



Phillips' Forum



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Home Going For Sherry

One-half hour past her 48th birthday the Lord called Sherry home while she slept. Her sister who spent that night with Sherry at the hospice unit where she was being treated, said that Sherry had been tired and a little short of breath, but generally comfortable. Her family was with her at her homegoing.

A number of Sherry's friends and supporters have started a special project in her honor. Lord willing, we will construct an educational center as an adjunct to the developing obstetrical outreach. Currently the hospital has no lecture hall or meeting rooms for counseling. An educational wing will allow us to develop better pre- and post-natal educational materials, probably on video or computer-based. It would also give us space for one-on-one and small group counseling that is currently done in patient examining rooms as space is available.

I Want To Step On It

Chip had just dropped the placenta in the bucket when the patient started to climb off the stretcher. "Where are you going?"--"I want to step on it"--"Step on what, ma'am"--"On what's left"--"You want to step on the placenta?"--"Yes." He fished out the placenta and the new mom firmly planted her foot on it with a contented smile. "Now I won't have belly pain."

Superstitions run deep in this area of the Amazon, especially among those who live in small isolated segments of the Amazon. Whether they involve every day matters or special events like a birth, they always seem to have a spiritual flavor. It is wonderful to see people freed from a life of fear as they learn about liberty in Christ.

We look forward to being able to do this more intensively as the new educational center becomes a reality. The more we can sow the seed, the greater will be the harvest.

Praise

- Over 3,000 people were treated at the hospital last year.
- 41 people made professions of faith in 2004.
- The nursing training program continues to progress well.

Prayer

- Emmy Lou's visa has been resubmitted and we are awaiting reconsideration.
- Two local mayors have indicated interest in helping the hospital financially.
- The hospital's tax exemption status should be up for reconsideration soon.
- A donation from 1998 was incorrectly processed by an expediter and we are appealing a \$25,000.00 importation fine.

Partnering With The New Educational Center

If you would be interested in having a part in this special way to remember how the Lord used Sherry to reach young women for Christ, gifts can be sent to ABWE marked for the Skirrow Memorial Account, # 073030-003.

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Thank You

Many have helped with extra support for the hospital and have allowed us to continue presenting the Gospel through normal patient care. Thank you.

Sending Churches:

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

Annual Report for 2004

Each year we do a general evaluation of how the Lord has blessed or redirected the ministry He has entrusted to us. Along with our regional administrator, we try to use this time to help us be more effective in the Lord's work. As part of our team we would like to share this report with you.

A. Give a one or two sentence summary of your ministry assignment.

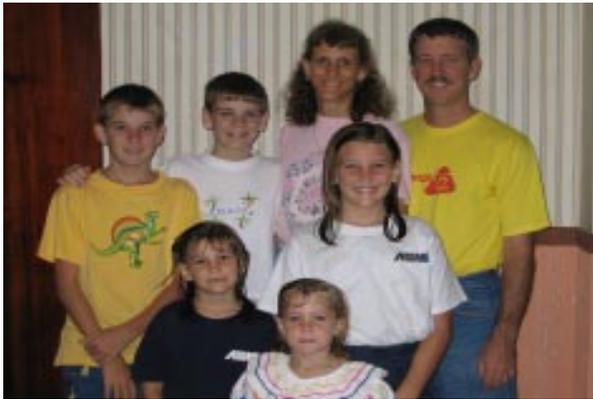
Our ministry assignment is to assist the Amazon Brazil Field Council in developing mature believers in Christ and starting reproducing Baptist Churches. This will mostly be done in our ongoing association with the Amazon Baptist Hospital in Santo Antônio do Itá.

B. What special blessings and highlights did you experience in ministry during the past year?

1. We taught the Growing Kids God's Way course and had our first graduating class.
2. João Mafra, a local businessman, decided to follow Christ.
3. The Hospital was nationally recognized as an approved social assistance agency.
4. Over forty people made professions of faith through the medical ministry.

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

1. This year we were again without a teacher and Laurie had to focus a large amount of time and energy on home-schooling our children.
2. We had to fire a key nurse when she became involved in an adulterous relationship.



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D. List at least 5 key short-range ministry goals for the past year and rate your progress for each (A = accomplished, S = some progress, N = no progress, D = dropped). Comment about factors that contributed to progress for each goal, or identify reasons why no progress was made or the goal was dropped.

1. D - 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.

Comments: As we looked more into this, the Lord had already touched the heart of several nationals to work in this area and they did not need more help.

2. S - To develop a more effective discipleship program for the Amazonas culture/mindset.

Comments: We worked on personal discipleship to gain more insight, but did not specifically work on program development.

3. S - To teach the "Growing Kids God's Way" material to believers (strengthen the local church) and unbelievers (as an outreach).

Comments: We held a course for believers, but not unbelievers.

4. A - Start a memorization program with neighborhood children.

Comments:

5. S - Raise more funds for the medical endowment.

Comments: We have some small monthly donations entering. The Lord provided funds to keep the hospital functioning, but no significant gifts for the endowment.

E. List at least 5 key short range ministry goals for the coming year.

1. Teach the Growing Kids God's Way materials as an evangelistic tool.
2. Evaluate and adapt the "Equipping the Saints" discipleship materials for the Amazonas area.
3. Obtain tax exemption for the Hospital.
4. Help neighborhood children start and run a club for children in a nearby neighborhood.
5. Help develop a couples/parenting group at church to strengthen families.

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