



Phillips' Forum



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New Hospital Ministry Off To A Good Start

In the first weeks of the new Hospital ministry program seven people made professions of faith. Since we were just getting our feet wet with the new program, we were delighted to see the Lord using these new outreaches. The possibilities for outreach are almost limitless.

Programs At A Glance

The hospital ministry is now organized around a number of educational, simple laboratory, or clinic programs.

AIDS Program: AIDS testing is done while people listen to a comprehensive Powerpoint (PPT) presentation about AIDS/HIV.

Pregnancy Testing: This functions as a Crisis Pregnancy Clinic.

Prenatal Classes: Pregnant ladies participate in a series of four classes with PPT presentations and spend some time watching their baby with ultrasound.

Health Evaluation: Lifestyle and stress evaluations as well as simple lab exams are used to evaluate a person's general status.

Éyeglass Clinic: Reading glasses and used prescription eyeglasses are distributed.

Surgical Clinic: Although surgery is now done at the state hospital, clinic is being held at our hospital.

How the Gospel Is Presented

As people come through the various clinics, they are given an opportunity to sit down one-on-one with a staff member to discuss spiritual issues. When offered an opportunity, about 85% of people opt to take a few minutes to hear the plan of salvation or discuss a personal problem.

New Outreach Possibilities

Since the majority of these programs are educational or use simple laboratory tests, it is possible for us to take these programs "on the road," or "on the river" in our case. As our staff get more comfortable giving lectures and performing health evaluations, we hope to visit local schools. Also, we can visit other towns where chuches are starting and use these programs to provide contacts for their outreach.

Praise

- Seven people made professions of faith in the first weeks of the new program.
- The new programs have been much less costly to administer.
- The Lord has provided an initial \$15,000 for the Hospital Transition Fund.
- Twenty péople have finished the first two stages of the Faith Baptist Church's discipleship program

Prayer

- That the Lord provide the remaining \$65,000 for the Hospital Transition Fund.
- Donation of dental equipment and supplies for a proposed dental outreach.
- That Chip will have a good outreach as he volunteers as a surgeon at the government hospital.
- A school teacher for our children.

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Ministry Annual Report for 2005

- A. Give a 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 Içá.
- B. What special blessings and highlights did you experience in ministry during the past year?
1. We taught our first Growing Kids God's Way course with non-believers as a means to reach out into the community.
 2. João Mafra's wife decided to follow Christ and we see spiritual growth in both of their lives.
 3. We had a joint meeting of Brazilian and American workers in this area that was well received and laid the groundwork for joint educational projects in the coming year.
 4. We made solid contacts with churches in Manaus and São Paulo. One of these has started supporting the medical ministry on a monthly basis.
- C. What difficulties did you encounter in ministry during the past year?
1. Laurie had to adapt to our school materials being delayed in customs for 6 months and to the firing of our house help.
 2. Financially the hospital did not have funds to operate its inpatient services and we had to let employees go and restructure the medical outreach.
- D. List at least 5 key short range ministry goals for the past year and comment about factors that contributed to progress for each goal, or identify reasons why no progress was made or the goal was dropped.
1. Teach "Growing Kids God's Way" as an oiut reach.
Comments: The course helped us strengthen friendships with a number of non-believers whose friends have asked that we offer a second course.
 2. Evaluate and adapt the "Equipping the Saints" discipleship materials for the Amazonas area
Comments: Chip taught this material for a number of months to a group of men as a Sunday School class. It did not seem to make much spiritual impact into the lives of the men, perhaps because the timeframe was short and the format did not allow for much personal discussion.
 3. Obtain tax exemption for the Hospital.
Comments: This process was moved along at the federal government level, but as of yet is not approved.
 4. Help neighborhood children start and run a club for other children who live in the area.
Comments: Our daughter, Alison, has worked with four other neighborhood children to do this club.
 5. Help develop a couples/parenting group at church to strengthen families.
Comments: During the first half of this year the group met twice a month and had a couples retreat in July. The couples who took the leadership of the group changed the focus of their ministry and the meetings became less regular as the year ended.
- E. List at least 5 key short range ministry goals for the coming year.
1. Teach the growing Kids God's Way materials twice this year.
 2. Help Pastor Jacó develop Faith Baptist Church's discipleship and church institute program.
 3. Put on separate Men's and Women's seminars at Faith Baptist Church as part of strengthening couples and families.
 4. Work specifically with two men in leadership training.
 5. Obtain tax exempt status for the Hospital.

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