



*Paul and Becky Abel - May 2020*

## FIND US *Faithful*

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:2

**God is FAITHFUL.** He calls us to follow His example. In Ephesians 6:16 we are encouraged to take up the **shield of faith**. God equips us to fight and to be victorious, knowing that He has already won the final victory. We want to encourage you to **be faithful in proclaiming the Good News** of hope in Jesus to those who are feeling fearful and afraid of the future in these uncertain times.

### Covid Blessings

- The construction of the **parsonage in Bateias** is going full steam ahead with extra help from church members who are not able to work during this quarantine time. Special thanks to all who have helped us reach our financial goal for this project!
- We were blessed to spend seven weeks with Joanna and her family during quarantine. We made **contacts with supporters** and spent precious time with our grandchildren.
- We also spent several days each week driving to Hitterdal, MN, to **clean out the old Hitterdal homestead** (Paul's mom's place). We cleaned, organized, tossed and burned. We separated special things for family members. We facilitated the demolition of one old house on the property, tore out walls and ceilings in the basement of the original house and painted to give things a fresh look for the sale of the property. This would have never been possible without the unexpected time we had because of Covid.
- **Paul's Dad passed away** during this time, and we had a good time of closure with the family at the burial service in Hitterdal on May 15. Anyone interested in watching the **burial service** can watch it on the internet: [www.vimeo.com/419409989/a1e08682db](https://www.vimeo.com/419409989/a1e08682db) Matthew and Ednay returned from Paraguay in time to celebrate **Mother's Day** with us and with Andrew and Alexi. Matthew and Paul helped with a project at the ARC Retreat Center.



Easter with Joanna's family



Mother's Day with our boys



Hitterdal house

Masked Painters



Good-bye to Dad John Abel



Father-Son Project at ARC



## Covid Challenges

- We feel disappointed in not being able to visit the churches and supporters we had scheduled to visit during these months. We encourage anyone who has not yet seen our short **video presentation** to take a look at it by visiting our website: [paulabelfamily.org/videos/](http://paulabelfamily.org/videos/)
- We are also concerned for the **ministries in Brazil** during this challenging time. We made the difficult decision to **lay off** all but one of our staff at the ARCA Bible Camp because of lack of rentals and funds to keep going. In Brazil it is very costly to lay off workers as there is severance pay and government taxes to pay for each one. We needed to pay about \$10,000 to do this. We still **need funds** to keep the place functioning until we can start up again.
- Churches around the world are facing hard decisions about how to continue ministering to people. Schools and businesses are struggling to stay solvent. Families are suffering the effects of unemployment. Everyone wonders what tomorrow will bring. It's so good to know that through it all, **God is faithful** and unchanging. We can trust in Him.

## How Can You Help?

Thank you for your continued help to us through your prayers and giving. We pray that the Lord will continue to provide for the needs of our ministry through you. We especially could use **help for the ARCA ministry** at this time. You can **give to our support or to special projects** online: (<https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/online-giving>) or by mail: World Missions 3110 E. Medicine Lk. Blvd. Mpls., MN 55441

## What's Ahead?

Today is our **wedding anniversary**, and we are celebrating it in Hayward, WI, where we were married 41 years ago. There is no better place than Durphee Lake! Three of our children and their families will join us here for a **week of vacation** together. Christina and her family were unable to travel from Brazil because of the present situation. Our **return flight** to Brazil is planned for July 6. Pray for us as we end our time of furlough and prepare to return to a very different scenario in Brazil. May we **be faithful to Jesus** as we seek to minister in the ways He leads.



We are praying that our faithful God will provide for you during this time.

In His service, Paul and Becky Abel (763-390-6825)