



Phillips' Forum



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Lord Provides More Contacts

Recently a young couple interested in working in this area visited the Amazon Baptist Hospital. On the boat trip to the hospital site they sat next to a missions-minded Brazilian couple from Manaus. The husband is an ophthalmologist and the wife a dentist. During Chip's last trip to Manaus he was able to meet with this couple and they are very interested in providing short-term eye and dental care at the hospital site. It is exciting to see the Lord putting together a team of Brazilian professionals to help with the medical outreach.

The importation of dental equipment was progressing well until our expediter experienced "family difficulties" and dropped a number of important details. He would not return Chip's calls and when Chip finally was able to converse with him, he asked for us to find another expediter. Again the Lord led us to a believer who runs an international freight company. He has offered to help us work through the

Hospital Ministry Summary

In 2006 the Hospital ministry presented the Gospel one-on one over a thousand times. About 1/5 of these presentations were during in-home follow-up. Forty-two people made professions of faith and are being followed up by Faith Baptist Church.

Please pray that as we make contact with new patients they will be open to hearing the Good News and the Lord will touch hearts with the Gospel.

Strengthening

This year we have added a second module of the Growing Kids God's Way curriculum — raising adolescents. This 12-week study has been very fruitful in helping parents (and us as teachers with teens) to see the need to invest in developing meaningful and healthy relationships with their children. Pray that this study will not only help develop God honoring families, but also help build a base for effective discipleship.

Praise

- Brazilian professionals partnering with the hospital medical/dental ministry.
- Spiritual growth in disciples' lives.
- The Lord providing a new expediter to work on the dental office importation.

Prayer

- Chip's transition to medicine in the US during furlough.
- Approval of Hospital's request for tax exempt status.
- Hospital ministry while city doctors "fill-in" during our furlough ministry.
- For the many details regarding our furlough schedule to work out smoothly.

Laurie is giving flute lessons to two ladies who use music in ministry. Does anyone have a flute that could be donated? A colleague returning to the field in June could bring it down for us.

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MINISTRY ASSESSMENT 2006 — GOALS 2007

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

Our ministry assignment is to assist 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.

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

1. Joao Mafra was named director of the new state hospital, allowing him to work more closely with Chip, strengthening their discipleship relationship.
2. The Amazon Baptist Hospital effectively transitioned from in-patient to out-patient care without adverse ramifications for the community at large.
3. A complete dental office was donated to the hospital and the process of importation begun.

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

1. As Chip worked to transition in-patient medical care from our hospital to the state hospital, he needed to dedicate a significant amount of his time and energy to the new facility.
2. A number of Chip's projects have been tied up in bureaucracy (well for mission houses, transformer for mission houses, donation of dental equipment, hospital tax exemption).
3. Despite much effort on our part, an eye surgery team visit was canceled for lack of visas.

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. Teach the Growing Kids God's Way materials twice this year.
Comments: S - We only taught this 16-week class once as Chip traveled more than we anticipated.
2. Help Pastor Jaco develop Faith Baptist Church's discipleship and church institute program.
Comments: A - Chip and Pastor planned a SS discipleship program taught in monthly modules.
3. Put on separate Men's and Women's seminars at Faith Baptist Church to strengthen couples.
Comments: S - Laurie put on a Women's seminar that was very well-received. Chip did not get a Men's seminar done.
4. Work specifically with two men in leadership training.
Comments: S - Chip has worked extensively with Joao Mafra and some with Valdenir Xavier.
5. Obtain tax exemption for the Hospital
Comments: S - The hospital was declared "beneficiary" of its enrollment as a federally recognized social assistance agency and can now formally apply for tax-exempt status.

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

1. Raise the Medical Endowment to \$150,000.00.
2. Update Chip's medical credentials and competency while on furlough.
3. Teach Growing Kids God's Way for adolescents before furlough.
4. Visit hospital supporters in the Midwestern and Western US and Canada.
5. Obtain tax-exempt status for the Amazon Baptist Hospital.

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