



# Phillips' Forum



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## Field Visited In January

In January Chip traveled to Brazil to help out with administrative responsibilities at the Amazon Baptist Hospital. Carolee, our only missionary nurse, is "holding down the fort" alone and Chip returned to close out the book-keeping for 2012. He also did the yearly "project analysis and projection" that is required by the Brazilian government for tax-exempt organization, as well as performing a few operations.

The Hospital staff was in good spirits and the pre-natal outreach was going strong. The county government was in transition to a new administration after last year's elections, and Chip was able to talk to a number of the new officials including the new Secretary of Health and Chief Financial Officer.

## Aviation Project Makes Progress

While Chip was in Brazil, he was accompanied by Lloyd Peace, the pilot who is raising funds to start an aviation program at the hospital site. Lloyd helped lead a youth retreat while Chip did the books. When he left SAI he was able to test fly a prototype of the plane, and it proved very suitable to our needs.

It appears that the price may increase some in 2013, and he is negotiating with the company to seal the deal at the 2012 price. Please pray that he will be able to do this.

Athena, Lloyd's wife who recently finished treatment for breast cancer, is undergoing final exams this month for clearance to return to Brazil. Please pray that her treatments will have been effective and that they can soon return to Brazil. Lord willing, we will follow them to the field at the end of the summer.

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## Mayor Continues To Help Hospital

Even though the new Mayor promised to continue a financial partnership with the hospital, at the end of January the anticipated help did not arrive. In Brazil there is no financial continuity between one political administration and the next, and the new mayor stated that the outgoing administration did not leave its "house in order."

It appeared as if we would have to stop the prenatal program for lack of funding. But the Lord was good—the Finance Department was able to get things organized, and by mid-February they extended the promised help. This should be a stable commitment for the next four years.

## Praise

- We have had wonderful visits with supporting churches and individuals
- Many continue to hear the Gospel at the hospital.
- Continued financial support for the hospital from the new Mayor.
- Chip passed his surgical certification exam.

## Prayer

- Safety as we travel on furlough ministry.
- Provision of funds for the plane hangar to be built upon the Peace's return to Brazil.
- Wisdom for the ABWE Board as it searches for a new president.



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### Sending Churches:

First Baptist Church  
of Willingboro, NJ

New Life Baptist Church  
of Darby, PA

# Ministry Annual Report for 2012

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

Our son Caleb graduated from his first year of WOLBI. A number of our supporting churches are growing and doing well.

## List the 5 key ministry goals from last year's report and rate your progress for each

1. Initiate a friendly, but meaningful, accountability system for the small group ministry to help people memorize scripture and have their devotions. – accomplished.  
*Comments:* Our group was an encouragement to a number of people and most memorized their verses each week.
2. Teach a Growing Kids God's Way class for parents of adolescents – accomplished.
3. Finish the narrative discipleship project by furlough (Sept. 2012) – some progress.  
*Comments:* Chip started using the materials with some youth at church before our furlough, but there is still work to be done before the project is completed.
4. Have a monthly couples' outing or seminar up through furlough – accomplished.
5. Laurie to do a short Bible study series with neighborhood ladies – accomplished.

## List 5 key ministry goals for the coming year.

1. Have the narrative discipleship program ready for implantation upon return to the field.
2. Visit all of our supporting churches and individuals.
3. Chip to update his medical licenses and medical skills.
4. Laurie to reactivate her nursing license.
5. Have "Brazilian Couple's Nights" at some supporting churches.

## Both husband and wife, share a brief story about one of the relationships you began developing this year with the intention of sharing the Gospel.

Chip: I have been befriending a doctor (husband) and wife (wife) that work at the Brazilian government hospital. They have come out to some special couple's nights at church.

Laurie: I have targeted the women of our neighborhood and had a number of Bible studies to present the Gospel to them. I also met with most individually to get to know them better and see if they had specific questions about the Gospel.

## Both husband and wife, share a brief story about a Christian you are discipling, mentoring or training.

Chip: I began working with four adolescents about 2 months before leaving on furlough. We meet weekly and I am attempting to use the narratives of Scripture as a basis of focusing on character development.

Laurie: I met weekly with a lady from church to help her work through various difficult family situations and learn to apply Biblical principles.