

Andrew & Deanna Friesen 2019 Newsletter #3

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.” – Psalm 69:30

This year has been a whirlwind so far! Thank you all for your support thus far, both for all the financial aid you’ve given and also for the prayers. We cannot do this work without you all! We appreciate you and thank God for your willingness to come alongside us and serve the Lord together in this way. It truly is humbling and encouraging.

What we’ve been up to...

At the start of July, we got back to Canada from our trip to Mexico. We didn’t have much time to relax though, since we joined up with my parents, Diedrich & Nettie Friesen, to sing at the Redcliff Gospel Jamboree in Redcliff, Alberta, for the July 20th weekend. On Friday and Saturday we sang at the Jamboree a few times, and then on Sunday morning we also helped with the morning service at the Redcliff EMC. After that we returned home.

We have some other exciting news, since we bought a place in La Crete, AB. This was only possible because God is gracious, He often works through the kind hearts of His people. He generously supplied all we needed in order to make the purchase, and in spite of the previous forest fire, and evacuation of La Crete, we were able to make the purchase without any difficulty. Praise the Lord! We moved there the week after we returned from Redcliff, and then it was time for us, after moving everything in, to quickly get our new studio and office set up so that we could continue with recording the radio program. It’s not professional quality studio at this point, but it works for the time being. The next weekend, July 26th and 27th, we sang at the La Crete Ferry Campground Music Festival, once on Friday and once on Saturday, but our camping trip was cut short since we returned home on Saturday evening yet to prepare for Sunday morning, where we had the privilege of sharing our music and I preached at Tompkins Evangelical Church.



Singing in a Mennonite Church in Germany

The following week, Deanna and I had the joy of leading the music at the LHEC’s (Living Hope Evangelical Church) VBS. We also did a special number with the children the following Sunday, August 4th. Deanna and I have had the privilege as well of leading the church’s youth group, and although we are not formally the YG leaders anymore, we still had the opportunity to plan and lead the campout, which happened August 9th to 11th. It was a blessing to be able to spend a weekend with the youth, looking into God’s Word, playing group games, and hearing from our guest speaker, Matthew Peters, about choosing Him every day, and not chasing after the things that this world offers us. A good reminder for all of us!

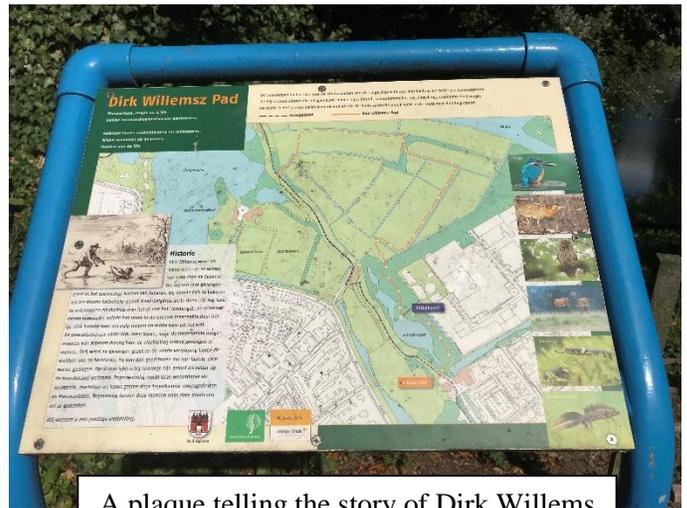
The next weekend we went camping with Deanna’s family, and on Monday, August 26th, we headed to Edmonton for our flight to Manitoba. We arrived in MB on the 27th, and after spending some time with my family, we headed off to Germany together with my parents! We left Winnipeg on the 28th, and we flew overnight to arrive in Germany on the morning of the 29th. For most of us this was our first time in Europe, and we were very excited to go. Our hosts for the trip were very kind and treated us very well. For the first part of the trip we stayed near a town called Lemgo, and for the second part of the trip we stayed in Detmold.

