



Phillips' Forum



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Summer is called winter in the Amazon. Even though children just entered their “summer” recess from school, the local custom here is to call this time of year “winter” since we just entered the colder rainy season. As temperatures drop into the 70’s our teeth chatter and people put on jackets! Apart from the lack of snow, it almost feels like Christmas.

This is a wonderful time of year in the Amazon. Cooler weather makes working outside in the day and sleeping at night easier. Pineapples, bananas, and mangos come into season making for great fruit salads. Many people open up to spiritual issues as nativity scenes decorate the public square and individual homes. It is also a time to reflect on God’s goodness over the past year.

This year we treated over 5,000 patients in clinic, including over 300 active prenatal patients. Each patient heard an individual gospel presentation and sixty-six made professions of faith.

The Hospital’s resource center has been a great blessing to local believers as they have access to good books as well as visuals for presenting Bible studies. Additionally, the hospital building has been used to host a youth camp, a youth leadership training program, and field meetings for ABWE missionaries. Financially, the Lord provided extra gifts that have allowed the hospital to close the year in the black.

As we look to the coming year we are excited about the possibilities for continuing current outreaches and experimenting with some new ones. Internet access has become available in town and we believe a computer lab / LAN house may be an effective means to reach youth. We are also dreaming of other means to reach the youth in our area through training programs of various types.

Please pray for wisdom as we try new ways to reach out to the lost with the Gospel.

Praise

- ◆ Special gifts let the hospital close the year in the black.
- ◆ Reed has adapted well to Grove City College.

Prayer

- ◆ Caleb is looking into college choices.
- ◆ Continued progress on the narrative discipleship project.
- ◆ Development of small group leaders.

Merry Christmas

Our family would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and say Thank You for partnering with us to reach this area for Christ.

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Small Groups to Begin

The greatest challenge to help believers grow in the Amazonas culture is encouraging personal development. To help stimulate personal growth, we have trained a number of couples to be small group leaders. Lord willing, after the new year we will start four weekly small groups to work with about 20 couples.

We would appreciate your prayers for encouragement for the group leaders that they will be able to use natural strength of relationships in our culture to promote spiritual growth.

Open House Continues

Each year Laurie organizes the children of our neighborhood to sponsor an Open House for their parents. Early in December, they start baking cookies and sweets as well as lasagna and casseroles. Their parents come to our home and are served the goodies the kids have prepared.

The Lord has allowed us to use this time to get to know our neighbors and present a clear Gospel explanation. Last year about 90 people came. Pray that they will be open to the truth of God's Word, especially some new neighbors.

How are the kids doing?

We are so grateful for the family the Lord has given us and it is exciting and scary to see them start out on their own. Reed is finishing his first semester at Grove City College. He must be enjoying it since he asked to take courses over winter break and also next summer! Caleb is doing well at Baptist Regional School in South Jersey and is looking into colleges. Currently he is interested in pursuing computer engineering,

but I must admit that I am not exactly sure what that entails.

Alison is an active adolescent, training in volley ball each afternoon and participating in a leadership group at church. Susanna has become our budding mechanic, amassing her own set of tools and playing soccer most days. Julie Anne continues as our social butterfly and loves to invite her friends out for ice cream each week.

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