



Hello, Friends!

**November 2017
Newsletter**



Reformation in Brazil

We are celebrating the Lutheran Reformation in Brazil along with the rest of the world. The boldness of Martin Luther in proclaiming his convictions based on Scripture is a great example for us to follow in our day. We preach faith alone - in Christ alone - by grace alone - as taught in the Word alone - for the glory of God alone! May the truths of God's renewing grace be proclaimed around the world bringing salvation and transformation as people come to faith in Jesus. Pray for Paul as he preaches at a Reformation service in Campo Mourão on the 31st. Pray for our Brazilian churches as they celebrate this important date by the preaching of the Word.



Brazilian Free Lutheran church

As president and secretary of the AFLC in Brazil we continue to visit churches in our denomination and have monthly meetings to pray and plan and take care of business. Several of our churches are in transition. We are saddened that two of our young pastors have decided to not continue in the ministry, leaving congregations without pastors. Many of our churches are struggling and need our prayers to stand firm in the midst of difficulties. We would like to send "glowing reports," but the truth of the situation is not so glamorous. We need your prayers for wisdom and strength and vision to carry on. Please pray for our Annual Conference and Jubilee celebration of our Seminary at the end of November. We participated in an alumni reunion at the Bible School in September (photo). It was great to be reunited with friends from the past!

Financial Plea

We have received word from the World Missions Committee that our support has been inadequate. Actually a very small group of people supports us regularly. We are so grateful for this faithful group of supporters. However, many people who receive our letters have never taken an initiative to help out financially. Would each of you prayerfully consider how God would use you to support the work God has called us to do in Brazil? We are getting older, but we still get lots of work done. We believe God has a purpose for us to fulfill here. You can be involved with Missions through your gifts and prayers. You can contribute online at www.aflcworldmissions.org or send gifts to the address below designated for our support.

There are also several projects in need of financial support. One of those is the ARCA Social Work fund. Two men we are currently supporting with day work and spiritual encouragement are pictured here putting in a ceiling for another poor family while Paul led the family in a time of Bible Study.



**Our love and thanks
to you,
Paul and Becky Abel
(with grandkids)**

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." II Cor. 2:14



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