the website, all in Plautdietsch. We have also begun to send them out to various radio stations, which should begin airing them within the next couple of weeks. We have also done a few programs here in La Crete. Eagle's Nest Ministry Center had a fundraiser on June 16, and we sang there in the evening. We were also asked to lead the youth campfire at the Gospel Jamboree in La Crete on June 23. On top of the radio programs, we are also working at making more Low German music, writing our own songs and coming up with ideas for CD's. Now we work to keep the devotionals going, as well as planning for the future.

Looking Ahead...

As we continue to work with Low German ministry we are faced with some choices. We have given ourselves to going where the Lord sends us, and it looks like that will include heading to Little Belize Colony in Belize for about two months, starting in September 2018. It's a big step for us, and the details have not all been arranged yet, but we believe that God has a plan for us, and if it is His will for us to go, then He will make a way. Some things we need to think about are how to keep the Low German radio programs going, even while we are there, and what we need to consider for moving there, such as how much stuff to bring, since it is just for two months.

Thank you...

Since we started with this work full-time we have been extremely blessed by all the encouragement and support we have gotten from you all. Your prayers are much needed and much appreciated, and we are grateful for the financial support you all have given us. Without your support this work could not be done. Thank you!

Praise for:

- All the opportunities we have to serve
- The encouragement and support we have received
- God's grace and comfort to us during these last few months
- Safety during our travels, and all the blessings we have received as a result of traveling

Pray for:

-- Deanna's family: the loss of Grandpa Bergen was sudden and unexpected. Pray for comfort and healing, especially for Grandma Bergen.

-- Us to take advantage of the opportunities that come our way, in order to be a blessing and spread the Gospel.

-- Our upcoming time of service in Little Belize. Pray that our hearts would be prepared to serve, and to give, in order that God would be glorified.

-- D'Friesen's ministry. Pray that their work would be fruitful, and that this ministry would be a blessing to many people. Pray for continued strength, as we are only human and are prone to fall. Pray that we would draw strength from God's Word, and put forth the necessary effort to maintain the family relationships, even while we are separated by distance.

-- Wisdom, so that we will make God-honoring decisions.

-- For the Lord to send more workers into His harvest.



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Thank you so much for your encouragement and support in this ministry. May God bless you richly for it.