



Phillips' Forum



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Traveling Mercies

The Lord has been good to us as we have traveled. We recently embarked on a 10 day trip to Erie, PA, Pittsburgh, PA, and Charleston, WV for a total of over 1,000 miles. Much of that travel was done at night due to my work schedule and we have found that long trips are easier on us when the children sleep.

The day before our trip the ignition coil went. In the Lord's goodness, it broke down in front of a repair station about 2 blocks from our house on a day when Laurie's parents had asked the have the children. Laurie was able to walk home and continue to get ready for our trip.

The van ran well until we got within about a mile of Bible Center Church in Charleston, WV (continued on back)

Trip to Brazil in January

Chip is planning to make a week long trip to Brazil the last week of January. At this time he will meet with Dr. Thompson in Manaus, the capital of the state of Amazonas and work on four projects.

First, they will close out the hospital books for the year 2001 and send the required paperwork to the hospital's accountant. Second they will start the process of providing Dr. Thompson with a work contract. Since his visa process went back to ground zero in September, he will need to wait 3-4 years to obtain a permanent visa and his medical license. He can however, be given a work contract and a temporary license obtained just for that contract. Chip had tried to do this and ran into a number of difficulties.

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Praise

- Safety while traveling.
- Chip's surgery exam went well and results should be back by early January.
- New financial and prayer supporters.
- Understanding teachers as our children have missed school days while traveling.

Prayer

- Chip's trip to Brazil to help Dr. Thompson with year-end administrative tasks.
- That Dr. Thompson's work contract be granted.
- That the Hospital become a nationally recognized social assistance entity.
- The salvation of Maria and Assis.
- Funding for the Medical Missions Endowment.
- Wisdom as we set our vision for the next 10 years at the hospital.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to take a moment to thank each of you for praying for us and helping us financially. As we have had the opportunity to report back to many of you, we have come to appreciate more and more your generosity and the great priviledge we have to serve the Lord in the Amazon on your behalf. Thanks so much for believing in us and making it all possible.

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when Laurie noted the van “died”. Again the Lord was good. Bible Center is a large church and was able to lend us a van for use while we were in town. We learned the transmission was totally gone and that we would have to wait for parts to be ordered. Initially the wrong parts arrived and were additionally delayed. But we were able to use the extra time to visit a new church, make new friends, and strengthen old friendships. There were still long hours to fill and some unseasonably warm weather allowed us to take the children out to a park so that they could run off some energy and feed the ducks. We also had been put up in a motor lodge so our extended stay did not unduly stress a family with whom we might have been staying.

After all these blessings, the Lord allowed the transmissiion to be completed by Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving so we were able to arrive home in time to spend the holiday with family and friends.

Trip to Brazil

Please pray that Chip and Mark will be able to find the right people to help them with this process. Third, they will be submitting paperwork to have the hospital recognized as a national social assistance agency. This is a necessary step in obtaining tax deferred status as well as importing donated supplies. Fourth, Chip and Mark will be submitting paperwork for “Public Utility” status that will decrease our payroll expenses by about 25%. Currently one third of our payroll expenses are taxes.

Schedule for 2002

January

- 2 AWANA-New Life Baptist, Darby, PA
- 20 Redeemer Fellowship, Bel Air, MD
- 22 Chapel, King’s Christian School
- 23-30 Chip in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil

February

- 9-16 First Baptist, Willingboro, NJ
- 12 Trauma Grand Rounds, Univ. of Penn.
- 21 Trauma Grand Rounds, Brandywine Hosp.
- 24 Immanuel Baptist, Maple Shade, NJ

March

- 13-17 Sunbury Bible, Sunbury, PA
- 21-26 Inst. Biblical Leadership, Lake Lure, NC

April

- 1-7 Trinity United Methodist, Kokomo, IN
- 3 Twin City Bible Baptist, Marion, IN
- 13-17 Grace Baptist, Tonawanda, NY
- 17-21 Faith Baptist, Blairesville, GA

June

- 23-25 S New Milford Baptist, SNM, PA

July

- 8-12 Mission Enrichment Cnf, Messiah College
- 12-14 Medical Interface, ABWE Headquarters
Harrisburg, PA
- 31 Return to Brazil!

If you would like us to present at your church or to your family or group, please contact us.

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