



Phillips' Forum



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Teaching Good Soil Evangelism

In May and June we hosted two families as they taught the Good Soil Evangelism course in three of ABWE's outreach communities. Chip helped coordinate the groups as well as helped teach the course in SAI. In all, about 75 people were trained, 30 of which were from our town. We also were able to train about eight developing leaders to teach the course.

Lord willing in July - August we will use our new teachers to present this course to leaders from other evangelical churches in the area. Pray that teaching these courses will help our leaders develop a better understanding of the Gospel as well as a love for presenting it to the Lost. You can get information about this course at www.GoodSoil.com.

Couples' Ministry Grows

Recently we did a retreat for couples as well as a night of games and romantic dinner for couples. A number of non-believers attended and heard the Gospel. It also was a time to help strengthen couples in our church. We were also asked to address a PTA meeting for about 200 people in a local school.

For the Gospel to take hold solidly in a community, children need to be taught Christian character from an early age. We now have a number of couples with young children who are using the Bible as their guide in child-raising. Pray that this generation of little ones will grow in the Grace and Favor of both God and man, so that we can have a solid base of lay leaders in the church.

Praise

- Reed and Caleb are able to spend the summer with us.
- "Good Soil" training module for local pastors presented in three communities.

Prayer

- Wisdom as we look for creative means to reach the Lost and promote Christian growth.
- Wisdom for the ABWE board as it searches for a new president.
- Wisdom and ability as Chip continues works on the narrative discipleship project.

Medical Outreach Faces Challenges

The Lord has used medicine to spread the Gospel and strengthen the local church in our area for a number of years. He has allowed us to achieve a privileged status with the Government, granting tax exemption, as well as much freedom with local government officials. We are now facing a number of bureaucratic challenges as the Brazilian Government expands and improves healthcare delivery in our area.

We need wisdom to continue to find effective means of presenting the Gospel and promoting discipleship. One possible expansion of this outreach here would be to focus more on youth, using both medical and non-medical formats. Pray that we will be sensitive to the Lord's leading in this area.

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Parties are a wonderful way to present the Gospel creatively. This month we had a surprise party for Laurie during the time of our small group meeting. It is hard to catch Laurie unawares, but we did it.

Chip planned for some friends and neighbors to hide on our covered patio after the small group meeting started. All in all about 100 arrived including a number who do not know Christ. As we sang praise choruses they listened. Then Laurie was called to the gate....

Some youth and ladies shared how Laurie has impacted their lives, Pastor Jacó shared about her zest for helping others, and Chip sang a song he wrote for her. Laurie felt appreciated and loved, and it was a wonderful time to show the benefits of living a Christ-honoring life.

College and Beyond

Reed and Caleb have left the nest to study in the US. We continue to pray for the Lord to guide them and give them a desire to live 100% for Him.

Reed's first year at Grove City College went well. He continues in microbiology with an eye for medical school, planning to take the MCATs next year.

Caleb is looking into Computer Science and was targeting either Grove City College or Cedarville University. We prayed that the Lord would give him a desire to attend the "right" school for him. He then surprised us with a request to attend World of Life Bible Institute saying "I think I need to strengthen my walk with God before I am on my own." We had not anticipated the Lord's giving Caleb that desire, but we were delighted to see him looking to Him for guidance.

Alison Finds Her Niche

Alison has blossomed as a musician. Recently Chip needed to travel for a week to Manaus. Upon his return Alison and Susanna had both taught themselves to play the flute and played a duet for him. Alison has also learned to play the keyboard and guitar.

The worship team at Faith Baptist Church picked up on these talents and Alison recently joined the team. The team even had Laurie play her flute and Chip his guitar last month.

Alison has also become part of the adolescent leadership development team and has been blossoming spiritually as well. One of her projects is coordinating Bible memory projects for neighborhood youth. Pray that the Lord will strengthen her passion for Him.

Skirrow Memorial

We have received some additional funds to continue work on the Skirrow Memorial as well as put in a parking area for the Faith Baptist Church. The parking project has been involved, necessitating redoing the church's electrical entrance as well as creating an underground water run-off system. Lord willing that project will be finished this month and we will focus again on the Sunday School extension itself.

The rooms that are already built have been a great blessing, especially for the youth programs, but they have already been outgrown. With the second phase this space will nearly double for the youth. We also hope to include a kitchen area to help with various outreaches as funds become available.

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