



Phillips' Forum



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The Transformation

Language School Begins

Formal language classes began the first week of January. Our teacher was delighted that we retained nearly everything we learned last summer while studying with her in Lexington, KY. She also said many people thought we were not "typical" of most Americans--and from what we gather that is good.

Getting Involved in Ministry

Chip has begun assisting a seminary student, Paulo, with a Chapel ministry. Tabernacle Baptist Church has about 12 daughter "chapels" throughout Manaus. These are points of outreach into the many neighborhoods within Manaus and give the seminary students experience as pastors. Chip has placed a "pick-up" on his guitar so that chapel now has music through its PA system.

This has given Chip an opportunity to see a church more akin to that at the hospital and also to practice his portuguese.

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Mailing to Brazil

We have learned that the Brazilian mailing system has improved tremendously in recent years. However, there are still a few "danger" spots. Some postal workers like to collect stamps and will steal letters with pretty stamps...use plain stamps or hand stamp if possible. Other workers use "duty stickers" to gauge whether a package is worth stealing...make them sound unappealing if possible. There is a 60% duty on some items, but it is impossible to tell when it will be applied.

New Format for Prayer Letter?

We are considering mailing our prayer letters w/o envelopes and would appreciate your input. Mailing w/o envelopes saves money and time. Our personal experience in receiving such letters is that they are generally delivered in good condition.

As we endeavor to use the Lord's resources as best we can, please give us feedback so that we know if this works out well or not.



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Praise

- ✓ We are doing well with learning Portuguese.
- ✓ Good childcare while we are at Portuguese classes.
- ✓ Much rain recently has cooled the weather.

Prayer

- ✓ Keen minds as we study Portuguese.
- ✓ Insight to appreciate Brazilian culture well.
- ✓ Witness to our neighbors, the Façanhas.
- ✓ All three children start school this month.
- ✓ Chip has had a persistent respiratory/sinus infection.
- ✓ Chip's involvement in the Tancredo Neve Chapel.

Água molhe em pedra dura
Bate bate até que fura

(Water is softer than stone,
but dripping can make a hole)

**Brazilian proverb
for perseverance**

Sending Churches:

First Baptist Church
of Willingboro, NJ
New Life Baptist Church of
Darby, PA

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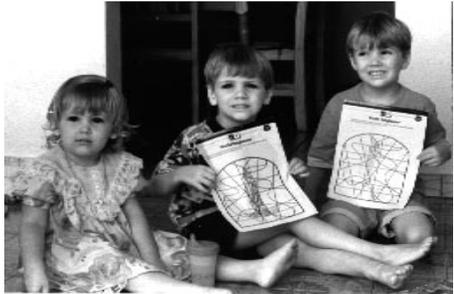
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This is the view from the front of our apartment.



We had Christmas with a homemade tree and shoes instead of stocking (more Brazilian). If you're bad you don't get coal, your shoes are taken away!



There was no Sunday School over the holidays so we had our own as a family at home.