Our primary purpose for going on this trip was to attend the 4th Plautdietsche Media Conference, to learn about using media to further the Low German language, and also to meet with other people involved in Low German ministry and to share resources. Deanna and I both participated in a class for video and photography, and we hope to implement what we learned soon, as we have planned to do a lot of work in the near future regarding Low German music. We didn't just attend classes in Germany, as we were also asked to sing at a few places. We shared in several of the churches during their services, just a few songs and some introductions, and then on September 7th we also shared some music at a Low German culture evening, where Low German people from all over shared some music and stories from their cultures. We also did a full concert at a Mennonite Church in Detmold, on September 14th. We were very blessed at the reception we received from our German brothers and sisters.



Sharing music at the Low German Culture Evening

For the last part of the trip, we went on a Mennonite Heritage tour, visiting various cities and towns in northern Germany and the Netherlands from where our ancestors come. Some highlights of the tour were visiting Münster, where many Anabaptists lived and also lost their lives, as well as places like Haarlem and Amsterdam, where a lot of Mennonite history happened. Haarlem is also the town where Menno Simons left the Catholic Church and joined the Anabaptist movement. In Amsterdam we visited some old Mennonite churches, and were told about the influence the Mennonites had on the Holland region of the Netherlands. It was a very educational and eye-opening trip. It was also quite emotional, since we also visited some museums, and we heard many stories about what the Anabaptists suffered for their faith; the most famous example is probably Dirk Willems. We went to the location where he had been imprisoned, and when he escaped during the winter, his pursuer chased him onto thin ice. Dirk Willems made it across but his pursuer fell through, and without hesitation Dirk turned around and helped his pursuer out of the ice. He was then immediately captured and imprisoned again, this time in the bell tower of a nearby cathedral, and a few days later he was executed for his faith. This is a famous story from the Martyr's Mirror, and it was emotional and inspiring to hear their stories and to walk in the places where they walked. We truly have a rich history and an incredible legacy of faith!



A plaque telling the story of Dirk Willems

We got back to Canada on the 16th of September, and after staying in Manitoba a few days to recuperate, Deanna and I came home to La Crete on the 20th. Since then we've been working on getting some music ready for recording, and I have been working on the radio program further.

Our Future Plans...

We have a lot of work to do catching up here at home now, in the next few months. Our schedule this year has been so full that things at home have been left behind, so now that there is room in the schedule it's time to take care of things here! One example of things that have gotten left behind is our home studio. While it works when everything is quiet, it is by no means a professional quality studio, and in the next few weeks I plan to upgrade it.

The reason for all of this, is because Deanna and I have plans to make our own Low German CD, and now that we have time at home, we want to do the bulk of the recording this winter. We are still finalizing the list of songs that we want to include, but once the studio is finished we will be ready for recording!

There is still one trip planned for this year, and that is in November. My dad and I are planning to go to Paraguay for a few weeks to help with finalizing the mixes of our most recent Low German CD. This is also an example of a project that has gotten left behind, since we were so busy this year. We plan to visit David Toews' studio in Paraguay, to discuss the final mixes of the songs and to get the album ready for distribution.

Prayer and Praise...

- Praise God for helping us find a house to buy and move into. It is really nice to have our own little place to call home!
- Praise God for all the connections we made at the Media Conference. It's encouraging to meet other people from around the world that have similar goals/interests, and are committed to serving the Lord with their lives.
- Praise God for allowing us to see the rich history of our ancestors, and how God used them mightily to build His kingdom. It has encouraged us and inspired us to keep working tirelessly!
- Praise God for His sovereignty and grace! Even in a turbulent world, we can live, work, and rest, knowing that God is in control and He supplies all our needs.
- Pray for our (mine and Deanna's) upcoming CD project. Pray that God would help us choose the right songs, and that the album would glorify Him and encourage those who listen to seek Him.
- Pray for our upcoming trip to Paraguay. Pray that we could travel safely, and that we could finish the D'Friesens CD without any issues.
- Pray for continued support for us and D'Friesens. We rely on the goodwill of others, so please pray that the Lord would touch people's hearts to give generously, whether that is through prayer, words of encouragement, or finances. We strive to proclaim the Gospel, and we can't do that without the Lord's blessing and your generosity. To God be the glory!



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