



Well it's hard to believe that we are actually living in the year 2010!! We still remember so clearly in the year 2000, when the world was screaming in fear that it was the end, and here we are 10 years later and God has done so much! We are thankful to God that He still is not done with us. We are thankful to Him that we can be His servants and get to know Him better every day and learn more of His unending Love, Grace, and Mercy!

This is a much overdue letter, and it can be so easy pushed aside, especially when there are almost always people around.

So much has happened just this past 1 year. Another year of school has gone by and we are so thankful that God kept the bus in good enough shape to bring the children safely to school and home every day!

Dec 15th was the last day of school and Lord willing it is starting again on Feb 1/10. I (Anne) was teaching very part time last year because the need was so great. I have never felt that teaching was my calling and I really got to prove that during this past year, it's just not my cup of tea.

Judi had a 3 week Christmas break from school, and it was good to have her at home. She is in grade 10 so we have another 2 1/2 years to go before she is done school. She really enjoys the English school in Santa Cruz. It is hard sometimes to have her be away so much. I sometimes wonder what God is preparing her for.

I have been working on a Plautdietsch (Low German) Songbook. Which has taken quite some time already but I am so grateful for every song that the Lord has provided, through people that have translated and written songs in Low German. I myself have translated many songs through the last 10 years and am still working on a few more. So hopefully it won't take too much longer until I can print the first copy. So far there are 325 songs all in Low German. I am very excited as I know this will be a huge outreach to many Low German speaking people. God speaks through songs and in this book will be many songs by which God's Word will speak to the people who use these books!! Praise the Lord!

One great praise item that we have is that little Lucas which was born premature, and was not gaining weight, is a chubby healthy baby now! We had the privilege of having Lucas in our home for 6 weeks and to see the difference from one day to another in his weight and his weakness getting stronger and stronger. Many people asked us if his parents didn't love him, "Yes they do love him" is what we said, but we knew that it was God, that the parents were so glad and willing to let us take care of Lucas! When we brought him back home, the mother with tears in her eyes, thanked us so much for taking care of Lucas, She said she did not know where she or Lucas would be, had we not been willing to take Lucas into our home, she told me that she had been to the end with herself, and had not known how she should or could take care of Lucas any further. We give God all the Glory, Honor and Praise! We know He has a GREAT plan for little Lucas.

We have a prayer request that you would pray for us and also Mary Ens. We have mentioned her before in our letters. Her husband, David lives in the colony and left Mary and went to live with some of his friends. Mary lived in the colony alone for 2 1/2 years and then came and lived in her own little house in a little village about a kilometer from us where some more Mennonite families live. But for the last few months she was living with a couple in the women's shelter that is being built near that same community. Since the women's shelter is not finished yet, she was living with that couple in the same quarters, just had her own bedroom. She was alone in her bedroom for most of the time including meals. It was hard on the couple that she lived with and they had told her that things would have to change if she wanted to

stay. So that night at 1 o'clock she came walking to our house with her bag of belongings, (that's all she has/owns) and cried and asked if she could sleep here, so we gave her a bed in a little house that we have on the yard, and so that is where she is to this day. It's been a month now that she is here and is very much just in the little house and by herself. We make sure that she has food and the things she needs. She is a very sensitive person and is dealing with a lot of hurt from the past. We know her parents and they were always to themselves as well. When Mary grew up and in her youth years she was in her room reading books, if she had any. She was very much by herself. Then she married a man, David Ens, and again were mostly just at home by themselves. So she likes to be alone. We pray every day that God will give us wisdom to go about this situation. It's not an easy one, but we are thankful that God gives us the strength what He wants us to do.

We want to thank you for taking the time to read what the Lord is doing in our life here in Bolivia, and we thank you for praying. We have so many things that we could write about, there is always so much happening! We just ask that you pray for us as we host many people in our home which we very much enjoy but our prayer is that they will see that God is alive in our lives and that we will be a living testimony to each one. God Bless you and may the joy of the Lord be your strength!

Love Diedrich Anne & Judi Groening