



Phillips' Forum



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Changing Gears

Volunteering in Hospitals

We have stepped out of the classroom and are now learning about the Brazilian Medical world. Laurie is starting a rotation at a local dermatology hospital. Chip has made contact with three hospitals.

Two have opened their doors to him. Hospital Benificente Portuguese allows him to assist in the OR. The University Hospital is close to our house and has offered Chip to rotate with its residents. However, it is in a period of transition and things are very slow there.

The third hospital is the Tropical Medicine Institute of Amazonas and is currently processing Chip's paperwork. They appear to have the best overall program for Chip's language and educational needs. They are the tropical disease referral center for this state and can give much exposure to many tropical diseases we will encounter when we move upriver. Chip hopes to start rotating there in August.

A Work Visit to Santo Antônio

The hospital in Santo Antônio do Içá is being amplified to a 20-30 bed facility. Construction teams from the US are doing the work in 6 two-week stages. Chip accompanied the team for the third stage in May. This gave him a great opportunity to "get a feel" for the hospital and the staff. Currently there is one full time nurse at the hospital and she is quite busy. A list of the patients Chip saw is on the following page as well as some pictures.

Chip will be accompanying other teams to the hospital in August and October. Please pray for safety as the men travel and work and for wisdom as Chip treats patients and gets to know people in the community.

Praise

- We did well with our classroom Portuguese studies.
- Chip's parents visited in June and Laurie's will visit in July.
- Great trip to SAI.

Prayer

- Our colleagues, the Koch's, still await FUNAI approval for visa processing.
- Processing of Chip's medical paperwork. Laurie will be submitting nursing papers as well.
- Witness to our neighbors, the Façanhas & Lúcia.
- Chip's involvement in the Tancredo Neves Chapel.

Funds for Construction Needed

While in Santo Antônio do Içá, Chip learned that construction costs for items such as bricks, sand and cement have recently quadrupled. This has resulted in our needing an additional \$30,000. We currently have funds for the August trip (4th of 6 building phases), but need additional funds for building materials for the last two phases (October and February). Please pray for the Lord's provision of these funds. If you feel led to help, gifts can be designated to account 73005- Amazonas Hospital Construction, c/o ABWE.

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Illness Types in Santo Antônio do Içá

Before we came to Brazil, many people asked what types of diseases we would encounter in the Rain Forest. During a recent 10 day work trip to the hospital (3 clinic days, 2 operative days, 5 unscheduled days), Chip treated the following conditions. This does not include patients seen by a nurse and another doctor on the trip.

TOTAL PATIENTS SEEN = 135

Procedures		#	ages in years
C-section		2	36, 28
Tubal ligation		3	35, 24, 30
Ex. seb. cyst		1	70
Ex. BCCA face		4	86, 86, 76, 35
Asp. thyroid nodule		1	35
Redo short leg cast		1	31
Remove fence post from chest		1	5
Suture laceration		2	14, 30

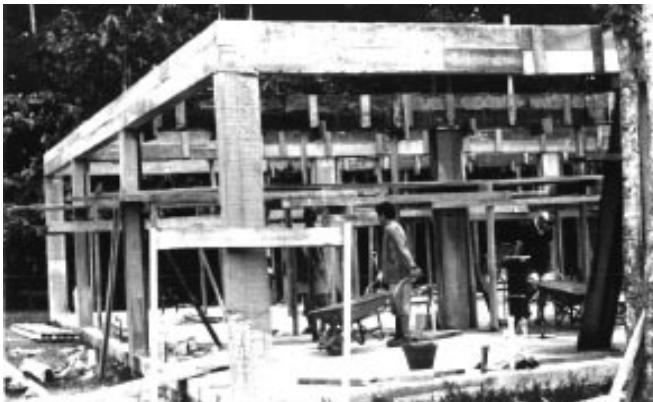
Respiratory (21)	#	ages in years	Musculoskeletal (18)	
Allergic rhinitis	1	11	Arthritis/DJD	3 50, 52, 78
Asthma	6	2, 79, 14, 3, 7, 2	Bilat. wrist fx	1 13
Pneumonia	8	2, 9&11 m., 9, 3, 19, 1, 12	Bursitis	1 70
Sinusitis	1	35	Chronic knee pain	1 14
URI	5	1 mo., 10 mo., 2, 1, 5	Contusion	1 18
Gastrointestinal (24)			Costochondritis	1 48
Gastritis/PUD	5	16, 35, 32, 55, 40	Dressing change	1 5
Liver tumor	1	72	Heel spur	1 51
Infectious diarrhea	3	5, 3 mo., 1 mo.	Impaled on fence	1 5
Presumed. worms	4	30, 7, 3 mo., 23	Low back pain	5 37, 54, 47, 29, 70
Ascaris	3	80, 20, 70	? SLE	1 23
Amoeba	5	10, 3 mo, 16, 35, 70	Wound infection-leg	1 47
Giardia	3	34, 57, 18	Skin (12)	
Obstretical/Gynecological (21)			Anxiety	2 25, 32
Spont. abortion	3	40, 28, 26	Burns	1 7 (5%)
Normal birth	2	15 (breech), 35	Hypertension	2 50, 60
C-section	2	36, 28	IDDM foot ulcer	1 76
Cervical (GYN) CA	1	24	Laceration	1 30 (foot)
Prolapsed uterus	1	19	Lipoma	1 78
Round lig. pain	1	18	Lisp	1 6
Cephalohematoma	1	16 days	Mult. abscesses	1 14 days
Non-spec. infections	3	19, 42, 26	STSG breakdown	1 30
Trichomoniasis	4	23, 47, 26, 21	Neurodermatosis	1 60
Candidiasis	3	33, 23, 26	Miscellaneous (24)	
Genital urinary (12)			? dec. appetite (nl)	1 1
Foreskin "too small"	1	28 days (was normal)	Exam for police	1 21
Foreskin adhesions	1	4	Fish bone in throat	3 86, 13, 20
UTI	10	44, 36, 34, 26, 7, 56, 76, 25, 45, 30	Headache	1 50
Infectious diseases (5)			Hives	1 7
Chicken Pox	2	2, 4	IDDM	1 30
Malaria	2	4	Inguinal hernia	3 34, 22, 40
Scabies	1	17 mo.	Match broke in ear	1 38
			OM	6 7, 3, 6, 3&6 mo., 34
			Snake bite	2 10, 25
			Traumatic cataracts	1 21
			Vertigo	2 43, 50
			Obesity	1 21



We traveled overnight by boat and slept in hammocks to get to the hospital.



Santo Antônio is situated on the Amazon River. The "far" side is really islands.



This construction crew finished the concrete pillars and laid the concrete roofing. Their workdays started at dawn when the temperature was cooler.



About 100 people arrived for each clinic day.



The road from town to the hospital (1/2 mile).



Children are everywhere.



The "Books." There is no bank in Santo Antônio. A prosperous businessman in town exchanges money for everyone. He has a spiral notebook for each type of person...teachers, hospital workers, city workers, etc. He gives a good rate of exchange and has been known to cash over \$30,000 in one month.



The Brazilian church we will attend in SAI.



The view of the Amazon from our house.



When their boat broke down on the return trip Chip spent several hours in a small village. He saw this boy who probably had malaria and was covered up and had chills despite 100° weather. The people live simple lives and had many stories to tell. One man showed us the head of an alligator he killed with a spear. They had exotic birds and animals for pets.

While there we had the opportunity to share about the Lord. Chip and another man, Scott, spoke Portuguese. We had a service for the village. The people from our boat sang some songs in English and one they knew in Portuguese. Scott shared a story with the children and Chip

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