



# Phillips' Forum



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## Special Care On Our Arrival

Laurie and I have often felt God's special hand of blessing. As we prepared to leave for Brazil all went smoothly, but we arrived tired at the airport in New York City. Since the flight was scheduled to leave at 5:00 AM we had gone to the airport the evening before. After checking our bags and passing through security, the waiting began. The plane left late and we missed our connection in Panama City.

It was becoming a long day as the Lord began to show us His hand of blessing. The airline decided to put us up in a five-star hotel and pay our expenses for the next two days as we waited for the next flight to Brazil. After being pampered for two days, we arrived in Brazil fresh and ready to go. Wow. Our heavenly Father surely does look out for his children.

## Sherry Skirrow Memorial

Chip met with the architect in Manaus and church officials in Santo Antônio to formalize plans for a new Sunday School wing at Faith Baptist Church. The process has been slow, but we are excited to be ready to move ahead. The church has been buying cement, reinforced rods and sand and will provide labor. Lord willing we will start construction in November!

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## Dental Donation

The Lord continues to open doors to allow us to clear the donation through customs. When we arrived in Manaus, Chip contacted our expediter to schedule a meeting with a new director in charge of importation health inspections. Up until that time we were caught between officials in Brasilia and Manaus, each one requiring that the other start the process. The Lord gave us favor with this new officer who agreed to initiate the process.

Now, a month later Chip is in Manaus for the formal inspection. Upon inspection, there needs to be a separation of items that are no longer useful (during the last two years many disposable items have expired or rotted in the heat). After that I understand that the process will pass through the tax sector and then can be liberated.

## Praise

- Safe arrival in Brazil.
- Prenatal outreach continues to have impact in lives of women.
- Current mayor won recent election, so João Mafra will continue at the state hospital.
- Family has adapted well to life in Santo Antônio.
- Field Council meeting with our administrator was productive and helpful.

## Prayer

- Liberation of dental equipment from customs.
- Discernment in the use of our time.
- Development of discipleship materials for the illiterate.
- Couples ministry.
- New missionary couples to adapt well to life and ministry in the Amazon.
- Application for tax-exempt status to be resubmitted.

### Sending Churches:

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



# Planning For The Next Four Years

Life is full of choices. As we return to Brazil, we are asking the Lord to guide us in the use of our time. Chip asked for advice from our Brazilian pastor and he recommended the following areas of focus: 1. Work with couples at our church. and 2. Assist the church plant in Amaturá. Chip also spent time with João Mafra. He is doing well at the state hospital, but has encountered difficulty in dealing with problems among some of the Peruvian doctors who work there. He has asked for help in the organization of patient care, staff training and the providing of surgical care. At our recent Field Council meeting, our administrator asked that we mentor the new missionary couples in our area.

As we have considered these options, we have also felt the need to develop a discipleship program that targets the poorly literate as well as to spend time to help our own children develop their own spiritual walk with the Lord.

We would appreciate your prayer regarding the prioritizing of our ministry and family time among the following activities:

1. Administration, staff training and surgery at the Amazon Baptist Hospital and state hospital.
2. Couples ministry at Faith Baptist Church.
3. Spending time with new missionary couples in Santo Antônio and Tonantins.
4. Development of discipleship program for the poorly literate and illiterate.
5. Mentoring of our children in their walk with the Lord.

# New Missionaries: Here and Coming

The Lord has provided a number of new missionaries for our field. Two couples are on the field, one just arrived in language school and one is on pre-field. Please pray for their health and adaptation to life and ministry in the Amazon. Here is a quick look at them.

Lloyd and Athena Peace have been in Santo Antônio for about a year and a half: Lloyd is an MK from our area and met Athena while she was a short-term nurse at the hospital. He is a pilot-mechanic and teaches in the Indian seminary near our town. Athena has been home schooling their children and helping out with the prenatal outreach. They have four young children.

Philip and Gecila Peace have been our area for about two years. Philip is Lloyd's younger brother and Gecila is a national from Santo Antônio. They minister in Tonantins, about 1 1/2 hours downriver from us. They are working on growing a small congregation into an autonomous church and have four children.

David and Sarah Carrel are newly married and currently studying Portuguese in southern Brazil. David spent over a year at the hospital site when his Dad worked short-term as a physician there. He and Sarah are returning to work in a Bible Institute.

Mike and Veronica Hull are on pre-field ministry. Mike is a mechanic and they desire to minister in aviation while developing a children's ministry. They are from Georgia and have children that will soon be entering college.

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