



# Phillips' Forum



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## The Gospel in Practice

As part of our annual report, we related the stories of two couples we are helping.

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Luis and Acácia moved into town when Acácia got a nursing job. We have befriended them, helped them rent a house next to ours, and they started attending our church. When we talked with them about the Gospel, they related having “come back to God” recently, but seem to have a works-based concept of salvation. They are faithful at church and the small group that meets in our home. We continue to interact with them on community and spiritual issues and trust that they will grow in their understanding of the Gospel as a free gift that involves a life commitment.

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Alziete is a mother of four who attends our church. Laurie has met weekly with her this year to encourage her in her walk with the Lord and help her work through a number of personal and marital issues using Biblical principles. She still has her good days and bad days, but has shown stability in her Christian walk and in her ability to give sound Biblical advice to others.

## Being a Counselor

Our colleagues, Al and Kim Yoder, have a rural camp about 15 hours by boat from our town. In January our family traveled by hammock boat with 70 adolescents to help run a week-long camp. Laurie helped with cooking and snack shop, Chip manned a cabin and clinic, and our girls joined the campers.

Fortunately, the most common medical problem was cut and infected big toes due to slipping in the rain while wearing flip-flops. Mornings and evenings were Bible studies, and afternoons were team competitions and swimming in the river. The Lord worked in many lives and a number made professions of faith.

## Furlough Coming

It is hard to believe four years have passed, and we are scheduled to begin furlough in September of 2012. We really look forward to visiting our supporting churches and friends to tell about how the Lord is at work in Brazil, but are a little anxious about adapting to a “new” culture as we tend to find our “homeland” changes in our absence.

Please pray for us as we begin to set up a schedule for visiting churches and Chip looks for opportunities to renew his medical licensing and skills. Also pray especially for Alison as she adjusts to the idea of leaving friends to finish high school and start college.

## Praise

- We have seen the Lord change people’s lives.
- Adolescent camp was safe and used to touch many youth.
- Chip’s Dad continues to do well with dialysis.

## Prayer

- Plans for furlough ministry—to start Sept. 2012.
- For construction of an airplane hangar.
- Wisdom for the ABWE Board as it searches for a new President.
- For youth who made decisions at camp to continue to grow in their faith.

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### Sending Churches:

First Baptist Church  
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New Life Baptist Church  
of Darby, PA

# Ministry Annual Report for 2011

**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 start ing reproducing Baptist Churches. This will mostly be done in our ongoing association with the Amazon Baptist Hospital and Faith Baptist Church in Santo Antônio do Içá.

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

We had a number of couples' events that appear to be making a difference in people's lives. We counseled a number of couples, most of whom have returned to a more godly marriage.

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

No specific difficulties to report.

**D. List at least 5 key short range ministry goals for the past year and rate your progress for each.**

1. Organize a couples' retreat. - Accomplished  
Comments: No specific comments.
2. Start a small group ministry at Faith Baptist Church. - Accomplished  
Comments: We started four groups. Two continue well and two are faltering. It is hard to assess the real impact of these groups, but they seem to help some couples.
3. Teach a Growing Kid's God's Way class, including couples from other evang. churches - Accomplished  
Comments: We taught the class, but the couples from other churches were very irregular in attendance. We had hoped they would teach the class in their churches, but we doubt this will occur.
4. Finish draft of narrative discipleship material. – Some progress  
Comments: The general outline is formulated, but the backbone of the course needs to be helping people make meaningful change in their lives and we have gotten stuck on this step of an effective program.
5. Laurie would like to start a new Bible study series with neighborhood ladies. – Not accomplished  
Comments: This was not done

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

1. Initiate a friendly, but meaningful, accountability system for the small group ministry to help people memorize scripture and have their devotions.
2. Teach a Growing Kids God's Way class for parents of adolescents.
3. Finish the narrative discipleship project by furlough (Sept. 2012).
4. Have a monthly couples' outing or seminar up through furlough.
5. Laurie to do a short Bible study series with neighborhood ladies.

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