

## Andrew & Deanna Friesen's Newsletter

**“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” – Psalm 28:7**

I am always encouraged that there are verses in Scripture that seem to fit with any and every situation we find ourselves in. Our year has been very exciting so far, and a lot has happened in the last three months, so it's encouraging to know that God is in control of every situation! No matter what happens He is not surprised or upset, but is still Lord and Ruler of all.

### What we've been up to...

Since the beginning of April we have gone on a number of trips. At the start of the month we were in Abbotsford, British Columbia for a fundraiser for Low German Ministry, put on by MMF. After that we returned home to La Crete to catch up at home and work on the radio program. At the end of the month, Diedrich and Nettie Friesen came to La Crete for a few days and then we headed to Peace River together to take part in a missions conference at the Peace River Christian Fellowship. It was a great weekend filled with music and teaching from the Word, and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.



Driving through BC's beautiful mountains

In May, after the weekend in Peace River, we did a concert in Hythe, a short distance away from Grande Prairie, and we finished up the week with a deeper life/missions conference at Mountview Bible Fellowship close to GP. From GP we returned home, and Diedrich & Nettie Friesen headed back to Manitoba. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, we put on a fundraiser for Low German Ministry here in La Crete, and were very blessed by the turnout and the donations. It's always a blessing when people show their support like that, and we felt very encouraged.

At the end of May, I (Andrew) had the opportunity to preach at Living Hope Evangelical Church, which is also where we attend regularly, and even though I was nervous, it was a valuable experience for me and I learned a lot from it.

While all this was going on, something else was happening that would end up having a dramatic impact on our spring and summer. The Chuckegg Creek Wildfire ended up forcing residents of several northern Alberta towns and hamlets to evacuate. Since the beginning of spring we had not been allowed to have any campfires, or to use atv's at all, because of how extremely dry it was.



Left: Our fundraiser in La Crete



Right: Smoke and rain mixed

Deanna and I were also in the process of buying our first home, in La Crete, and the day we signed the last papers we received an evacuation order, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The fire was en route to La Crete and we were forced to leave, so we stayed with Deanna's brother Darcy and his family, who live outside the affected area.

On Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, the evacuation order was lifted and all residents were allowed to return home, and a few days later the fire ban was lifted as well. It all seems back to normal for now, but we can still see the huge clouds of smoke that the fire produces. God is good and He answered our prayers for rain, and the area is no longer as dry as it was. We are extremely grateful for that!

We had been asked to sing at the North Country Gospel Jamboree, in La Crete, but due to the wildfire the event had to be cancelled. As a result of this we got an unexpected blessing, since we were able to go to Manitoba a few days earlier than we had originally planned, to visit my brother Jason and his wife Teya, who had just had their first child, a beautiful baby girl, Soren Fiella Friesen. We were delighted to meet her and spend some time with the rest of my family as well.



Smoke billowing up from the wildfire

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we left Canada and headed to Chihuahua, Mexico, to do a music tour of that area. We spent time in the Cuauhtémoc, Casas Grandes, and Oasis areas of Mexico, along with some other colonies. We had a busy schedule, but God blessed us with strength for each day and wonderful friendly people to drive us around. On July 9<sup>th</sup> we returned to Edmonton late in the



Left: Changing a tire in Mexico Right: Singing at Knacksot Fast



evening, and my parents made it back to their place in Reinland safe and sound. The next day Deanna and I returned all the way home, our first time back since the evacuation order! It is truly good to be home.

### Future plans...

With all the excitement that's happened already, with purchasing a home and being evacuated, our plans to start recording our own CD have been pushed back, but we are still planning on doing it this year. With a new, bigger studio and being situated in a quieter area of town, even though we have been set back a bit we believe we will be able to do more work in less time. God has been so good to us already in providing a new home for us, and we are excited to see what He plans for us next! We can hardly wait to begin recording our album and working on some more songs.

Also, in a few short months, we are planning to go to Germany! During the first week of September there is a Plautdietsche Media Conference, and we have been invited to attend, as well as to play some music in some of the Low German speaking churches in the area. We also have the opportunity to go on a short tour of where the Mennonites came from historically, in the Netherlands, Germany and I believe part of Poland as well, so we are very excited to go. The purpose of the conference is to build up the Plautdietsch language and provide resources for people in Low German ministry, so it fits right in with the work that we do!

## Prayer and Praise...

- Pray for the missionaries and ministries focusing on reaching the Low German people
- Pray for the Plautdietsche Media Conference, that God would use it to build His kingdom and spread the Gospel
- Pray for the situation in northern Alberta, and any other area affected by forest fires or other natural disasters
- Praise God for His continued provision and protection, keeping us through all trials and circumstances
- Praise God for the rain that we have received, and that the fire has slowed down considerably and is currently manageable
- Praise God for providing a new home for us, and also pray that we would use it for His glory
- Pray also for continued support and finances so that we can do this work for as long as God calls us to do it

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. Without it we could not do this work. Please continue to pray for us, that we may do the work God has called us to, for His glory and the building of His Kingdom.



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