



# Phillips' Forum



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## Susanna Leigh Arrives

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1998 Susanna Leigh Phillips was born at the hospital (3.280 kg, 49 cm). After the birth, many of the hospital staff were chatting about this being the first "American" baby born at the hospital. Chip noted, though, that in reality Susanna is a Brazilian baby born to American parents. It is exciting to think that we are a Brazilian family (at least partly).

## Prayer Letter Confusion

We are now connected with two prayer letters. The "Phillips' Forum" continues to be our primary letter and shares about our overall activities and includes personal, church and hospital related ministries. The second prayer letter is more focused and relates just to the hospital. Since these are closely associated, we have decided to use both of these letters to share our prayer requests with you. This allows us to use our time more wisely and conserve the Lord's financial resources.

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## Discipleship Updates

The heart of missionary work is investing your life into that of other people. We continue to spend time each week helping individuals in their walk with the Lord.

Laurie continues her evangelistic Bible study with Valdecey. This week their family put up a 30 foot "Catholic totem pole". She continues to be receptive to learning Biblical truth. Fátima has terminated her doctrinal studies with Laurie.

Chip continues to work with three teens: Antonio, Edvan, & Vanderley. Edvan appears to be stable in his walk with the Lord. Vanderley and Antonio are working through personal situations. Vanderley has a problem with drinking. Antonio was living with his girlfriend (in his unsaved parents' home) when he was saved and subsequently had her return home. However, her family "gave her a hard time" and she returned to Antonio's parents. We found another place for her to stay and it unfortunately appears that she does not want to go anywhere. Antonio now

## Praise

- Birth of Susanna Leigh.
- Productive trip to Manaus to process visas.
- Provision for placing wells.

## Prayer

- Processing of hospital and visa documents.
- Salvation of Valdecey
- Spiritual growth of Antonio, Edvan, and Vanderley.
- Development of Marriage Mentoring materials.

needs to make some firm decisions in his spiritual life. If he is to walk with God he needs to insist that Glorinéia return home until they are married, or face the fact that she is not the right girl for him. Pray that he decides to honor the Lord.

Together we are writing a "Marriage Mentoring" program for our church. A Brazilian couple, José Luis & Graça, are helping. Pray that we can motivate mature couples to positively interact and influence younger couples for the Lord.

### Sending Churches:

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



# Business Matter Updates

**Permanent Visas:** After Susanna was born we had to travel to Manaus to renew our visas. Since Susanna is Brazilian we applied directly for permanent visas. Please pray for these documents to be processed quickly since Chip's medical license depends on them.

**Medical License:** While in Manaus Chip was able to pre-apply for his medical license. Now, after we are granted permanent visas, Chip's licensing papers can be processed in one day.

**Public Utility:** Our documents for tax privileged status continue to be processed. A request for three additional documents was recently completed and returned. Please continue to pray that this process will be completed quickly. Once conferred, this status will save the hospital between \$1,500 and \$3,000 monthly in social taxes.

**Hospital Funding:** The hospital continues on a very tight budget. Chip made many attempts to set up meetings to arrange state funding for the hospital and ran into many obstacles. He began to sense that perhaps this is the Lord impeding this opportunity that seemed open earlier this year. At the same time Chip received a call from a doctor who is an old acquaintance the hospital. He stated that he is now in an administrative position to approve federal funding for the hospital. This money would have few strings attached and be more dependable than state funding. Please pray for wisdom as we explore this alternative avenue for funding.



Drilling the hospital's well  
All work was done by hand



"Climbing the  
walls"



Our kitchen as  
a butcher shop



The children visiting  
with their prior teacher

**Administrative meeting:** Our group of missionaries is rapidly growing along the Amazon River. January 22-29, 1999 we will be having an administrative planning session to set the course for our joint work (medical, aviation, boats, traditional) as we enter the next millennium. Please pray that we plan well so that the Gospel takes a firm hold in the region of Brazil's Upper Amazon Basin.

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