



Paul and Becky October 2019 Newsletter

News from us - so long overdue! Please forgive us for our lack of communication. Life has been full of signs of God's faithfulness and mercy. Just want you to know about a few things for which we are thankful. Since our last newsletter we had a great **pastors and wives conference** in Brazil with almost everyone in attendance, a wonderful **family retreat** at the ARCA for people from the 4 congregations in our area, and a **weekend retreat for youth** teaching on sexual purity and living a life according to God's guidelines. We also fixed up a little house on our property so that we could **move from our big house** to smaller quarters in order for John and Hannah Lee to move into our home while we are on furlough. Oh, yes, and the frame of a new **prayer gazebo** at the ARCA was built in June. In the meantime, ministering was going on as usual. We said our **good-byes** in the beginning of August. This time the farewells to many of our seniors was more difficult because we may not see some of them again until eternity. One dear saint already made the journey HOME since we left. Somehow, we managed to get our bags packed and make it to the airport on August 13 to fly to the U.S. **Pray for our people and ministries** while we are away. We are so thankful for the way in which God provided people to step into our ministry roles for this year until we return after the Annual Conference in June 2020.



Life on this side of the Equator

As soon as we arrived stateside, we were blessed to have some **family time** at the Dahlin family cabin in Hayward, WI. Such a lovely place to relax and regroup! Then at the end of August we had the "once in a lifetime" experience of getting almost ALL of the John Abel family together for a **3-day retreat** at the ARC in WI (see photo on header). About 50 friends joined our 75-member family group to celebrate the **70th wedding anniversary** of Paul's folks on a Sunday afternoon. None of us could have imagined how very special this family time was for everyone! We are happy to have a "home" at the **Mission House** whenever we are not on the road.



What is Ahead

The next nine months will be dedicated to visiting churches and supporters to share about our ministry in Brazil and thank people for their partnership in ministry with us. We've already had the privilege of visiting many friends, meeting with the World Missions Committee, attending a Pastor's Retreat, speaking at a WMF Rally, and going to churches in WI and eastern ND. We look forward to seeing many more people. I'll include our October Schedule below and will try to keep you updated each month about our whereabouts. To contribute to our ministry even now while we are on furlough send your gifts to AFLC World Missions or donate online at www.aflcworldmissions.org/online-giving-missionaries See a 7-minute video about our ministry on our website: www.paulabelfamily.org under VIDEOS or download it from the following link:

https://player.vimeo.com/external/362699552.hd.mp4?s=01551eb5d4e27533cc196bc0cbb3ed906b258548&profile_id=175&download=1



We're so thankful for our wonderful Supporters!
Hope to see you during our furlough time!

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October Furlough Schedule for Paul and Becky

Oct. 1. p.m. Jamestown, ND – Pastor Steve Berntson

Oct. 2. p.m. Valley City, ND – Pastor Dennis Norby

Oct. 3-5 STEER (visit Kuhn family)

Oct. 6. a.m. Beulah, ND – Pastor Kent Sperry

p.m. Mott, ND – Pastor John Amundson

Oct. 7. p.m. Killdeer, ND – Dan Aichele

Oct. 8. (Visit Elkins Richardton, ND)

p.m. Dickinson, ND – Pastor Brian Davidson

Oct. 9. Culbertson/Brockton, MT – Pastor Brandon Marschner

Oct. 10. Visits in Tioga, ND

Oct. 11. p.m. Minot, ND – Pastor Shane McLoughlin

Oct. 12. Lunch with Slettos in Grand Forks

Oct. 13 a.m. East Grand Forks, MN – Pastor Sam Wellumson

Oct. 13 p.m. Fargo, ND – Pastor Micah Hjermstad

Oct. 14. Visits in Fargo

Oct. 15. Return to Osceola

Oct. 16-19 Outing with Grandkids

Oct. 20 a.m. Upsala, MN – Pastor Wayne Hjermstad

Oct. 21-23 Chaplain's Retreat at ARC in Osceola, WI

Oct. 23 p.m. Brainerd, MN – Pastor David Franz

Oct. 24. Visits in Brainerd, MN and Black Duck, MN

Oct. 25 Visits in Geenbush, MN

Oct. 26. p.m. Oiland, Greenbush, MN– Pastor David Nelson

Oct. 27. a.m. Free Lutheran Church of Roseau – Pastor Ervin Schmitke

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Oct. 28. a.m. Roseau Bible Study and visit relatives in Stephen, MN 2

Oct. 29. p.m. Buxton, ND – contact Gene Finstrom

Oct. 30. and 31 To be Confirmed

**“Missions, after all, is simply this:
Every heart with Christ is a missionary,
every heart without Christ is a mission field.”
- Count Zinzendorf**

