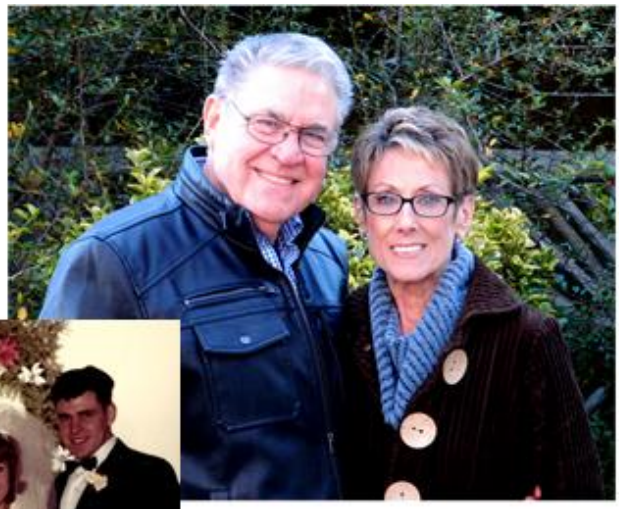

Last month we had the joyous celebration of 50 years of marriage! Twenty-eight of us (mostly Wyma's) gathered together for an awesome three days down in Branson. Paul's Uncle Dick and his wife joined us as well as his sister and three cousins. Matt and Starr drove up from Mexico and all of Todd's children were there . Matt's mom and her husband plus Sean's wife's folks joined us also. It was a special time of just hanging out and being together, enjoying the beauty around us! How thankful we are!!!

And we are SO THANKFUL for each of YOU!!! Not only do we celebrate 50 years together —- but also over 50 years serving together with YOU our co-workers —- our partners in ministry! This life and ministry is a team effort and, one day, as we stand before God we will TOGETHER bring our sacrifices to the Lord! Please don't forget that!!! You are truly a vital part of all these years of service to our LORD!!!

We were married on Dec. 21, 1965 on a cold and snowy day on the south side of Chicago. Ten years in Bolivia, twelve in Mexico and seven in Paraguay — twelve in Sanford and now six here in Missouri **all adds** up to a full and amazing career in missions! We have always counted it a privilege to serve the Lord in this way!

Words cannot express the JOY we have watching our grown grandchildren mature and grow in the Lord! Todd and Chelle with their crew on the left and Matt and Starr on the right! Our first great-grand is almost a year and there are two more on the way!!!

You would think that at our ages we would be thinking about retirement —- and we have —- BUT as we've been praying for leaders to join the leadership team here at the Missionary Training Center —- God has impressed on our hearts that Paul would be able to assist them for a year or two. This was met with total approval from the Ex. Board and Paul is now back in a leadership role and his years of experience are much appreciated. We are SO blessed to be able to still be a relevant part of the training program in various areas!

My story is a little different! Due to my increased level of "discomfort" —- I have backed off in many areas. My body just can't keep up with my "want to" :-) Another neck surgery may be necessary and we covet your prayers concerning this!

God says in Isaiah 46:4 "I will be your God throughout your lifetime —- until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you!" This is certainly the story of our lives! God has always been our great Enabler —- and He will continue to be just that! Thank you so very much for your support and prayers! You are extremely important in this ministry that we are in together!!! God bless and sustain you through this brand new year ahead of us!

Lovingly, Paul and Faith Wyma