



Phillips' Forum



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Customs Delay- Dental Office

We praise the Lord that the donated dental office has arrived in Manaus. The importation process has taken some unexpected twists and turns, but is steadily, albeit slowly, moving forward. Even though the importation should be cleared without duty taxes, there will be storage fees charged that could cost a couple of thousand dollars. Please pray that the process comes to resolution in the near future so that these fees will be minimized.

Aviation Hangar

The city council voted against our land request. The mayor offered to buy land and donate it to the mission, but as Chip evaluated usable waterfront land, none seemed available.

Then a lady came to the hospital requesting help. As Chip helped her, she mentioned that she had land that was even better than the site we had considered. Please pray that we will be sensitive to the Lord in finding the land He desires for the hangar.

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Eye Team Visit Documentation

We often can't predict how a process will proceed, but we know that the "unexpected" is always part of the Lord's plan.

Everything was set for the eye team to arrive when the Brazilian ophthalmologist, who was to support the group's paperwork, backed out. This blocked the group's medical authorization, which blocked its visa process. However, the Lord opened another contact with a university professor who offered not only to help the group, but to accompany it with two Brazilian ophthalmologists. He also will provide a chartered boat (air conditioned) for the group's traveling needs. The costs of this new arrangement will be higher than anticipated, but the Lord also cared for that. A Brazilian foundation will help cover fuel expenses and our Mayor will also chip in so that the groups financial costs will be unchanged.

This new arrangement will give us contacts for free glasses in the future, as well as evangelistic contacts within the Brazilian medical community.

Praise

- Amy, the volunteer who is coming to the hospital site, has her visa in hand.
- The new prenatal program has been well excepted and is working smoothly.
- John Mafra is doing well as hospital director and making progress in his spiritual life.

Prayer

- Wisdom as we set up a furlough schedule for next year.
- Liberation of importation documents for dental equipment.
- Approval of visa documents for Eye Team.
- Land acquisition for the hangar site.
- For our Christmas Open House outreach to be fruitful

Sending Churches:

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



Family Update

Reed (16 years): Reed continues to be very verbal and very social. We are at the stage where it's sometimes harder to schedule family events around his schedule than Chip's. Although at times we may think that Reed is too verbal, it has been a blessing that he likes to share with us what is happening in his life: both happy and sad. He continues to be a conscientious student. When not involved in a church activity or studying, he is normally practicing the guitar and working on writing poems and music.

Caleb (13 years): Caleb began this year with a stated goal of becoming more social. We have enjoyed watching that goal become a reality. After a youth retreat in February he fully integrated into the church's youth activities, even going when Reed was not able to participate. He continues to be interested in computers and video games, as well as being an avid reader. From his reading he often adds little-known facts to our mealtime conversations.

Alison (11 years): Alison continues to be interested in helping others and always has a project in the works. Sometimes it is a craft. Sometimes it is cooking a dessert. It might even be cleaning up the house for Laurie. We are delighted to see her servant's heart so active. Musically Ali has also showed a deepening interest. She is taking piano lessons and has started picking up the guitar with help from Reed and Chip. She also continues to work with some of her friends to host a children's Bible club.

Susanna (8 years): If you want to find Susanna, look in a tree. This is especially true when guava and jambo (amazon apple) are in season. Despite her tomboyish activities, she still likes to get dressed up. Susanna shows leadership qualities. Her friends also noted this as she is called a "gangster" because she organizes her friends activities. This year she learned to read for pleasure and to use the computer.

Julie Anne (6 years): Like Alison, Julie Anne was born social. If someone is going somewhere, she wants to go along. She especially likes accompanying Chip on evening hospital rounds. She also loves to help Laurie in the kitchen. Her biggest challenge at present is settling down to do school work, as she wants to keep talking and interacting with others - even if it is the teacher. Of all the children, she is the most dramatic and often makes us laugh with her antics.

Skirrow Memorial

Nearly two years ago funds were donated for a Memorial in Sherry Skirrow's memory. Due to various factors this project had been delayed, but it is now moving ahead.

Some of these funds have been used to equip our new Prenatal Center. We are delighted to see how this outreach is touching many young lives.

The remaining funds will be used to expand Faith Baptist's educational facilities. An architect is currently drawing up plans. Please pray that the project develops smoothly and that we can have it well on its way by the time we go on furlough next summer.

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