



Phillips' Forum



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When Medicine Has No Answer...

Chip's heart sank as he examined the patient in her 50s. She arrived from a nearby town full of hope. Surgery would cure the "cyst on her uterus". Earlier in the consult she had joked "Do you think I'm going to die?" and Chip quipped, "We all are someday." Those words were now in the forefront of his thoughts. She was going to die much sooner than either he or she had anticipated. Chip remembered Peter's words "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you." The cancer was too advanced to treat in our facility and she was unlikely to obtain the needed treatment in Manaus. Chip thought, medically there is no hope, but I can introduce her to the God of hope.

Chip let the other patients wait as he shared his findings with the patient. She cried as he explained how to initiate treatment in Manaus. He then asked, "You joked about dying, but that day will be here fairly soon. Are you ready?" "No", she replied – again without hope. Chip presented the Gospel and she accepted Christ. The days ahead will not be easy, but the Lord of hope will accompany her.

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Counseling Resumes While Running

The cool Amazon morning was perfect for running, much nicer than the coldness that had settled in NJ before we returned to Brazil. Chip ran past a young man he thought he recognized so he said hello. The youth had attended our church years ago but decided to sow some wild oats and was currently in a crumbling relationship. Chip mentioned that the scripture has practical answers for all of life's problems and offered to sit down with the couple.

A week later, we (Chip and Laurie) listened to their story: drinking, many infidelities, a pregnant 13-year-old daughter, family fights, a period of separation and now contemplating separation for good. They had no hope. Chip presented some basic teaching on our heart being the root of our problems and asked them to watch "Fireproof" for homework. As we discussed it the next week, the wife realized she had a rebellious heart and prayed to accept Christ. She now feels hope as the Holy Spirit illuminates their hearts through the Word about how to make daily choices that please God and strengthen their marriage.

Praise

- Chip has completed his first course for a Master's in Biblical Counseling.
- The Lord touched the Mayor's heart to increase the hospital's support.
- Prenatal and surgical outreaches are well-received and present the Gospel to many each month.

Prayer

- Wisdom for Julie Anne who is applying for college.
- Reed is in the process of applying and interviewing for Family Practice residency spots.
- That we will be able to set up a dental consult room in early 2019.

May the Lord grant each of you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

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2018 ABWE Annual Report for Missionaries

To be filled out (couples may make one report) and sent to your Administrative Assistant by January 14, 2019.

A. Give a short paragraph summary of your ministry assignment.

Our ministry assignment is to assist the Amazonas Field Team (AFT) in developing mature believers in Christ and starting reproducing Baptist Churches. This will mostly be done in association with the Amazon Baptist Hospital and Faith Baptist Church in Santo Antônio do Içá.

B. What special blessings and highlights did you experience in ministry during the past year?

1. Caleb and Alison each graduated from college, married and have full-time jobs.
2. Laurie's father went to be with the Lord toward the end of our furlough ministry, so we were able to be with him during his last year on earth and be with family for his memorial service.

C. What challenges and/or difficulties did you encounter in ministry during the past year?

We did not face any major challenges or difficulties in 2017.

D. List the 5 key ministry goals from last year's report and rate your progress for each (A = accomplished, S = some progress, N = no progress, D = dropped). Comment about factors that contributed to progress for each goal, or identify reasons why no progress was made or the goal was dropped.

1. Visit ABWE's medical works with surgeons during our furlough to explore if the Lord would have us support them in some manner.
A S N D Comments: We visited ABWE's three hospitals (2 in Togo, 1 in Bangladesh) and believe the Lord would have us support these ministries through periodic visits for medical relief, implementation of IHM projects and assistance with Member Care initiatives.
2. Chip to renew his medical certification and skills during furlough ministry.
A S N D Comments: Chip updated his certifications and worked at the Trauma Center at Reading Hospital in PA.
3. Install dental chair and start dental outreach at the Amazon Baptist Hospital.
A S N D Comments: The room has been prepared and climatized. The dental chair should be installed in early 2019.
4. Explore options for continuing community outreaches along the Içá River in conjunction with Every Home for Christ of Australia.
A S N D Comments: Every Home for Christ of Australia has decided to use their boats for ministries in Manaus and Tabatinga.
5. Chip to look into possibilities for an M. Div., an MBA, or further graduate studies in counseling.
A S N D Comments: Chip has begun a Masters of Arts in Biblical Counseling at the Master's College.

E. List 5 key ministry goals for the coming year. Please make one goal related to continued training.

1. Teach Growing Kids God's Way at Faith Baptist Church.
2. Provide weekly counseling sessions.
3. Finish construction of stores at Faith Baptist Church (Chip is acting as foreman).
4. Facilitate implementation of Soul Care and IHM "Life Balance" in ABWE's hospital works.
5. Chip to complete half of his courses for the MABC. Laurie to learn to do obstetrical ultrasounds.

F. Share a brief story about a person or couple for whom you are praying and encouraging towards a missionary career with ABWE.

David was a Colombian medical student whose sister lived with Laurie's parents for a few years. He has now graduated and is working as a physician in Colombia. He is looking into a residency with a goal toward possible long-term missions with an ABWE affiliated mission in Colombia.

G. When and for what length is your next anticipated furlough?

Short furlough in the summer of 2019. We anticipate yearly furloughs done in conjunction with travel to assist other ABWE medical works.