



Phillips' Forum



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Restarting Ministry in Brazil

This month we are traveling back to Brazil and are excited about the ministry opportunities that await our arrival. Returning to Brazil without children will give us new ministry opportunities and we will need wisdom to discern how best to utilize our time. What ministry options will have the greatest impact?

Laurie will have much more time since she will not be home schooling and will need to decide how much time she spends in nursing at the hospital verses outreaches associated with Faith Baptist Church. Chip will certainly step back into surgery and administration at the Amazon Baptist Hospital and local government hospital as well as teaching at Faith Baptist Church and helping with the local radio program.

But now that we are freer to travel should we consider weekly trips to congregations in nearby towns without pastors? Should we emphasize a counseling ministry? Should Chip travel with our pilots to support their outreaches in outlying communities? Please pray as we get input from our colleagues and seek the Lord's guidance in this area.

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Helping Colleagues in Togo

During September/October we traveled to Togo to help the medical team at the Bible Baptist Hospital.

Laurie helped in the MK school each day as well as watching some of the younger MKs so their parents could have a "date night.". She taught the older girls to knit and taught all the MKs how to make pretzels.

Chip provided surgical coverage so Tom Kendall, the full-time surgeon at the hospital, could focus on other responsibilities. Like Chip after his arrival in Amazonas, Tom is having to assume some administrative roles and that transition has been challenging. Chip was able to encourage Tom in this area and give some suggestions about how to wear several hats at the same time.

We also worked alongside a number of short-term volunteers whose expertise was so helpful for the outreach to the Togolese people. Some are potential recruits for full-time missionary service. Pray that the Lord will give guidance as this ministry grows and that He will provide needed medical professionals.

Praise

- Susanna has transitioned well to college life and studies at Roberts Wesleyan College.
- Caleb/Emily and Alison/Alan are doing well as they settle into married life and jobs after college.
- Ministry outreaches continue to do well in our absence from the field.
- The Lord called Dad Delp home while we were still in the US on furlough.

Prayer

- Safety as we travel back to Brazil.
- Reed is in the process of applying and interviewing for Family Practice residency spots.
- Discerning God's direction for ministry as we return to Amazonas, Brazil.



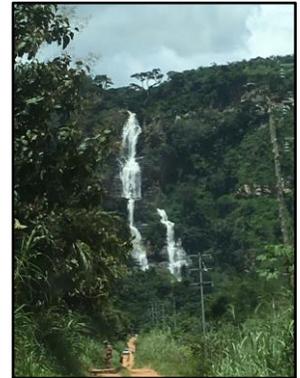
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Highlights from 2018



We were able to visit with family and see all our children during a summer vacation and a niece's wedding. We were also able to spend this year with Laurie's father who went to be with the Lord this month.



Friends from Brazil, the Silva family, took a vacation in the US and visited with us in NJ.

We were able to help at the Karolyn Kempton Memorial Hospital in Togo, where we were also able to meet some monkeys and visit a local waterfall.



Susanna started college at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY. During orientation Susanna and Harley, her roommate, were given chalk along with other students and instructed to draw a circle and write their dreams of what they would like the Lord to help them accomplish. Then we held hands and prayed for the Lord's blessing.