



Phillips' Forum



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On The Field “Deputation”

The Lord has laid on our heart the necessity of doing deputation in Brazil. This is not because we are short on support or lack things to do. But as we work on this outreach becoming nationalized, we see the need to have Brazilian churches praying for this ministry, sending short-term missionary teams, and partnering financially. We have also found it increasingly difficult for American doctors to get visas for short-term medical missions trips. Brazilian doctors and nurses are well-trained and do not need visas.

Last May, Chip was able to attend a church association meeting and present a DVD of the medical work, as well as visit several churches and a seminary in Brazil's Northeast. In October-November our family will be traveling to southern Brazil to continue with this project. Please pray that this trip will be fruitful and that we will have safe traveling.

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Fruit from the Hospital

So far this year, eighty-two (82) people have made decisions for Christ. It is exciting to see people respond as they are given an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Some decisions have been from the surgical clinic and others from the prenatal outreach.

Our county has instituted a “Family Health Program” that organizes each neighborhood under a team of health professionals (doctor, nurse, home health agent). Normally, each team would assume all routine health-related care, including prenatal visits. However, since our program has worked so well, they have asked that we continue with the prenatal outreach while integrating with their documentation. This has required some adjustments on our part, but has continued to allow us to integrate into the county's health program and share the Gospel with a large number of individuals.

Praise

- Response to neighborhood discipleship groups has been very encouraging.
- The hospital has been meeting all its financial commitments.

Prayer

- The Lord to open hearts of patients treated at the hospital.
- That final approval will be granted for the hospital's tax exempt status.
- Reed will adapt well to life in the US and being “on his own.”

Skirrow Memorial

We continue to work on the Sunday School area expansion. The construction moves slowly since we are using much volunteer labor from church members. But, Lord willing, this memorial will be viewed as a true partnership between those who donated funds in Sherry's name and the members of Faith Baptist Church.

Sending Churches:

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



Building a Foundation: *The Story of Hope*

The *Story of Hope* is a chronological, story-based presentation of 40 key Biblical passages that lays a solid base for understanding the key concepts of redemption and a life dedicated to serving Christ. It recently became available in Portuguese and we have started using this in a number of situations.

Chip is team-teaching this series (with Pastor Jacó) to a joint adult/youth Sunday School class. Pastor hopes to strengthen our church members' general Biblical foundation.

Laurie has started teaching this series to a group of neighborhood ladies. Some have made professions of faith in the past, but have a nominal walk with the Lord. Others are new to the Gospel. Laurie hopes to make the essence of the Gospel clear as well as its call to obedience and service.

The neighborhood discipleship classes have been using *The Story of Hope* as a means to review the Gospel with new believers and help them get started in the Christian walk.

Emptying the Nest: Reed now in the US

We always knew that the day would come, but that did not make the adjustments any easier. Reed asked to do his senior year in the US at the Christian school he attended while we were on furlough. The Lord provided the finances and in August he did his first solo international trip. All went well through his two layovers and customs checks

He visited with Chip's family for about two weeks and then was off to Laurie's parents' where he will live this year. His school year has started well and he appears to like his classes. Please pray that he will continue to develop in his relationship with the Lord and that he will have wisdom as he begins to look into career options and college opportunities.

Here in Brazil we have gotten used to setting one less place setting and not hearing Reed's voice at the dinner table. One interesting note has been to observe that with one less person at home, the more quiet siblings have started speaking more! .

Short-Term Visits Done And In The Works

It has been a while since we have had a short-term visit and we had forgotten how much fun they can be. In July we had a premedical student and his sister visit us. Although Kaleb is studying in the US he is an MK from Brazil. His sister Kesia and 24 other siblings (yes, twenty-four, mostly adopted) live in Pernambuco, another state in Brazil. It was fun to have short-termers who could speak Portuguese. Both were wonderfully helpful and the visit was beneficial to both them and us.

In May 2010, the medical wing of CWE (Construction for Worldwide Evangelism), the group that built the second wing of the Amazon Baptist Hospital, is planning a team visit. We are excited about having them help us make inroads in the neighboring towns of Tonantins and Amaturá. Please pray that the visa paperwork and travel logistics will all fall into place without glitches.

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