



Phillips' Forum



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New Outreach To Start In the Military Village

Many of you prayed for the salvation of Assis and Maria. We have continued to befriend them, but they still have not submitted their lives to the Lord. However, the Lord has used this friendship to open up new opportunities.

Antônio, one of our hospital evangelists, has been burdened to reach out more into the "Military Village" where Assis and Maria live. The name Military Village is a carryover from a military installation that was in the area many years ago. Although this village is considered a district of our town, it is too far for people to walk from there to attend church in town, especially at night. Antônio noted that he had a number of contacts from hospitalized patients in the Village, but few ever came to church due to the distance. Antônio has organized a group of five young men from our local church to begin an outreach to the Village and has asked Chip to help orient the group.

This is so exciting for us for several reasons. First, we are beginning to see the local church's discipleship program have fruit in the lives of our youth and they are becoming burdened to reach out to the Lost on their own. Second, this is a direct extension of the Hospital's evangelistic ministry. Third, we had hoped that our initial studies with Assis and Maria would lead to the beginning of a congregation in that area. The Lord has done something much greater in having our national brothers start the work with us as mentors. And fourth, one of the team members is Valdemilson, the new hospital worker with whom Chip is reading books.

The first week, the team did a survey of the Village. Few people living there attend any church at all. From this initial contact about 30 people expressed interest in studying the Bible. In addition, Maria has become a director of the Village's local school and has agreed to let the group use the school for their studies.

Please pray that we will have wisdom to encourage and orient this group of young men as they venture out for the Lord. Also pray that they will remain bold and steadfast. It is easy to start something. It is much more difficult to bring it to completion.

Praise

- The discipleship program at church is starting to bear fruit in new believer's lives.
- Sherry continues to do well and has a part time job in Canada.
- The Lord has provided new contacts for us in Brasilia.
- The Lord continues to give us good health.

Prayer

- Outreach into the Military village.
- Hospital documentation will progress through the "red tape" in Brasilia.
- Chip to have discernment about how to best use his time and personal resources.
- The salvation of Maria and Assis.
- Funding for the Medical Missions Endowment.

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Hospital Documentation

Once again we are submitting hospital paperwork to the Brazilian government in Brasilia in order to obtain duty free importation status and be considered for special tax breaks. The Lord has given us a number of new contacts in the Brazilian political arena. Please pray that the Lord blesses their efforts on our behalf so that we can do more to spread the Gospel with the resources the Lord provides for us..

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Update on Sherry

Sherry recently related to us that she is feeling quite well. The Lord has opened up a part-time nursing job for her and she is also working part-time in a crisis pregnancy center. Lord willing she will gain experience in this area and bring it back with her when she returns to the Amazon. Last week she underwent a series of follow-up exams and is waiting to hear the results. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless her recovery and allow her to return to the field quickly.

Work Load Ajustments

Chip has faced some difficult times as he has tried to run the hospital, treat all the inpatients in the hospital, and be active in some non-medical ministries as well. Despite long hours, he was unable to keep up with the hosital administration and maintenance and became physically overwhelmed. He also became convicted that he was not fulfilling his God-given responsibilites as husband and father.

This past week Chip pulled out of inpatient care and will focus on hospital administration, while continuing with a light surgical schedule. Currently the mayor of or town has three doctors working and they will assume the care of inpatients at the hospital.

Lord willing this will allow us to continue with active patient evangelism and allow Chip to adequately address hospital administrative as well as personal issues.

Please pray that Chip will be sensitive to the Lord's leading as to where he should invest his time and energy.

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