



Phillips' Forum



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Pastors' Consultation

During the second week of October we attended a Pastors' Consultation on World Evangelism at ABWE's Home Office. While there we met with about 20 pastors and their wives to exchange ideas about global missions. It was a wonderful time of sharing thoughts about missionaries and the local church. It also involved a number of "foreign meals" to give attendees a cross-cultural experience.

Please pray that partnerships between churches and missionaries will be strengthened, and that ABWE can be effective in its role of helping local churches send out missionaries globally as well as reach their own communities locally.

Witness in the State Hospital

Our relationship with the new State Hospital in Santo Antônio do Içá has been great. The Lord has also opened opportunities for ongoing spiritual outreach. While Chip was still in Brazil, he could personally talk about spiritual issues with patients.

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Hangar

The Amazon River is now at its low water mark and the aviation team is reevaluating possible locations for a hangar site. Please pray for wisdom as they probe the logistics of this project.

Furlough Schedule

October

- 9-12 Pastors' Consultation on World Evangelism Harrisburg, PA
- 13-14 Faith Baptist Church Hamilton Square, NJ
- 17-21 S. New Milford Bapt. New Milford, PA
- 27-28 Wesley United Methodist Church, Erie, PA

November

- 11 First Baptist Church Willingboro, NJ
- 18 Faith Baptist Church Blairsville, GA

December

- 2 Redeemer's Fellowship BelAir, MD
- 10-14 Continuing Education Harrisburg, PA

Praise

- Chip's transition to medicine in the USA has gone smoothly.
- Our children have adapted well to school in the USA.
- Wonderful times of reporting

Prayer

- Continued outreaches of the Amazon Baptist Hospital.
- Quick resolution of the Hospital's money exchange difficulty.

Family Update

The Lord has been very good to us as we settle into a furlough routine. All five of our children have started studies at Baptist Regional School and are enjoying the experience of a "real" school. Reed and Alison have joined the school's soccer team and Caleb, Susanna and Julie Anne participate in chess club. We are very thankful that all five have transitioned well to a structured school environment.

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Financial Challenges

This month we have encountered a new financial challenge. In an attempt to decrease money laundering, the Brazilian banking system requires a number of legal documents to be signed each time an international wire transfer is sent to a non-profit organization. Recently our Brazilian bank's branch manager changed and the new manager is refusing to verify the hospital's legitimacy since it is located too far into the interior of the Amazon for him to personally visit. Our last wire transfer was returned to the USA. When Chip called the new manager he asked that we "find another bank." Please pray for Chip as he tries to work with this new branch manager or arrange for another bank to accept the hospital's money transfers. Fortunately, while Chip is working on these details, a local businessman is lending the hospital money to pay its bills and payroll.



Kids and Cousins at the Shore

State Hospital

(Cont.)

Chip also was given the opportunity to pick and train the hospital's new director. Joao Mafra, a growing believer, developed well in this administrative role and helped the hospital move from operating in the "red" to operating in the "black." Joao is concerned with both the physical and spiritual welfare of the patients and has facilitated opportunities for volunteers from Church to share spiritually with them.

Most Amazon Baptist Hospital staff who were let go subsequently were hired by the new hospital. They are recognized as some of the best trained and most dedicated employees. This has given us opportunities to have an active witness to other hospital employees as well as patients. Pray that their witness for Christ will be bold.



Good Day of Trout Fishing

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