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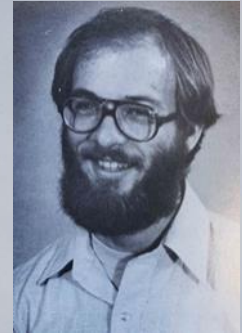
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Dear Friends,

Doug Fischer (right) became a Christian at age 24 in his senior year of college. Upon graduation he went with his brother Scott, (who became a Christian at about the same time) on a short term mission trip to Mexico. On that long bus trip from Omaha to Mexico they met Doug and Joyce Steele who had attended, and highly recommended, the Alaska Bible Institute (ABI) in Homer. A few weeks later, Doug and Scott loaded up an old Ford station wagon and headed 3500 miles up the highway to Homer, where they enrolled at ABI in the fall of 1981.



Here are Doug's words almost four decades later. *"The school was all we had hoped for and it certainly didn't hurt that it was located in one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Living in the school's dorm meant we woke up each morning with a view of the mountains and glaciers across the bay to the south. The winters were no colder than our winters in Nebraska but a lot more snowy and so beautiful."*

"More importantly, the instructors and staff were all living the Christian life openly in front of us and with us since many of them lived right on the small campus. They gave freely of their time in and out of class. You can hardly live in that environment without it having a positive impact on your spiritual life."

One of the greatest encouragements to all of us working here at ABI is to see the impact that a short time at ABI can have, not just on our students, but on future generations. Doug says, *"I believe that my time at ABI had a direct, life-long impact on my own future and then on my family."* Indeed! Doug, a brand new Christian, went on from ABI to marry a godly young woman, Trish, and they now have eight young adult children and eight grandchildren.



ABI: Stunning good views—Life-changing good news

Here is a picture of Doug's family below. All of them and the seven spouses are following the Lord. How great is that! Two of their children are, or soon will be, heading overseas as missionaries. Four of them are working in local Christian ministries, and two are following the Lord into other careers. What a wonderful foundation the Lord has laid in that family.



Almost 40 years later, Doug and Trish's grown family of 7 boys and 1 girl

When Doug and Scott were students at ABI, the student dormitory was the newest building on campus. Now forty some years later, the old gray dorm ain't what she used to be. Every part of the dorm shows the wear and tear of four decades of heavy use. This summer we have seven volunteer work teams coming for about one week each to help us in our desire to make the dormitory great again. If you would be interested in joining one of those teams, please contact us about the arrangements. If you would be able to help financially with the project, that would be appreciated also.

More importantly, please put us into contact with students like Doug who could benefit from setting aside time to study the Word, to practice Christian disciplines, and to prepare themselves for the life and ministry that the Lord has for them.

Thanks, Randy



Team #2 from Shiloh Mennonite Church in Ohio

PS: Doug has 1 daughter and 7 sons. If you don't know the family, decide which of the 7 young ladies above is their daughter. First 5 correct emailed answers will get a free ABI t-shirt. (logo below)

Randy

If you would like to help with our dormitory renovation, or other projects,
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