



Phillips' Forum



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New Direction Indicated?

One of the challenges of medical missions is using medicine effectively for Kingdom work while simultaneously working with local communities to improve their own medical care. We have been blessed to have competent, industrious local officials who are developing their infrastructure and medical team. Chip works closely with them as an advisor and as a part of the local medical team.

Our missionary team has begun to sense that the time is nearing when prenatal should be integrated into the local health system. We have faced the challenge of having some local doctors participate in our program, but not treat patients as lovingly as Christ would desire. This impacts our ability to present the Gospel, which is our primary aim. Also, as the national electronic health record develops, it is becoming more difficult to do prenatal outside of neighborhood health clinics.

Please pray for wisdom as we evaluate how best to utilize our facilities and staff to promote evangelism and discipleship. The possibilities are endless and we are asking the Lord to show us if He would have us redirect our efforts at this time.

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Meeting With Mayor is Positive

Brazil's medical system is closely linked to its politics and our county just completed an election cycle. Over the past 8 years our mayor has been very supportive of the Amazon Baptist Hospital. Chip was able to meet with the newly elected mayor, a local businessman, and the new secretary of health, who had been the state hospital director. Although many details can only be firmed up after the new administration is inaugurated in January, it appears we will continue to have a strong working partnership with the new group. Please pray as Chip works through financial and patient care details with the new leaders.

Thank You and Merry Christmas

We are so grateful for everyone who has partnered with us in using medicine to reach the lost and promote church growth in Amazonas, Brazil. Thank you. We are praying that the Lord grants each of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Praise

- A second wave of COVID came through our city, but has been mild.
- The "Christmas Dream" presentation was a great success.
- Chip completed another course towards his Masters in Biblical Counseling.
- Laurie's mother has had a positive response to chemotherapy.

Prayer

- Follow-up of those who heard the Gospel in the "Christmas Dream" show.
- Wisdom as our team evaluates possible new ministry options.
- Wisdom as our local church resumes ministries in the face of COVID.



Sending Church

First Baptist Church
216 Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ 08046

Recent Highlights



Pedro and Angélica are hospital employees and leaders in the local church. They asked Chip to officiate a rededication of their vows the week before Christmas.



Boat travel in our area is somewhat like being on a bus in the US, but the meals are great and many, including Chip, stretch out on the floor to sleep at night.



Chip meets with the new mayor.



Visiting with our mothers and all our children over Christmas was a real blessing.