



# Phillips' Forum



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## Children' Club

**The Club:** Each afternoon between 5:30 and 6:30, 12 children, ages 5-14, meet in our living room. They sing, review verses, and study a Bible lesson.

**The Prize:** As an incentive, each child that comes all five days of the week is allowed to participate in a special activity on Saturday. We have done trips to the local swimming hole, parties, and crafts.

**The Philosophy:** Our colleague, Dr. Thompson, works predominantly with drug and alcohol addicts...some of whom are in their early teens. We are hoping to impact the younger children of our neighborhood with the Gospel and with Biblical principles. We have also observed that to have fruit in people's lives, you need continual and repetitive contact. For this reason we give an incentive to the children to come each day of the week and each lesson for that week focuses on one major Biblical truth. The children are also learning to hide God's word in their hearts so that they can walk solidly with Him.

**The Result:** It is a little early to tell. All but two children had already made professions of faith. Pray for their spiritual growth.

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## Hospital Update

**Administrative help:** Vilkes has been a believer for a number of years, is active as a church leader, and has a number of administrative skills including being computer savvy. Chip has begun to orient Vilkes to do the hospital payments and begin to track a number of areas of the hospital including pharmacy stock, hospital inventory, hospital acquired infections, and evangelistic effectiveness

**New Autoclave:** The Lord provided funds this past year for new equipment. Our old autoclave (sterilizer) had a broken regulator and had to be manually turned off and on to regulate the proper temperature. It is a real blessing to have a new unit.

**Evangelism Emphasis:** So far this year 50 people made professions of faith and our evangelists are discipling these new believers. Thanks for praying.

**Businessman accepts the Lord:** João Mafra, one of the businessmen with whom Chip deals has been hearing the Gospel for a number of years. About 2 weeks ago he sought Chip out and was ready to commit his life to the Lord. Pray for his growth.

## Praise

- Rubie Sue did great in her Portuguese studies.
- Sherry is tolerating her chemotherapy well.
- João Mafra committed his life to the Lord.
- Vilkes is being trained to help with hospital administration.
- The hospital continues to have an effective evangelistic outreach.

## Prayer

- Rubie Sue's adjustments to being a teacher.
- Political changes anticipated after recent gov. elections.
- Sherry to respond well to her chemotherapy.
- The salvation of Maria and Assis.
- Funding for the Medical Missions Endowment.
- Spiritual growth for Tartaruga and João Mafra.

### Sending Churches:

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



# Finding our Routines

Here's what a "typical" day looks like (like today)

**Together:** Normally we try to chat and pray together between 6:00 and 6:30 AM. Then our days diverge.

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## Chip's Morning:

6:30 Radio contact with pilots living in remote area.  
7:00 Hospital staff devotions.  
7:15 Reading lesson/Bible study for Tartaruga.  
7:30 Hospital rounds. Today we had 9 patients. 2 w/ pneumonia, 5 w/ diarrhea, 1 w/ necrotizing fasciitis, 1 after hernia operation.  
9:00 Surgery clinic.  
10:30 Epigastric hernia repair in clinic. During the procedure Maria heard the Gospel and afterwards she committed her life to the Lord.  
11:30 Do lab work for a new admission and prepare lab for a blood bank inspection.

## Laurie's Morning:

6:30 Found Susanna making eggs--helped her.  
6:45 Listened to neighborhood kids say verses.  
7:00 Straightened up house, breakfast for kids.  
8:00 Oriented helper to the day's work.  
8:15 Cleaned up Julie's powder and toothpaste messes in our bedroom and bathroom.  
8:30 Misc. housework, ie--Replaced worm eaten bed with one that was in the attic to get ready for visit from blood bank official, boiled drinking water, did 2 loads of laundry.  
10:30 Did sewing project while listening to Reed's read-aloud book for school.

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**Together:** We had lunch with Rubie Sue and our neighbor, Valdecy. After lunch, Laurie cleaned the kitchen with the children, and then Chip studied German with them before he took a nap.

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## Chip's Afternoon:

1:50 Delivery of baby boy.  
2:10 Help colleague with mission accounting.  
2:30 Clinic patients.  
3:00 Orient worker for water drainage project.  
3:15 Work on telephone installation to new office.  
4:30 View 6 foot poisonous snake killed along the side of the hospital and meet with a colleague about hospital eye clinic and evangelism.  
5:30 Finish telephone installation.

## Laurie's Afternoon:

1:30 Ground up meat and made ricotta cheese for tomorrow's lunch w/ blood bank official.  
2:30 Misc. housework, mothering, sewing project.  
4:30 Out to buy bananas for kids in the study group today and to cook tomorrow.  
5:00 Took a shower, bathed Susanna & Julie Anne.  
5:30 Bible study for neighborhood children.  
6:30 Supper (hot dogs), kids ready for bed.  
Later Personal devotions (usually in AM).

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**Together:** Dinner is often a little sporadic. In the evening Chip worked on hospital and mission paperwork while Laurie worked on a sewing project and got the children ready for bed. We had family devotions, prayed together, and sent everyone off to bed.

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