



Phillips' Forum



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Eye Team Visit In January

The Amazon region is full of eye disease. As we began eyeglass distribution we soon realized that many patients needed surgery to correct their visual problems. Unfortunately, the nearest ophthalmologist is about 750 miles (5 days by boat) from our area and few people were able to receive treatment.

Last year our colleagues John and Sylvia Kallin made contact with an ophthalmology group, Vision Outreach International, that offers eye surgery around the world. VOI, has agreed to come to the hospital site in January 2007.

This will be a major blessing as the visit will give us new contacts to present the Gospel, will help many believers, who currently have difficulty reading, to be able to read and study the Bible on their own, and will train Chip to do some eye surgeries.

The groups visa paperwork is a little complicated since they will be bringing much surgical equipment. Please pray that the Lord facilitates the processing of this paperwork.

Hospital Administration

Chip was officially asked to be director of the new County Hospital. We greatly appreciate the input we received from many of our supporters as we considered how best to utilize Chip's time. As a result of your prayers, the Lord opened up a great opportunity.

Since we are scheduled to start furlough ministry next summer, Chip suggested that he be allowed to pick someone to train as hospital administrator. The idea was approved and João Mafra was selected. He has a background in economics and has been active in developing a number of educational initiatives for the counties rural areas.

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Furlough Starts In 2007

Our family is scheduled for a regular furlough from the summer of 2007 through the summer of 2008 and will probably be based in the South Jersey area.

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Praise

- A volunteer will be coming to the hospital in January and has agreed to help homeschool our children.
- New Hospital outreaches have been effective in reaching out to the community.
- Chip's nomination for the state hospital administrator was accepted and is working out well.

Laurie's study on dating seemed to have a very positive on the girls.

Prayer

- Wisdom as we set up a furlough schedule for next year.
- Liberation of importation documents for dental equipment.
- Visa documents for the VOI Eye Treatment team in January 2007
- Land donation for aviation hangar is still in process.
- Prenatal Program expansion to reach out to more families.

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Furlough Starts In 2007

We are excited about this opportunity to report personally to our supporters, renew acquaintances and make new friendships.

In the months ahead we will be formalizing our agenda. If you would like us to visit your church or participate in a mission's conference, please drop us a line by regular or electronic mail.

We would also appreciate your prayers as we set priorities for this time. Reed will be finishing high school in a couple of years and we will need to visit some colleges. Chip will also be seeking opportunities to expand his medical / surgical skills as well as Bilbe training.

Hospital Administration

Although João does not have a medical background, he has the heart and innate ability to be a good administrator.

Chip has been very encouraged to be able to work closely with João as he had been trying to schedule time to disciple him. Now they have time three to four days a week to interact over spiritual issues as they address hospital business.

On a similar note, Laurie has been studying with João's wife, Rosalva, and she also is growing spiritually. We would appreciate your prayers as we strive to help this couple become strong testimonies for Christ in our town.

Prenatal Program Expansion

The Hospital's educational outreach to expecting mothers has been very well accepted. Starting in November we will be assuming the coordination of the county's entire prenatal program. We believe that this will help us reach even more families with the Gospel as well as greatly impact the general health of the community. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated as we make this transition.

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