



Phillips' Forum



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Construction, Construction, and More Construction.

It has finally begun. Wood, bricks, steel, cement and people arrived and the foundation is in for the new Sunday School rooms. We thought the day would never come. Chip has assumed the role of foreman since a suitable person has not been found in town. He tried passing on oversight to some local foremen, but was concerned when they started laying the foundation backwards (blueprints were upside down!). Overall the workers are great, they just miss little details!

We have also sensed a need for a safe area for youth to mingle. Currently most of them hang out on the streets at night. We have covered an area along the side of the mission home we use and are preparing it as a youth room.

This project has been taxing on Chip as he again has had to watch closely over the details of the work. But it has also been a blessing. He is using this project as an opportunity to teach construction skills to Reed and Caleb as well as to spend extra time with them.

Praise

- Sherry Skirrow Memorial construction of Sunday School classes has begun.
- Community Health Evangelism training has begun.

Prayer

- Approval of our tax exempt status application.
- Safety as construction projects move ahead.
- Development of discipleship materials for the illiterate.
- Ongoing couples outreach.

Contract with the County Secured for Prenatal Program

The Lord has provided for the Hospital's financial needs through various means over the years. For the past two years our regular donations have been about \$7,000.00 below our expenses and the Lord provided a substantial one time gift from an inheritance to cover these expenses. This money ran out in December and we looked to the Lord one more time to cover these expenses. This time He provided in a new way. Starting in January the mayor agreed to contract the Amazon Baptist Hospital for running the county's prenatal program. This contract will cover our basic expenses and allow us to use our regular donations for ministry and outreach.

Community Health Evangelism

Pastor Jacó and Chip did an intensive Sunday School class for all adults at Faith Baptist to lay the foundation for Community Health Evangelism. Please pray as we consider the next steps in using this outreach strategy in our community and county.

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2008 Annual Report

To be filled out by each couple or individually and sent to your regional administrator by January 31, 2009.

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

Our ministry assignment is to assist the ABFC 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 in Santo Antônio do Itá.

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

1. We finished furlough ministry and were able to visit both personal and hospital supporters.
2. Our children did well on furlough ministry and have transitioned successfully back to field life.
3. The Lord allowed Chip to update his medical licensing and expertise in the care of the injured.

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

Our difficulties were mostly linked to bureaucracy and red tape regarding hospital licensing, applying for tax exempt status, and procuring land for a hangar site in Santo Antônio do Itá. Also we were saddened that the donation of dental equipment was denied.

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. Obtain tax exempt status for the hospital. - S
Comments: Paper work was resubmitted. In the interim, the government agency in charge of the evaluation is being changed so the process is "on hold."
2. Present parenting classes two times this year (once in US, once in Brazil). - S
Comments : A parenting adolescents class was presented in the US. Due to traveling for hospital documentation and participation in Community Health Evangelism training, a class was not presented in Brazil.
3. Raise endowment base to \$150,000.00 this furlough. - S
Comments: The Endowment now has a total of \$108,892.16.
4. Obtain land for a hangar in Santo Antônio do Itá. - D
Comments: We were unable to obtain suitable land for a river-front hangar site. The aviation program is now considering the possibility of amphibious planes with a land strip.
5. Do regular encouragement visits to newer missionaries to help them be more effective. - S
Comments: We began these, but they were not as frequent as we would have liked.

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

1. Obtain financial stability for the hospital by decreasing its tax burden, increasing donations from within Brazil and procuring a contract with the county for medical services rendered.
2. Do a couples retreat this year.
3. Develop discipleship materials for illiterate and poorly literate people.
4. Construct new Sunday School classrooms and renovate old ones at Faith Baptist Church (Sherry Skirrow Memorial)
5. Do regular encouragement visits to newer missionaries to help them be more effective in ministry.

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