

## Andrew & Deanna Friesen's 2019 Newsletter #4 (Year-End)

**“O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.” Psalm 59:17**

Happy New Year! We are incredibly grateful to the Lord for bringing us safely through the last year. We have been so blessed by everyone who has supported us, by praying, and words of encouragement, and by donations. Thanks to God's faithfulness and everyone's generosity, we have been able to work in Low German ministry for another year.

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



David Toews' studio trailer

Since our last newsletter, we haven't done any more major traveling, although Diedrich Friesen and I (Andrew) went to Paraguay for about 10 days in November to finalize the song mixes for our upcoming album. We are happy to say that the album has been completed, and the songs are ready to be put onto CD's. We plan to release the album in March, Lord willing, and we hope it will be an encouragement to everyone who hears it. Also, while we were in Paraguay, we had the opportunity to help David Toews build a mobile recording studio trailer, so that he can record on the road. We also filmed three music videos for David's Song of the Week, or Leet von de Wääkj, in Plautdietsch. Those songs were played over the Christmas holidays.

I have also been working on upgrading our home studio here in La Crete, and it is almost complete! I have a few simple things left to do, such as installing the baseboards and trims, and then it will be completely ready and functional. Once that happens Deanna and I plan to start recording for our own Low German

album. We are currently working on a song list for the project. As with any renovation project, there was a lot more work to be done than I had initially thought, and I ended up having to gut two of the walls in order to install soundproofing insulation, and I also had to level the floor since it was sagging in some places, and a host of other things as well. Thankfully though we are now on the home stretch, and hopefully there will be no more unexpected surprises!

Additionally, I have joined a group of men in the La Crete area to work on setting up a Low German Radio station, in order to encourage the Low German people in our area, and reach those who haven't heard the Gospel in their native language. We hope to get the radio station up and running in the near future, so please pray for things to go smoothly and for this station to reach many people.

In December, we also put on a fundraiser at the Living Hope Evangelical Church, and God blessed us richly. Over \$10,000 in total was raised. We are so grateful to God for His abundance and



Inside the trailer with David & Diedrich

generosity, and also to the people who came, and who donated to this work. Thank you for allowing yourself to be used by God in this way. Our prayer is, and this is what we strive for, that our Low German people would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as a result of the work we do, in making music, and radio programs, etc., that proclaims the Gospel. We also hope to encourage those already in Christ, and draw them into a deeper relationship with Him.



Playing at our fundraiser, with help from Jonah Wiebe and Terry Wiebe

I have also continued to produce the radio program Kjikj Nopp! weekly, and once the studio is completely done that should make producing the program quite a bit simpler, by reducing the need to set up every time I want to record. Thank you all for your support this year; we cannot do this work without your help. Your prayers are a blessing, and the words of encouragement we've received have motivated us to keep going. This year has seen many opportunities open up to us, such as going to Germany, and connecting with David Toews in Paraguay, as well as joining the group of men in La Crete who are dedicated to setting up the Low German radio station. We are excited to see where God will take us in the next year, and how He will use these opportunities for His glory.

### Future Plans...

I mentioned before that our studio is *almost* finished; so firstly, our plan is to finish it completely. Secondly, once we have finalized a song list for our album, we plan to start recording music in it, before we become too busy with traveling again. We have no concrete dates in mind for when we hope this album will be complete, but we at least want to start.

We have a trip planned for the near future as well, since Deanna and I plan to travel to Manitoba for about 2 weeks in February, to help D'Friesens with recording some Christmas music! We've thought a long time about making a Christmas album, so we're excited to start with this project. Our goal is to finish at least Deanna's and my parts during those two weeks.

Lastly, the plan is simply to keep going with producing Kjikj Nopp! on a weekly basis, as well as seeing where I can help in setting up the Low German radio station here in La Crete. Our list for the next few months is relatively short compared to last year, but that doesn't mean it will be any less busy! We have some exciting things happening in our lives apart from our ministry-related goals as well.

### Other News...

The biggest and most exciting thing happening is this: We are expecting a baby! Deanna is due in April, so we hope to have many of these list items done by then. Please pray for us! We know that raising a family is a big deal, and we know we cannot do it without relying on the Lord. We are incredibly excited, and we can't wait to see what God has in store.



Working on the studio!

## Prayer and Praise...

- Praise God for His faithfulness in providing our needs, through regular donors and through fundraisers. It's an encouragement to know that people support our work!
- Praise God that we are expecting a baby! Please pray for us as we take this major step in a new direction, and pray for wisdom so that we will raise our child in a way that glorifies God
  
- Praise God for the group that is seeking to set up a Low German radio station in La Crete; please pray for wisdom as we work on this, that God will use this radio station in a mighty way to build His kingdom
- Please pray for David Toews and his work in Paraguay, creating and producing Low German media for the purpose of evangelism
- Please pray for wisdom as we record in the studio, that we would invest and spend our time wisely and be able to record music and devotionals that spread the Gospel and bring God glory
- Please pray as well for inspiration for writing music and producing the radio program, as we do not want these things to come from our own wisdom, but rather from the wisdom of God



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