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June 2018 Newsletter from Paul and Becky Abel

We rejoice in the gift of relationships! In our modern day when technology tends to minimize “real” personal interaction, we seek to prioritize relationships with family and other people around us. God also wants us to prioritize our relationship with Him. In Jeremiah 24:7 He says, **“I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord.”** Where is your heart today? Do you know the Lord? Do you care about others knowing him? This is our mission here in Brazil and anywhere else He might take us – to know Jesus and make Him known to others. You have had an integral part in our mission through the years as you have prayed for us and supported us financially. Thank you so much for believing that God can make a difference in peoples’ lives through us as we work in Brazil.

Our Regular Ministry

In addition to all the special projects, our day-to-day ministry continues. We have programs at the churches several times a week and try to keep up with visiting people in their homes as well. Once a month we plan a special event for



couples, and the last Saturday of every month we have a Bible Club for children. In April we had another great annual event with 180 ladies from our Free Lutheran churches in Campo Mourão.

Those who have gone before us to show the way...

In May we took a quick trip to the U.S. to meet our new grandson Judah and visit our sons Andrew and Matthew and their wives. Another reason for our trip was to support our elderly parents. We did as much as we could in the short time we were with them, and we hope they feel loved and cared for by us. Both sets of parents have given us a godly heritage and wonderful examples to follow. We pray that the Lord will bless them as they deal with health problems and look forward to eternity.



Judah's baptism Day (left)

Paul's folks, John and Ruby (above) Becky's folks, Dick and Jo (above)

Camps at the ARCA

The ARCA is gearing up for a full winter season of camps. We were able to finish (almost) the maintenance building and hope to soon be organizing all the ARCA "stuff" in there. In June our Bateias church will be having a family retreat, and a Journey Missions Team arrives from the U.S. July starts off with a camp for children from our churches and the rest of the month is filled with rentals from other church groups.



ARCA maintenance building front and back views and ARCA governing board.

Social Work Outreach

In our last newsletter we mentioned the house we were building for José, the birdcage man. Well, it is finally finished and José will move into his new place this week. He is as happy as can be. We have seen so much improvement in him since he came to be with us in January. There are many other people around us in very sad situations. A young mother with two daughters came asking for help the other day and I found out that she has no bathroom in her house. I wonder how they manage! Our heart goes out to the less fortunate. We are thankful to many of you who have contributed to the ARCA Social Work fund so that we can have the means to give people hope in the midst of discouraging situations. We always pray that our love and consideration will lead people to faith in Jesus.



New Missionaries



For years we have hoped and prayed for a new missionary family to join us in ministry here in Brazil. John and Hannah Lee are God's answer to this prayer. They will be arriving with the Journey Missions team in June to get an overview of the work in our state and then settle in to begin language training. They have two daughters and are expecting a third daughter in August. She will be

Brazilian (born in Curitiba), and hopefully this little girl will be their ticket to obtaining permanent visas here in Brazil. We have been busy finding housing and furniture for them so they can get settled quickly.

Prayer Requests

1. Ministry at the Mighty Fortress Lutheran church.
2. Blessings on our time with the Journey Missions group.
3. Children's Camp in July.
4. Safe delivery of our eighth grandchild, Zoey Beatriz, at the end of July.
5. Good adjustment for the new missionary family.
6. Blessings on the pastor's conference scheduled for August
7. Provision for the projects and people with which we are involved.

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