

Phillips' Forum

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The Last Days

Visa Being Processed

On April 2 Chip made the trip to NYC to submit our visa papers and had a GMT (Good Missionary Training) experience.

A veteran missionary had told Chip he always took his children along when he did official business in the Philippines. Since Brazilians also love children, Chip took Alison along with him. Everyone loved her! As they would come over to play with her they would ask Chip, "Are you being helped?" Alison was a great expediter.

At the Consulate, Chip learned that the visa process has changed. Since the hospital is in the primitive area of Brazil, visas for this area now need pre-approval from FUNAI (National Foundation for Indiginous People). Those at the Consulate were gracious and opened our visa file even though they could not officially begin to process the paperwork. Our missionaries in Brazil will begin working with FUNAI to obtain this approval. Once this is accomplished, our visa application will be processed.

Lord willing, our late summer departure date is still realistic.

Anticipation of the Arrival

Throughout the Bible, we read with anticipation about the day when Christ will return. Today, as we see preliminary events unfold before our eyes, it is clear that the time is getting near. With expectation I find myself thinking, "Is it the Crowning Day?"

It is the same with leaving for Brazil-- preliminary events unfolding, visa application submitted, house on the market, support arriving, and people praying. Laurie and I expectantly wait as we see the day approaching when we arrive in Brazil.



April Travels

This month we will be traveling a few thousand miles and meeting with people regarding the endowment. Currently about \$65,000 has been raised. Pray that the Lord will grant us favor with those we meet and protect us as we travel.

Prayer

- ✓ 30 Prayer Warriors.
- ✓ Remaining 20% support.
- ✓ Safe traveling to MI, IN, KY, WV April 8-22.
- ✓ Personal discipleship at New Life Baptist Church.
- ✓ Visa application with FUNAI.
- ✓ Chip's independent study courses.
- ✓ Other Pre-field missionaries to Amazonas--Jefferis, Koch, and Holmes families.

Amateur Radio License

Ham Radio licenses are based on incentive testing. The more you learn, the greater your operating privileges. There are 5 levels-- Novice, Technician, General, Advanced, and Extra. To communicate well with south America you need a General class license. This requires passing 2 levels of Morse Code and 3 levels of written tests. This week Chip passed two written and one morse code exams--Technician Class Ham.

Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.

Joshua 23:11