



February 2020

Newsletter

Paul and Becky Abel

*“...And the Abel’s
go rolling along....”*

In 2020 we have been in IA, MN, WI, WA, OR, CA, AZ, and FL by car and plane and boat. Although furlough travels can be tiring, we consider it an awesome privilege for us to see so many friends and churches as we share about God's work through the Free Lutheran missionary efforts in Brazil of which we have been a part for 35 years. As we tell our story and see the photos day after day, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in bringing new life to people who once were far from Him but today have life in Jesus. It's fun for us to see the transformations and the spread of the Gospel through Brazilians who are walking in His light. I Peter 2:9 says, "God has brought you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that He has done." If your life has been transformed by Jesus, it's time to tell others about Him! Check our website www.paulabelfamily.org for our March-May schedule.

God's Creation is totally overwhelming!

From the snow-laden trees of Washington to the beautiful ocean views in Oregon and California, through the deserts of Arizona and back to the below-zero temps in Minnesota, we have marveled at the diversity and beauty of God's creation. One of the highlights was seeing 8 gray whales and a mega pod of over 2000 dolphins - incredible! His image stamped on the life of each individual person is also overwhelming. We are rejoicing with our son Matthew's family in the safe delivery of our 9th grandchild on January 8. Ian Mateo is a perfect little boy! I had the wonderful treat of spending 5 days with them in Paraguay while Paul visited his brother and family in Florida in February. Yes! We are more than blessed!



Paul in CA hills



Victorious after a hard labor!



w/Zoey and Ian in Paraguay

Life in Brazil

Daily we are in touch with our people in Brazil, thanks to modern technology. Some of our churches had VBS and camps during the summer months. Please pray for the youth camp being held this weekend Feb. 21-25. We also would appreciate prayer for Pastor Tom and his congregation as they move forward in preparing a farm to use for a Christian drug and alcohol rehab center in Curitiba. They need financial help and wisdom from on High as they reach out with the love of Jesus to these struggling addicts.



VBS



Remodel for Rehab project



Children's Camp

Celebrating with Special People

A big "Thank You!" to all the special people who have received us in your churches and your homes. We especially enjoyed the Home Missions retreat in Mesa, AZ, where we connected with many friends and were very encouraged in our spiritual lives to remember the importance of "Getting out of the Office" and investing in people for the glory of God. It was fun to see long-time friends, Jeff and Jane Swanson, who went to seminary with us back in the 80's, did their internship in Brazil in 1986, and now have a daughter and son-in-law working with us on the mission field (John and Hannah Lee).



Jeff and Jane with us

Prayer Time

- 1) Pray that we might be a blessing to individuals and churches as we visit them.
- 2) Pray for complete healing for our daughter Christina's arm. She had a serious bacterial infection in the arm she injured 8 years ago.
- 3) Pray for the new ministry being developed in Curitiba to work with drug addicts and alcoholics.
- 4) Thank God that Pastor Iran was granted a visa to come to the U.S. for Annual Conference with his wife. Pray for two couples from our Brazilian church in Switzerland who are also working on coming to the Conference in June.
- 5) Pray for Matthew and Ednay as they seek God for direction in where to begin the Free Lutheran church plant in Paraguay.
- 6) Pray for Youth camp this coming weekend.
- 7) Pray for provision for the parsonage project in Bateias.

Always trusting the Lord and thanking Him for you, Paul and Becky – paulabelfamily@gmail.com

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