



Phillips' Forum



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Fruit from the Harvest: 2003

As we look back over 2003, we saw the Lord work in a number of lives. Twenty four people made decisions for Christ at the Hospital and an additional 30 made professions of faith at church. Nineteen of these followed the Lord in baptism. A total of eighty-nine people made commitments to be involved in specific outreaches and ministries at church. Chip has seen significant spiritual growth in the lives of João Mafra, Tartaruga, Valdemilson and Dr. Gabreil.

Sherry Skirrow Visits the Field

Sherry continues to feel well and respond to her additional chemotherapy, but it does not look as if the Lord plans for her to be cured. She arrived this week to visit friend and set her affairs in order before returning permanently to Canada. Her reception as the river front was spectacular as literally over a hundred people met her and sang to her.

Please pray her visit will bring glory to the Lord as she has opportunities to share how the Lord has been faithful to her even during this illness.

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Long Range Plans

The medical team's long-term planning meeting has been moved back to June. We will be setting our long range goals in light of our current human resource and financial situations. Please pray for wisdom to be the most effective possible in spreading the Gospel.

New Teacher's Visa

Thank you for continuing to pray about Emmy Lou's visa. Although her visa, as a volunteer, should be a simple process, for some reason the Lord has allowed it to be more complicated. Extra documents have been required and it has taken four month to get these. Please pray that it will now be approved. Laurie is really looking forward to help with her teaching load!

Chip Meets the Governor

Chip was able to meet the Governor of the state of Amazonas and present the hospital's situation. He stated that he would help mainstream our political processes. Prais the Lord!

Praise

- The final document for Emmy Lou's visa has arrived.
- Medicine still opens hearts to the Gospel.
- The Lord met all the special needs of the hospital as they arose.
- The Amazon State Governor says he will help the hospital.
- Our first young person from church to finish seminary has returned to help work with high schoolers.
- Several more youth are interested in attending Bible School.

Prayer

- Emmy Lou's volunteer visa will be approved.
- Sherry's final visit to the field to bring Glory to the Savior.
- Spitiual growth for neighborhood children, Tartaruga, and Valdemilson.
- Funding for the Medical Mis-sions Endowment.

Sending Churches:

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



Ministry Annual Report — 2003

ABWE

A. Give a short summary of your ministry assignment.

Our ministry assignment is to assist the ABFC in developing mature believers in Christ and starting reproducing Baptist Churches. This will mostly be done in our ongoing association with the Amazon Baptist Hospital in Santo Antônio do Içá.

B. What special blessings/highlights did you experience during the past year?

1. We brought the Growing Kid's God's Way course to SAI and graduated as part of the first class
2. Dr. Gabriel, the city's doctor, made a profession of faith and is being discipled by Chip.
3. The hospital became a Federal "Public Utility".
4. 24 people made professions of faith at the hospital.
5. Home schooling has gone well despite an increased workload with Susanna, our fourth, starting preschool.

C. What difficulties did you encounter in ministry during the past year?

1. Neighborhood children have entered a more rebellious stage.
2. Without a teacher, Laurie has had to focus more on teaching and less on ministries out of the home.
3. Hospital support marginal.
4. We have found it hard working as a "team" with some of our colleagues.

D List up to 5 of your major m. goals for the past year and rate your progress for each: (A = accomplished, S = some progress, N = no progress, D = dropped)

1. S - To begin to learn Ticuna.
2. N - To develop a more effective discipleship program for the Amazonas culture/mindset.
3. A - Integrate more into the community and social life of Santo Antônio do Içá
4. S - Raise more funds for the medical endowment.
5. S - Totally legalize and integrate the hospital into the Brazilian medical system so that we can more effectively function and receive donations.

E. Describe activities that contributed to your progress for each item listed in D. If there was no progress or you dropped the goal, list the reasons for that.

1. We each did some preliminary lessons and can say "Hello". We have not dedicated much time to this project. We tried to make up tapes, but they were not very good and will try again.
2. We have continued to make observation with personal discipleship and laid the groundwork to work on this at the church level.
3. We have begun to make firmer friendships with local merchants, which has begun to take more time for social events. We also laid the groundwork to start a local Gideon's branch.
4. There have been some sporadic donations and we personally give to the endowment on a monthly basis. Some individuals in the US have expressed interest in helping to raise funds.
5. We were declared a Federal Public Utility and were registered in the national healthcare database. Also we had our first inspection by the state health department – favorable.

F. List at least 5 major goals for the coming year and 2 long term goals.

1. To begin to work with youth in the 8-12 year-old age range to begin to "capture a generation" of future leaders for the local church.
2. To develop a more effective discipleship program for the Amazonas culture/mindset.
3. To teach the "Growing Kids God's Way" material to believers (strengthen the local church) and unbelievers (as an outreach).
4. Start a memorization program with neighborhood children.
5. Raise more funds for the medical endowment.

Long term goals.

1. Totally legalize and integrate the hospital into the Brazilian medical system so that we can more effectively function and receive donations.
2. To learn Ticuna.

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