

May 2019 Newsletter from Paul and Becky Abel



People to People Sharing God's Word This continues to be our focus as we serve as missionaries in Brazil. We want people to come to know Jesus and learn to live by His Word. Pray for our daily contacts. We have many elderly people and shut-ins in the two churches in which we are involved. Paul enjoys visiting to share the Word and Communion.

Sanderson and Igor - Temporary Sons Since March we have had two young men living with us. We help them, and they help us. They have been a blessing in ministry, especially with the youth and children. It's fun to have them in our household. Each morning we start the day around the table for breakfast and devotions with the boys and our day workers before everyone gets off to work.



Women's Group

In addition to our weekly women's Bible study we have occasional special events like the local Women's Tea and the women's conference which gathered 170 women.

Family Camp in Campo Mourão



Our people in Bateias joined together to make and sell over 550 pizzas in order to send a busload of people to our Family Camp in Campo Mourão this year. It was a blessed time of fellowship and growth as people from several of our Free Lutheran churches came together for the 4-day camp. Now we are gearing up for a Family Retreat at the ARCA in June. We are also in the process of planning a camp for adolescents in July and a VBS program for the children. Pray for more rentals for the ARCA.

Bible Club for Children The children in Bateias are learning about missions and collecting coins for the mission in Paraguay. They all love Matthew and Ednay so this is a project that they can identify with. They made banks from plastic pots with a photo of Mafu and Nay and Zoey on the lid.





Encouraging Pastors

We had the privilege of getting all the area pastors and wives together at the ARCA when



Pastor Del and Karen Palmer and Pastor Earl and Joan Korhonen came to visit in March. We will have a second encounter this Sunday to encourage one another in ministry. We are thankful for all the wonderful ways Pastor Del has encouraged us and supported us through his years as Mission Director. We look forward to developing a great relationship with Pastor Earl as he takes on the responsibilities of this calling. In June all the Free Lutheran pastors and some of their wives will be together for a couple of days of intensive fellowship and "meeting of the minds." Pray that this event will be used by God to unite and encourage our pastors. Some of our churches have been going through challenging situations, and we have tried to offer wise counsel as we are asked. We have visited the churches in Iguaçu Falls, Campo Mourão, Maringá and Londrina since I last wrote. In June we will travel to Campo Grande for the anniversary of their congregation and to do special meetings.



Easter celebrations The most important holiday of the year is Easter when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, the One who came to save us and make us new. We worked on special presentations for church, had a fun time with a special Easter devotional with our grandchildren, and a big Easter meal with a houseful of friends and family. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Aleluia!

Studying the Word Please join us in prayer for a seminary student from Bateias named Jean. He is planning to marry Aneise in September and they hope to serve the Lord together in pastoral ministry. Christ the King Free Lutheran church in Pipestone has supported this couple with their monthly gifts (thank you!) Also pray for João Victor who is preparing to spend a year studying at AFLBS. Pray for his visa to come through and for financial provision. Maybe someone reading this letter would like to help João with his Bible School expenses (hint, hint) for 2019-20.



Life in the Tropics We love living and ministering in Brazil. It's a bonus to have fresh fruits growing in our own yard. Right outside our front door we have a palm tree that yields a fruit called "butiá" which makes a delicious, refreshing juice. Sustained by the prayers of many we hope to give lots of fruit for the Kingdom while we have life and energy. Thanks for praying for us and for supporting us financially. You are like a lifeline keeping us alive on the mission field. Love, Paul and Becky



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