



Phillips' Forum



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Public Utility Process

In May we were finally able to gather the necessary documents to officially request a "Public Utility" on a federal government level. This required several "good conduct" checks (we all passed!), financial declarations, summaries of activities, etc. Chip chuckled many times because all documents were addressed to Brazil's president. Actually a congressman is drafting the law that needs to be passed by the Brazilian government. Please pray that this process goes smoothly and quickly. Once obtained, we will greatly decrease the hospital's social payments

Medical License Process

Chip's medical license is still "in process". He has passed all the requirements, but the University of Amazonas is on strike and thus the process is "on hold". In two months Chip has been able to make telephone contact with the University three times, but the word is always "Wait a little longer." To us that means, "Pray a little harder."

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Emergency Surgery

Until Chip receives his Brazilian medical license, Brazilian law allows him to do emergency surgery. So far he has been involved in a number of cesarean sections, three appendectomies, and a resection of "dead bowel".

Etivan is a 16 year old who had had belly pain off and on for about 4 years. He had been diagnosed with a variety of ailments including appendicitis, gastritis, cholecystitis. The last time he had such pain there was no doctor in town and our hospital's nurse, thinking he had appendicitis, referred him to a hospital about 250 miles away by boat. He was diagnosed with "cholecystitis" and sent home. This time he came in with right upper belly pain that suddenly changed to lower belly pain. His story did not fit any classic pictures, but we decided to do an exploratory operation. As he was entering the OR he told his mother that he was going to "get right with God". He ended up having appendicitis that was located behind the colon and next to his gall bladder.

Praise

- Chip's license process passed through the school of medicine w/o problems.
- Etivan accepted the Lord as Savior after surgery.
- Provision for placing wells.

Prayer

- Processing of medical paperwork for licensing.
- Continued hospital construction needs.
- "Public Utility" approval for the hospital on a Federal level.

The day following surgery, Chip talked with Etivan. He had been fighting inwardly against giving his life to the Lord, but had finally decided to make that decision. They prayed and started studying the Bible together while Etivan was still hospitalized. Now he and Chip are meeting on a weekly basis until Etivan is firmly grounded in the Word.

Sending Churches:

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



Settling Into Ministry

Much of our initial time and effort in Santo Antônio was, and still is, spent on activities related to the organization of the hospital and our group of missionaries. Although we have been extremely busy, we are committed to being active in key areas of strategic opportunities for ministry.

Laurie has become active in three areas apart from her activities as homemaker for all and teacher for Reed and Caleb. She helps teach SS in Caleb's class. This has allowed her to learn more children's songs in Portuguese and be a restraining force with Caleb, who can be quite active at times. She has started an evangelistic Bible study with a teenaged neighbor. In addition our Pastor, Jacó (Jacob), is single and interested in dating a young lady in church. She is a gem, but lacks much Bible knowledge. Chip encouraged Pastor to be a good example to the church's youth and not "date whom you can't mate". Fátima has now entered into a formal course of doctrinal study with Laurie for 6 months. It has been a challenge for Laurie to formulate doctrinal studies in Portuguese, but it has been great for her continued development and proficiency in Portuguese. This is also a positive step for Fátima, who may marry our Pastor.

Chip continues to invest time in personal relationships. On Saturday, about 7:00 AM he meets with a church leader for a time of prayer and accountability. Then about 8:30AM he meets to disciple a new believer, Etivan, whose salvation story is told on the front of this letter. Later in the day, Chip meets for an evangelistic Bible study

To Dig Or Not To Dig- The Lord Provides

Providing quantities of safe, clean drinking water is a continual problem for the hospital and mission houses. There is currently a team of well diggers in Santo Antônio. They are asking \$2,500 for drilling and setting up a well. Chip believed that this was an investment that was important for the future of the hospital. However, since we are still working on completing the remaining hospital construction, there were no funds for drilling a well--but the Lord provided. Our town's mayor has agreed to provide all supplies for two wells. Then when we received this month's gift statement from the mission there was a \$2000 unexpected gift that exactly covers the cost of drilling two well. With a little negotiation we should be able to have some money to build a water storage tank as wells. It is great serving a God who provides for our needs even before we ask!

with Dr. José. He is a well trained Peruvian doctor who works "illegally" for the mayor. He desires to study the Bible, but sees no need to bring his life in submission to God's will. We had a Spanish Bible which we gave him. Each week he is filled with probing questions that indicate he is intently reading the Bible. Each week he seems a bit more uncomfortable when we touch on areas related to personal accountability to God. Pray for the Spirit's continued working in his life. Dácio, the police officer, was injured and is now in Manaus for medical treatment.

Together we have a weekly meeting with 4 couples to help strengthen our church's families. Thanks for continuing to pray for these outreaches.

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