



October 2024 Newsletter from Paul and Becky Abel

Advice from the book *A Godly Contemplation* by Hans Nielsen Hauge:

“Never let anything turn you away from these three things: the Word of God, faith in Jesus Christ, and the true fear of God.” These simple truths can keep us on track for life and ministry. We’ve enjoyed adding readings from this book to our daily devotional time.

Traveling in the U.S.

It’s been great to connect with friends and family as we travel along. A big THANK YOU to all who have hosted us. We’ve been astounded by all the gorgeous scenery and the wonderful weather! Our goal is to visit all of our supporting churches and individuals sometime during 2024 and 2025. Since we started traveling to the churches in September, we have done 16 full programs in 13 churches and 3 WMF rallies. We have made 30 personal contacts with supporters to share about our work and thank them personally. We have slept in 38 different beds so far and have traveled almost 10,000 miles. We were blessed to participate in several events where we made contacts with many other people including the ARC Family Camp, Summer Institute of Theology, World Missions Board meeting, Pastors’ Conference, and STEER Convention. Now we are happy to be at the Mission House for 5 days to catch our breath and get ready for the next travels to SD, MN, OR, WA, and WI, before coming back to celebrate the holidays. Paul keeps busy with upkeep around the house while I work on correspondence and important documents for the Free Lutheran church in Brazil.



Just the 2 of us!



Mission House in Wisconsin



World Missions Board members

Ministry is happening continually in Brazil.

We are so thankful that our **Brazilian nationals are doing a great job** in sharing the Word of God and investing in lives. Saturday the youth participated in a special 12-hour praise and worship event. Sunday afternoon October 13 the ARCA hosted a special day to celebrate children. The last weekend of each month there are special fellowship opportunities for both men and women. The Bateias Free Lutheran church is sporting a **beautiful new paint job**, inside and out. The ARCA **finished remodeling the girls' bathroom** in September. We look forward to raising funds to remodel the boys' bathroom and build a handicap-accessible bathroom for the camp by the end of the year. The camp facility is rented out every weekend through mid-December at which time the remodel will begin before the summer camp season starts in January.



Newly-painted church in Bateias



Remodeled Girls' Bathroom at ARCA

How Can you Help?

Life goes on, ministry happens, projects are finished and new ones added to the list. Thanks for supporting us as missionaries and supporting the projects we are involved with. Our **monthly personal support is low** and we have received very few gifts for projects. We actually have a very small support team. We are so thankful for each one! However, many have never contributed financially to this great missionary outreach. We ask that you would **consider joining our support team** to make a difference in our life and in the lives of people in Brazil. Regular monthly contributions to our support give the Missions Board the confidence to send us back to Brazil at the end of the year. **The three big projects** we are promoting at this time are:

1. **Remodel of boy's bathroom** and handicap-accessible bathroom at the ARCA Bible Camp
Goal \$15,000
2. **ARCA Van repairs** (We use the van so much and need to keep it up and running!)
Goal \$5,000
3. **Church construction** project for a Free Lutheran congregation in Campo Mourão pastored by Fernando Hunhoff – modest goal of \$50,000 (Building is expensive!)

We so appreciate your partnership with us! Without YOU we cannot do what we do to build the Kingdom of God in Brazil. **With your support** we can continue to grow and thrive. Any gifts to our ministry can be sent to AFLC World Missions and designated according to your wishes.

Oct. 21-25	Mission House in Osceola, WI
Oct. 26 p.m.	Visit in Mankato
Oct. 27 a.m.	Beresford, SD and Centerville, SD
Oct. 27 p.m.	Center Free Salem, SD
Oct. 29	Redeemer Free Canton, SD
Oct. 30	Abiding Savior – Sioux Falls, SD
Oct. 31 a.m.	Pipestone, MN visit
Oct. 31 p.m.	St. James, MN Bible Studies
Nov. 1	Supporters in Waseka, MN
Nov. 3 a.m.	Dexter /Kasson churches
Nov. 3 p.m.	Family visits
Nov. 4-7	Mission House in Osceola, WI
Nov. 5	ELECTION DAY
Nov. 8	Fly to Seattle
Nov. 8	Supporters in Centralia, WA
Nov. 9	Drive to OR and visit supporters
Nov. 10 a.m.	Astoria, OR
Nov. 12 p.m.	Ferndale, WA
Nov. 17 a.m.	Atonement Arlington, WA
Nov. 17	Fly back to MPLS.
Nov. 22	Bible study group Connie Naylor
Nov. 24	Onalaska, WI Christ is Lord a.m.
Nov. 27-30	Thanksgiving in Osceola, WI
Dec. 1	To be determined
Dec. 2	Amery, WI Christmas dinner
Dec. 5	Visit Palmers
Dec. 6	World Mission Board mtg.
Dec. 7	FLBC Christmas concert
Dec. 8 a.m.	Hope Lutheran – Mpls, MN
Dec. 8 p.m.	Ortonville, MN
Dec. 9	Christmas concert Fergus Falls
Dec. 10-13	Visit Supporters
Dec. 14	Living Word Eagan, MN luncheon
Dec. 14	MN Valley Lakeville, MN dinner
Dec. 15	Living Word – Eagan, MN a.m.
Dec. 29	Fly home

Paul and Becky Travel Schedule through December

Next year (July - December 2025) we'll visit the rest of our supporters scattered around the U.S.

Thanks for your prayers!

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Pray for upcoming events

* Mission director, Pastor Earl Korhonen, along with 3 others will visit the mission fields in Paraguay and Brazil and participate in the **Brazil Annual Conference** and **Annual Women's Conference** in Campo Mourão in November. They will also meet with a **pastor from Chile** who is seeking affiliation with us. Pray as progress is being made to **pass the baton of leadership** to Brazilians and help them move forward in establishing the Free Lutheran ministries in Brazil.

* Pray for us as we are involved in planning **children's Bible Camp** (January 2025) at the ARCA and coordinating **four short-term missionary groups** in the first semester of 2025.

* Pray that God would touch hearts to **support our ministry** with gifts and prayers.

Ever-grateful, Paul and Becky