



Phillips' Forum



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Preparations

Caleb Opens the Door

On Mother's Day we visited both of our parents and attended Chip's parent's church in the evening. Caleb was wound up tired, which made sitting through his Cubbies program difficult. So Chip took him outside to run off some energy.

Caleb made friends with a college football coach named Dave who was hitting golf balls next to the church. "Enjoy him while he's young," Chip was told. "They're a lot of trouble later." Chip asked for parenting advice. "Teach them right from wrong, but then they are all pre-wired anyway."

This allowed Chip to share that the Bible states that all of us are "pre-wired" as sinners. Dave agreed that he never had to train his boys to be bad, it just came naturally. Although Dave was not particularly interested in spiritual things, he did listen as Chip explained that God's plan to re-wire us involves confessing our sin, repenting, and accepting Jesus' payment for sin's penalty. 2 Cor. 5:17 tells us that in Christ we become new creatures--old "wiring" is done away and our lives are "re-wired" as we become new creations in Christ..

Home and Visa Updates

Home: The Lord has brought many people by to view our home. We are now asking that He move one of them to make an offer.

Visa: Recently an ABWE pilot med-evac'ed a FUNAI employee out of the jungle. His associate offered to look into the "pre-approval" for our missionaries while in Brazilia this month. Pray for the process to be expedited.



Emptying the House

We are beginning to remove furniture and pack our belongings. Through the years we have collected many things--none wasteful, but now not needed. This process has been a great reminder for us that the encumbrances of the world can easily clutter our lives. Periodically is good to look at our schedules and remove the things that don't further God's kingdom.

Prayer

- ✓ 30 Prayer Warriors.
- ✓ Remaining 14% support.
- ✓ Personal discipleship at New Life Baptist Church.
- ✓ Visa application with FUNAI.

The Ethics of Missions

Several nurses at Chip's work have expressed negative comments about missions. This has given Chip and believing nurses more opportunities to present the Gospel clearly.

Commissioning Service

Our sending churches, First Baptist of Willingboro, NJ and New Life Baptist of Colwyn, PA will have our Commissioning Service the afternoon of August 18 at First Baptist of Willingboro. Please share a luncheon with us at 2 PM followed by the service at 3 PM. Lord willing we will be leaving for Brazil shortly thereafter.

Regarding Prayer for 'little things'

*"There's nothing small,
and there's nothing great:
only God is great,
and we should trust Him fully."*

J. Hudson Taylor