



# Phillips' Forum



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## Boa Vinda ao Brasil!

### “Welcome to Brazil!”

The Lord has taken great care of us during our move to Brazil. We left Phila. on November 20 at 2:30 pm and arrived in Manaus, Brazil at 7:00 am. Only one of our 68 bags was “lost” and everything was allowed to go through customs without anything being opened! We could not get back to the airport for almost 10 days to check on our “lost” bag, but it arrived that very morning.

### House, Friends and Family

Our home is clean, recently painted, and has a nice breeze. It is located one block from church. It has a garage below and living quarters above. There are three bedrooms, a moderate kitchen, a dining room, a “play” room, and two bathrooms. The Lord has taken great care of us!

We have one American and multiple Brazilian neighbors. Everyone loves the children, especially Alison. When we go into stores, the clerks love to hold her and dote on her. The boys have begun to adjust and seem to enjoy Sunday School classes. We have learned the words for “lots of energy” and “likes to run” from their teachers.

### A Visit to Santo Antônio do Içá

Three days after our arrival, Chip had the opportunity to visit the hospital and attend the bimonthly Field Council Meeting. He was able to view the hospital building, walk around town, visit with a short-term doctor and his family from Grand Rapids, and meet some of the hospital staff. All is about as he expected. He really appreciated that he was in the jungle when one morning he came across about 200 bright yellow poison dart frogs.

He also was able to begin to get a feel for how the various ministries in the area coordinate. We are excited to join a team that is able to reach folks that have never heard the Gospel.



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## Praise

- ✓ A safe move to Brazil.
- ✓ Good health.
- ✓ Good neighbors.
- ✓ Children adapting well.
- ✓ We like it here!

## Prayer

- ✓ Keen minds as we study Portuguese.
- ✓ Stress of everything “new.”
- ✓ Building friendships with Brazilians.
- ✓ Living simply, yet cleanly.

## Preparation Helps a Lot

Last summer we spent six weeks studying Portuguese and learning about Brazil. We studied both the language and how to get along in Brazil. At times we wondered how beneficial the investment of time and energy would be.

As it turned out, our formal language school classes do not begin until January 2, giving us six weeks to get settled. Because we can communicate some, we have had neighbors over for dinner and can do all the activities of daily living w/o help.