



December 2017 Newsletter - Jesus is proclaimed in Brazil!

Feliz Natal (Merry Christmas) from Paul and Becky Abel

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth! Through the years we have tried to make this time of year Christ-centered and festive. Although it takes a lot of work the people are always happy with the final product of a special Christmas program. The church was full, and together we exalted our wonderful Lord and Savior. Paul surprised me with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation at the end of the program. We enjoyed festivities with family and friends, too. The next big event is our New Year's Eve celebration at the ARCA with a meal and special worship service with testimonies and prayer on the 31st.



Family Album

As we celebrate Jesus' birth we look forward to two new births in our family in 2018. Andrew and Alexi are expecting their first baby in January, a little boy. Matthew and Ednay announced that our 8th grandchild will be born in July 2018.



Annual Conference



Thank you for praying for our Annual Conference the end of November. It was a blessed time of fellowship even though the rain got in the way of some people participating. It was special to share this time with David and Sarah Nelson who served as missionaries in Brazil many years ago. It was also great to have our son Andrew here who is working on a new video documentary of the work in Brazil. Dr. Mark Olson

represented the AFLC schools at our Conference where we celebrated 50 years of our Brazilian Seminary.

Thank you for your response to our plea for financial help

We are thrilled for the special gifts that came in for projects this month and for those who sent in gifts for our support. Teamwork is indispensable in completing the work God has called us to do. Thank you for your involvement with us. We continue to reach out to the needy in many ways - it's sometimes overwhelming to contemplate the struggles of so many to just survive. Next month we will be able to start on a new project at the ARCA - closing in the walls of an uncompleted structure to serve as a maintenance building. Our church in Bateias has decided to build a parsonage, so we are doing fund-raisers and plan to start workdays in 2018. Thank you for being involved with Missions through your gifts and prayers. Contribute by mail at the address below or give online at www.aflcworldmissions.org/about-us/contributing/online-giving/

Prayer Requests

1. Kid's Camp Jan. 9-13 at the ARCA studying the Reformation with translated VBS materials from the U.S. (thanks to Ednay and Jonni Sliver)
2. VBS weeks in January in Londrina and Iguaçu Falls led by Mafu and Nay.
3. Youth Camp Feb. 9-13 in Campo Mourão.
4. Health and safety for our two daughters-in-law during their pregnancies and deliveries.
5. Continued wisdom and energy to fulfill our ministerial duties day by day.

*"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness; you will be made rich in every way **so that you can be generous** on every occasion, and through us **your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**" II Cor. 9:10-11*

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