



**August  
2016  
Newsletter**

**AFLC World  
Missions**



*"I have made you a watchman; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me... Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.'" Ez. 33:7,11*



In our day we have also been called to be watchmen, warning people to return to God and follow His ways. It is a pleasure to announce the good news of salvation in Jesus and see lives being changed. However, it is difficult to witness people reject the truth and walk away from God's ways. On the mission field we see both of these scenarios. Recently several people have come to faith and have been baptized and integrated into the church family. However, others who had once tasted and seen that the Lord is good have abandoned their faith and refused to walk in God's ways. Decisions have consequences. Pray for us as we fulfill our calling as watchmen preaching and teaching God's Word in Brazil. May many hear God's Word to his people: *"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."* Jeremiah 6:16

### **July Bible Camps**



We praise God for the opportunities we have had to impact lives during the past three months. Besides visiting several churches on teaching and preaching missions, we invested much planning and prayer in getting ready for our events in July. I really enjoy coming up with new ideas to present the same wonderful salvation message to children and youth. Children's Camp in July was developed around the theme "As a LEGO in the hands of the Builder." The

kids had a great time learning about how to build their lives on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. We had Lego decorations and Lego games and competitions, even Lego brownies! We built a real wall with bricks painted like Legos. The campfire time was especially meaningful as the children shared personal experiences of how Jesus has made a difference. The "popcorn prayer" time sounded like a hot pan of popcorn popping with many children spontaneously participating in prayer.



The youth camp was also a blessing as we concentrated on how God wants to use each one of us with our unique talents and gifts to be God's answer to the problems in our world today. Those of us who are a part of God's kingdom are His ambassadors with a vocation to serve Him in whatever profession or situation in which we are placed. The following week we traveled to Campo Mourão for another youth camp - our third camp in a row!



It was fun to be able to share these camp experiences with three groups of American young people. **Journey Missions** came with 17 youth coupled with a group of six young men from Wisconsin. Two more couples joined the group at the end of the trip. Besides getting a chance to see the mission field firsthand the short termers helped with work projects in the three cities they visited. It's a lot of work and non-stop action, but we hope that those who participate will pray and live with a different perspective after having experienced life in a different culture.

We have two young men from the Bateias church studying at the **Bible School** in Campo Mourão this year. They both come from very poor, dysfunctional families and are eager to learn more from God's Word. Pray for Jean Carlos and Igor as they are being transformed to change the course of their own lives and influence future generations.



Paul worked to complete two more **projects at the ARCA** – one is a covered concrete slab for the tractor and a parking lot for the chalet area. The second one is a set of concrete bleachers for seating at campfires and outdoor events. These are nice additions to the camp facility.

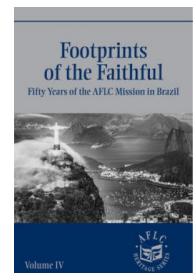




In July an article I wrote appeared in the Ambassador magazine. It was about the dangers of living in Brazil. As people in the U.S. were reading that article I had a firsthand experience with **armed robbery**. I was sitting in our car waiting to pick up Ethan and Allan, two STAs, when two armed men pointed a gun through the window demanding me to get out of the car, hand over my phone and leave everything behind. They nervously proceeded to take off with our car and my purse, all my documents and credit cards and checks, glasses and whatnot. I thank the Lord for His peace as I walked away to find a phone and report the robbery. We are thankful no one was harmed and we got the car back. So, as I stated in the article, "Support and pray for missionaries as they serve the Lord in dangerous places around the world." Maybe some of you were praying for me when I was robbed. Thanks!

We are very thrilled that the new book in the Heritage Series written by Loiell Dyrud has been published. "**Footprints of the Faithful**" is a wonderful account of the establishment of the AFLC mission work in Brazil. This year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We are in the midst of planning for our big celebration in November. If you are interested in acquiring a copy of the book (which we highly recommend) you can order it from Ambassador Publications

<http://www.ambassadorpublications.org/store/product/footprints-faithful-fifty-years-aflc-mission-brazil/>



Thank you for praying for us and supporting us to be "watchmen" to the nation of Brazil! We have obeyed God in this calling and many others have obeyed God in sending us. Support gifts for our ministry can be sent to the AFLC World Missions office and designated for Paul and Becky Abel. You can also **support us** by giving online - <http://www.aflcworldmissions.org/about-us/contributing/online-giving/> There are many special projects that need funding. Consider sharing your financial blessings with those in need with whom we work - <http://www.aflcworldmissions.org/resources/approved-special-projects/>

#### **Prayer requests:**

- \*Continued good health. Since last year Paul has lost over 50 pounds and is feeling great!
- \* Seminar for parents and adolescents in September
- \* Plans for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- \* Economic and political challenges Brazil is facing
- \* Brazilian pastors as they minister in their churches
- \* Jean Carlos and Igor at Bible School

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Thankful to Jesus who faithfully sustains and encourages us! In Him, Paul and Becky