



Phillips' Forum



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Ministry Updates

Marriage Mentoring: We continue working on materials to help strengthen marriages of believers in Amazonas. We appreciate that we have received books as well as the complete marriage mentoring program from a supporting church in Erie, PA.. These are a great help as we write our materials. Pastor Jacó is seriously dating a young lady from church and we are

doing pre-marriage counseling with them. Also, the wife from a couple who are both employees at the hospital had an adulterous relationship and we are trying to help them put the pieces back together again.

Please pray that we will gain insights in these counseling sessions to make these materials more effective. Our goal is to finish these materials (see back)

Hospital Updates

New Doctor: Dr. Mark Thompson and his family are to arrive at the hospital site next month. His specialty is family practice and his license situation is the same as Chip's. However, after Chip gets his license it looks like he can "supervise" Mark.

New Nurse: Carolee Graf is a new missionary nurse who just finished language school. Although she does not feel that the Lord wants her working long-term at the hospital, she is helping us out for a year to cover for back to back furlough ministries of our regular missionary nurses. In addition, Carolee has a gift for making brochures and training materials and she is going to help us

develop evangelistic and discipleship tools that are specifically geared to the Amazon culture and mindset. She also is interested in helping us augment our follow-up program for those who are touched with the Gospel through the hospital ministry.

Medical License: We have been informed that our visas are on the expedited list, but that this list also has delays. Pray that the process can be truly expedited.

Staff Development: Since one of our two missionary nurses is on furlough, we are attempting to help our staff be more independent in their work so as to decrease non-essential missionary input.

Praise

- Neighborhood children sharing their faith with their friends.
- Arrival of new doctor and nurse.

Prayer

- Processing of hospital and visa documents.
- Salvation of Higson and João Máfara.
- Development of Marriage Mentoring materials.
- Hospital's financial situation still tenuous.

Best Wishes

As we finish this year and enter the new year we would like to wish each of you a joyful Christmas. We are truly grateful for your letters of encouragement and reassurances that you are praying fervently for the ministry at the Amazon Baptist Hospital. Thanks also to the many who have sent regular support or extra gifts that have made this outreach possible. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly as we enter the new millennium in His service.

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and train couples to use them before our anticipated furlough ministry starting in February, 2001.

Children's Club: Laurie will be changing the emphasis in her outreach during the next year. Since a number of children's Bible clubs have begun, she will stop the one that used to be in our house and try to focus her efforts on discipleship of those who made professions during this year's club as well as telling informal Bible stories to the children who play in our yard. The many hours that she had spent in preparation for club she will now try to use in letting the children's friends play here more, for more frequent interactions, and in making visits in people's homes. We have sensed that we need to make a concerted effort to reach out more into the SAI community. Pray that her efforts will bear fruit.

Youth Sunday School: Chip continues to teach SS. He has seen progress in about four teens who seem to be learning to think for themselves, memorize God's word, and apply it to their lives.

Discipleship: This continues to be a ministry with many ups and downs. Chip has needed to travel to accompany patients and take care of hospital visits and we also spent a month in Manaus as a family restudying Portuguese. Upon our return, the neighborhood children were anxious to return to their studies with Laurie. They often come to the gate asking for another study. Last week, Patricia brought her friend along because she "wanted to get saved." She had heard the Gospel at a Bible Club hosted by a colleague and truly seemed to understand her sinfulness and need for salvation. Laurie is going to try to teach Patricia how to disciple her friend. Francinildo, a hospital worker, continues to express interest, but still "lacks time." Antonio and Glorinea have started to attend church again, but continue to live together in his unsaved

parent's home. Her parents, also unsaved, will not give permission for them to marry and she is underaged (20 years old and legal autonomy occurs at age 21). Unfortunately Antonio and Glorinea feel that they can wait until it is convenient to obey the Lord. Raimundo Dias appears to be walking with the Lord, but has moved to a small village about 30 minutes from SAI by boat. Pray that he will continue to study the Bible on his own and periodically come to visit us for more in depth discipleship.

Pastor Jacó: Chip and Pastor continue their weekly studies. Pray for wisdom as they try to motivate the church's leaders to take an active role in discipleship and meaningful guidance to the church.

Evangelism: Chip continues to meet with two men who are unsaved, but interested in learning about the Bible. Higson, the accountant's helper, had traveled and recently returned to town. Chip is restarting studies with him. João Máfara continues to study and always has thoughtful questions. When he last met with Chip he believed that God was actively working in his life and that this was enough. He still does not see a need to "turn" from sin in his life, but rather expects God to continue to improve his life. Pray that the Lord will help João understand that he first needs to repent of his sin and become a child of God before the Holy Spirit can truly help him live a life that is pleasing to God.

Chip continues to have periodic patients in the hospital. In November Fabino has an appendectomy and during his recovery was very open to the Gospel, but did not make a decision. Pray that we can effectively follow-up with him. Right now Chip has another patient who sawed his hand with a table saw while working/drinking. Pray that Lucimar, who has relatives that are hospital employees will respond to the Gospel.

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