



Phillips' Forum



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Partnership Blossoms

Leaving the girls with colleagues, we headed to the interior. Most people think we live in rural Amazonas, and we do. But we soon learned that there is always one step more rural than you are. Together with Alessandro (the Brazilian president of the World Literature Crusade), Aaron and Nerida Moore (project manager for Every Home for Christ in Australia), José (Indian translator) and João Mafra (Chip's friend who had been the state hospital director) we performed a survey trip of 10 communities that are clustered in three areas along the Amazon River. Two were non-indigenous and one was Indian.

Some communities already had a gospel witness and others had little. All had great needs in the area of

education, healthcare and income production. While our long-term focus is evangelism, our short-term goal on this trip was to discern which communities have a mindset conducive to self-development. We perceived that years of empty political promises and more recent welfare programs had promoted a despondent dependency - people just waiting for someone to solve their problems but actually doubting if help will come.

Yet we were pleased to note that while many people earn little due to a number of factors, they work hard and value education. We believe the Lord can use community development projects to allow us to teach these communities how to work more efficiently and to better market their products. At the same time we hope to improve their access to basic education. Throughout our interactions with them we will cultivate opportunities to present the Gospel. We would appreciate your prayers for safety as we travel and for wisdom as we train and teach.

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Solidifying Our Counseling

The Lord has brought a number of counseling opportunities to us. As field leaders we help colleagues with issues in their ministries and as missionaries we have a number of couples whom we have counseled or are counseling.

Further from home, Chip was asked to prepare to teach a yearly counseling course given in a Seminary in Fortaleza, Brazil in conjunction with Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette IN. Chip now has a mentor for our ongoing counseling and will be applying for counseling certification. He will also need to study up a little more on psychiatric illnesses

Lord willing, Chip and Julie Anne will travel to Fortaleza in September to participate in the week-long counseling course. There are three modules: Julie Anne will do the first module and Chip will complete the third one.

Praise

- All our children were able to visit us this summer.
- Chip's mom has become involved in a some ministries and is doing well.
- Lloyd, our pilot, is already using the plane to visit rural communities with the Gospel.

Prayer

- Reed will be working this year as he reapplies to medical school.
- Wisdom as we form a ministry team for the new community outreach.
- Ongoing family ministries at Faith Baptist Church.
- Completion of the electrical installation in the hangar.
- Alison as she becomes a prayer coordinator in her dorm at Liberty University.



Sending Churches

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

Photos From Our Visit Up The Içá River



Our boat docked along the Içá River



Alessandro

Brazilian President of the World Literature Crusade



Salted piraracu fish filets out to dry



Aaron and Nerida Moore

Every Home For Christ (Australia)



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