



Phillips' Forum



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God Changes Our Plans

As March neared, the Lord changed Chip's schedule. He initially planned on a "normal" month of surgical outreach, teaching at church, and attending the annual meeting of the hospital board.

However, during the last week of February our pilot's daughter fell and broke her wrist. The break required operative repair, and her father took her to Manaus. He had committed to teach a week at camp in another town, and Chip offered to pitch in and teach.

The retreat theme paralleled exactly the discipleship that Chip has been working on, so he put together the lessons quickly. At the last minute, he thought to pack a suture kit and ended up repairing a facial cut and castrating a dog during camp. The campers loved it!

Since the hangar is nearly completed, our pilot flew the plane back to make full use of this unexpected trip.

Leading the Health Council

As president of the county health council, Chip has begun to help organize a number of projects. Though necessary, some are not well accepted. One focuses on construction of health clinics and requires changes in building practice. Another looks at open sewage and will require outhouses to be used, not just dumping sewage in creeks. Pray for Chip to persevere in these endeavors.

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Judgment Day Arrives

Sometimes it is hard to visualize some of the Bible's teachings and they do not seem "real." This year about 60 youth put on a progressive theater presentation called "Judgment Day" where the stories of three youth are brought to life. Our whole family participated: Julie Anne played the part of a friend, Susanna ran sound effects, Laurie provided refreshments for the whole team, and Chip acted as a doctor.

About 800 attended, divided into groups of about 20. Every 15 minutes a new group entered and was accompanied by its own set of principle actors so the story had continuity. The plot follows three youth who are only interested in dating and having fun. One day they hear the Gospel and one accepts Christ. Shortly thereafter the three are shot. Two die immediately and one is taken to the ED where Chip tries unsuccessfully to revive him and then talks to the parents.

Next the groups enter two different scenes. In one, people who have rejected Christ stand before God, are judged and are thrown into the Lake of Fire. In the other, the believer stands before God's throne and is welcomed into heaven. Lastly, the groups hear a succinct presentation of the Gospel.

We hope that the presentation will make the truths of the Gospel more real to those who watched it. Please pray that the Lord will use it.

Praise

- Hangar construction only lacks electric and plumbing.
- Outreach continues well at the Hospital.
- "Judgment Day" event reached 800 people.
- Chip's presentations at camp went well.

Prayer

- Reed as he awaits word on acceptance to medical school.
- Termination of access strip between airport and hangar.
- Fruit from family-based discipleship.
- For "Judgment Day" to have an impact in lives.
- Fruit as Laurie studies the Bible with various ladies.



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Sending Churches:

First Baptist Church
of Willingboro, NJ

New Life Baptist Church
of Darby, PA

Annual Report — 2013

A. Give a short paragraph summary of your ministry assignment

Our ministry assignment is to assist the Amazonas Brazil Field Council in developing mature believers in Christ and starting 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?

Laurie was able to renew her nursing license which had been cancelled. Caleb, our second oldest graduated from Word Of Life Bible Institute's 2 year program with academic honors. Alison transitioned well to her first year of college at Liberty University. We were able to spend time with our parents and other family members during furlough.

C. What challenges and/or difficulties did you encounter in ministry during the past year?

We did not face any major challenges or difficulties in 2013.

D. List the 5 key ministry goals from last year's report and rate your progress for each (A = accomplished, S = some progress, N = no progress, D = dropped). Comment about factors that contributed to progress for each goal, or identify reasons why no progress was made or the goal was dropped.

1. Have the narrative discipleship program ready for implantation upon return to the field.
S Comments: Chip continued to work on this and based on the book "Rethink" is revising the discipleship materials to be family-based.
2. Visit all of our supporting churches and individuals.
S Comments: We visited all but one individual supporter.
3. Chip to update his medical licenses and medical skills – Accomplished.
4. Laurie to reactivate her nursing license – Accomplished.
5. Have “Brazilian Couples’ Nights” at some supporting churches – Accomplished.

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

1. Teach Growing Kids God's Way class
2. Start family-based, narrative discipleship at Faith Baptist Church
3. Laurie to teach evangelistic Ladies' Bible study with Story of Hope
4. Complete hangar construction with Lloyd Peace
5. Sponsor 4 couples' nights at Faith Baptist Church

F. Share a brief story about one of the relationships you began developing this year with the intention of sharing the Gospel (both husband and wife if a couple).

Laurie has been teaching the Story of Hope to a 7 year-old boy named Erdre who comes by our home to play. Chip is developing relationships with some new doctors in town. As a couple we are befriending a couple that moved into our neighborhood. Their names are Nayer and Marley.

G. Share a brief story about a Christian you are discipling, mentoring or training (both husband and wife if a couple).

While on furlough neither of us had an active mentoring relationship. Laurie has begun to do home visits for new believers that were contacted through the hospital ministry and some of these appear to be developing into discipleship relationships. Chip has been meeting weekly with Billy, who is a believer that recently started taking his walk with the Lord seriously.