



# Phillips' Forum



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## Biblical Counseling Grows a Level

Biblical Counseling is taught in four "levels". As it is being introduced in Manaus, each year a new level is added. In early May, Chip flew to Manaus to help teach nine courses on the third level. Lord willing, next year we will be able to offer all four levels.

## News from the "Home Front"

Our colleagues have kept us informed of ministry progress at the hospital. They have faced several challenges, but the Lord continues to meet the ministry's needs.

He provided funds for remodeling a room for a dental outreach, including A/C and in-floor wiring and tubing. We now have about 25% of the funds to purchase a dental chair and hope to install everything by the end of the year.

Another challenge has been finding doctors to treat patients. The mayor was forced to dismiss doctors he was paying under the table and he "took back" a doctor he had "lent" us. It appears all is OK now but pray for stability in our doctors.

## Can Chip Do the Wedding?

Chip was in Manaus teaching at a Biblical Counseling Conference when he received an email from Aly asking him to look at a website. She and Alan had asked Chip to marry them but were questioning if would be allowed. In Virginia the minister or marriage celebrant must be registered or get a one-time court order granting permission to perform the marriage. Chip would need his ordination certificate (in a file in Santo Antonio do Içá) as well as a letter of "good standing" from the church that ordained him (no longer in existence).

Since Chip was in Brazil, our colleagues "up river" were able to get his ordination certificate and put it on a boat. It arrived in Manaus about four hours before Chip flew back to the US! The Commonwealth of VA allowed Chip to get a letter of good standing from our sending church. Chip was on call the day after he arrived home from Brazil but drove to VA the next morning and put in a request. We waited and prayed. About 4 days before the wedding Chip received a formal court order in the mail authorizing him to perform the wedding.

## Praise

- Alison and Alan had a beautiful wedding and are doing well as newlyweds.
- Caleb, Alison and Alan have accepted job offers to begin this summer.
- Ministry outreaches continue to do well in our absence from the field.

## Prayer

- Wisdom as we seek the Lord's guidance for future ministry options.
- Susanna as she begins college at Robert's Wesleyan in Rochester, NY.
- Caleb, Emily, Alison and Alan as they move and start new jobs after graduation.
- Reed is beginning to look into residency training options that will dovetail with Joy's graduate studies.

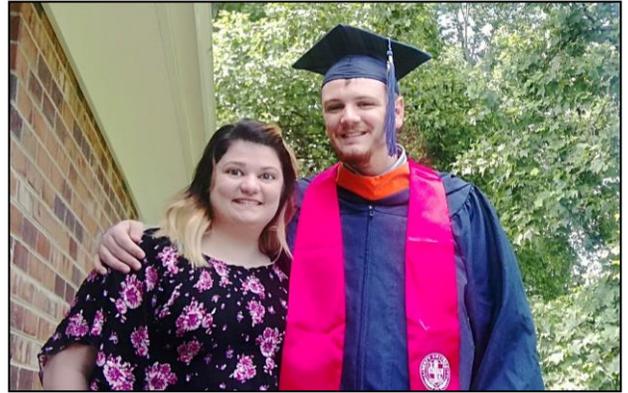
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Alison, Alan and Caleb all graduated from Liberty University on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a cold and rainy day but filled with smiles as diplomas were received. The Lord has provided jobs for all three graduates!



Alison and Alan were married the week after graduation. It was a beautiful wedding and many relatives were able to attend. This is a copy of the court order giving Chip permission to perform the wedding.



Susanna graduated from Baptist Regional High School and will be attending Robert's Wesleyan University in Rochester NY in the fall (mechanical engineering).



Biblical Counseling is growing in Manaus. Here are the pastors and seminary professors that taught with Chip, along with a picture of one of Chip's teaching sessions.