



Phillips' Forum



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Warm Welcome On Our Return

Leaving the US was emotionally more difficult this time, as we left three children in college. But the Lord was good as our return to Santo Antônio do Içá was equally more uplifting. A number of friends met us at the boat even though it arrived at 3 AM. Later, cakes and desserts were dropped off as people stopped by to welcome us back.

There is a significant undercurrent of positive expectation as the new mayor's administration appears to be working hard to reorganize healthcare in the county. They desire us to continue with the surgical and prenatal ministries and agreed to increase financial support.

We also noticed a number of areas of growth at Faith Baptist Church. The small groups we helped organize our last term are doing well. Some of the changes we had hoped to institute with a junior-age ministry are already in place.

It has been encouraging to see the Lord continue to work in our absence.

Changes Both Good and Bad

Chip's return to medical practice and administration in Brazil has been filled with ups and downs. On the downside, due to changes in non-profit laws, the hospital may lose its tax-exempt status which is now linked to formal government contracts. Ours is informal. An audit is underway that possibly could give a "retroactive" ruling requiring us to pay up to \$45,000.00 in "back taxes". Please pray the ruling only removes future tax exempt status.

On the positive side, the ministry at the Amazon Baptist Hospital continues well. Every day the prenatal program presents the Gospel to numerous patients. As surgery clinic begins, routine surgery will follow shortly. Chip has been asked to participate in and possibly lead a county health committee that is designed to coordinate and audit health care in our area. Please pray that this will give Chip more opportunities to influence people for Christ.

Praise

- Hangar construction is underway.
- Outreach continues well at the Hospital.
- The mayor to increase the hospital's stipend to cover loss of tax-exemption.
- Ministries continued strong in our absence.
- ABWE has a new president, Dr. D. Jim O'Neill.
- Alison and Caleb are doing well at Liberty University.

Prayer

- Hospital to obtain a formal contract with the mayor.
- Safety as hangar construction continues.
- Reed did well on his MCATs and is applying to medical school.
- Wisdom as we split our time between medical and non-medical ministries.

Hangar Construction Begins Strong

Soon after our arrival in Santo Antônio ABWE's aviation administrator, Herman Teachout, and his wife Tammy were to disembark and begin helping with the hangar construction. We furiously repainted our house and did needed repairs as they would be staying with us. Fortunately the work was well worth it as Herman and Tammy have been a pleasure to house and Herman's building experience has been a real asset. In the first week we have laid out the building and poured the piers that will support the building. Chip is delighted to have Herman here as his oversight will free up Chip to dedicate more of his time to medicine over the next month.

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Sending Churches

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



New family additions, Bandeooky and Calebresa.



Bending rebar to go into concrete forms.



Fixing outlets, washers, lights and faucets to get the house ready for guests.



Laurie getting a cake ready for a neighbor's birthday.



Mudslide in the back yard being fixed by creating a terrace.



First surgery upon our arrival at the Hospital.