



Phillips' Forum



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Counseling Application In

This month Chip submitted his application to become a certified Biblical Counselor. He terminated his last course in October and this month he finished writing his exams, responding to 45 theological and counseling questions in a 90+ page document. Once his application has been approved he will begin 50 hours of accompanied counseling. His goal is to finish certification before May when he will start training the next generation of counselors.

Tax Deductible Gift Received

Chip has been working on tax exempt status for the Amazon Baptist Hospital for 20 years. One aspect involves Social Security tax and saves the hospital about \$2000/month. It had been approved, but changes in the law raised some questions. We put on hold using the exemption until we get confirmation we are still approved. A second aspect involved receiving tax exempt donations. This was approved this year and we just received our first Brazilian tax exempt donation!

Praise

- First tax exempt donation has been received by the Amazon Baptist Hospital.
- Chip's application to be Certified Biblical Counselor is submitted.
- Continued outreaches through surgical and prenatal patient care.
- Construction of stores on Faith Baptist's property has begun.
- Relatively calm elections in both the US and Brazil.

Toward Sustainability

The focus of our service at the Amazon Baptist Hospital is taking care of patients' physical and spiritual needs. Yet to continue this work we need to recruit, train personnel and secure a stable financial base. Chip may be viewed as a doctor, but much of his work involves paying employees, organizing purchasing, trouble-shooting a bad internet connection, fixing a washing machine or preparing a weekly radio program. Others are directly linked to sustainability such as negotiating a contract with local politicians to support the hospital or working politically to gain tax exempt for donations.

We are excited to see the Biblical Counseling movement take hold in Brazil and Chip will help train counselors for the future. We have been praying for the Lord to increase the hospital's support base from within Brazil and approval for tax exempt donations will help create a Brazilian support base for the hospital. Chip is also helping coordinate the construction of stores on a piece of Faith Baptist Church's property that faces a commercial street. Lord willing rent from these stores will provide funds and help the church sustain its outreaches. On the County Health Council Chip has been able to arrange for a year-long transition of leadership to a new president. Lord willing the Council will be able to function on its own by our next furlough.

Prayer

- Procurement of new hospital donors from within Brazil.
- Our children to continue to walk with the Lord.
- Chip to be able to complete his counseling certification process by next May.

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Sending Churches

First Baptist Church
of Willingboro, NJ
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of Darby, PA



Olympic Night Outreach

Chip ran in and the Olympic torch was lit. The night was filled with competitive games, good food, and Chip shared the Gospel to a group of about 300.



Clearing land for construction of stores whose rent will support ministries of Faith Baptist Church.



First Biblical Counseling Course in Manaus, May 2016. Lord willing Chip will help teach next May.