



# Phillips' Forum



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## Visiting the Hospital

I was in the middle of taking X-rays on a patient who had been shot when someone said "Dr. Phillips, you need to go home. Your mother-in-law is hurt." Laurie's parents had come for a visit and would return to the US in about a week. When I arrived home Mom Delp was on the floor at the bottom of the stairs. She slipped coming down the stairs while carrying a laundry basket. A quick check showed no life threatening injuries and her back was OK. However, it was obvious that she had broken her left hip.

We moved her onto a hammock that was to be her "stretcher" for the next two days. A trip to the hospital confirmed a broken left hip on X-ray. We were able to get a med-evac flight the next day with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) with a plane that could carry the whole family. A friend of Chip's arranged for surgery on Mom's hip two days later. As it turns out she was treated by the best hip surgeon in Manaus and he and the anesthesiologist decided not to charge!

Mom, Laurie and our children stayed in Manaus for a month while Chip returned to SAI. Her physical therapy went well as did Mom's return trip home.

## Tax Exemption Approved!

I was in the shower at the end of the day after working on the Skirrow Memorial construction when Laurie handed me the phone. What appeared an inopportune phone call turned out to be a great blessing. The tax exempt request for the Amazon Baptist Hospital has been approved and will become active in April!

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## Skirrow Memorial In Use

What a blessing! Just as the youth group exploded, a new large room became available. It is also being used for Junior Church at night. We have come to the end of the funds for the Skirrow Memorial and are delighted to have the area in use. Please pray for the Lord to provide additional funds to complete the room so the second story can be used as well.



## Praise

- Over 100 professions of faith in 2009.
- Mom Delp is recuperating well after hip surgery.
- Approval of tax exempt status for the hospital.

## Prayer

- Medical team visit in May needs visa approvals.
- Ongoing Gospel presentation to patients.
- Wisdom in follow-up of new believers.
- Additional funds to complete the second story of the Skirrow Memorial.

### Sending Churches

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

## Ministry Annual Report for 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 and Faith Baptist Church .

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

1. Several couples that were separating and underwent counseling have reconciled and are growing.
2. We were well received by churches and individuals in Southern Brazil during a ministry trip last fall. There is the possibility of visits from several of them in 2010.

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 coordinating medical team visits to the field.

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. (S) Obtain financial stability for the hospital by decreasing its tax burden, increasing donations from within Brazil and procuring a contract with the county for services rendered. Comments: We obtained a contract with the county government that covers about 75% of our operating expenses. The tax exemption process continues to move along slowly. A trip to southern Brazil laid the groundwork for church visits and support in the future.
2. (A) Do a couples retreat this year. Comments: We held a retreat based on the Love and Respect series. It was well received.
3. (S) Develop discipleship materials for illiterate and poorly literate people. Comments: We finished the bulk of our research and started to formulate the program.
4. (S) Construct new Sunday School classrooms and renovate old ones at Faith Baptist Church (Sherry Skirrow Memorial) Comments: About 80% of the construction was completed for the new rooms. We still need to face walls, put a roof on the second story, and do the electrical installation.
5. (S) Do regular encouragement visits to newer missionaries to help them be more effective in ministry. Comments: One couple showed interest in this help and one did not. The ones who were not interested have begun to seek advice in recent months.

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

1. To help develop the couples ministry at Faith Baptist Church we will organize four "fun nights" for couples
2. For evangelism we will do at least one Story of Hope bible Study with a local business man and his wife. Laurie will complete the Story of Hope Bible Study with neighborhood ladies.
3. To help families develop we will do a Growing Kids God's Way child rearing class. We will invite couples from other evangelical churches so they can be trained to present this material to families in their own congregations.
4. Finish development of a story-based discipleship program.
5. Regarding the hospital ministry we wish to facilitate a visit from a church in Southern Brazil to our field and complete the tax exemption process.
6. Laurie will do a discipleship study will neighborhood children.

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