



Phillips' Forum



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New Pilot To Arrive

Bob and Karen Hamilton came to the Amazon about 15 years ago to minister in aviation church planting. A number of factors redirected them into a boat ministry. However, at our November Field Council meeting, Bob voiced that the Lord may be redirecting them toward aviation. It now appears the Hamiltons will move to our town in March or April. We are excited to have another couple in town to help with youth and aviation ministries.

Furlough Plans Change

Our normal furlough would start in August of 2017, but we postponed it to 2018 due to a conflict with a colleague's furlough schedule. Now that the Hamiltons plan to move to our town, we will return to our original schedule. Julie Anne and Susanna are delighted to be able to return to Baptist Regional Schools, and we are grateful to be able to spend some time with our aging parents. Pray for Chip as he looks to cover his medical and administrative responsibilities.

Praise

- New pilot to share in aviation ministry.
- Opportunities abound to minister.
- Continued outreaches through surgical and pre-natal patient care.

Investing in the Next Generation

A number of opportunities are before us to work with the next generation. Laurie was approached by a couple of neighborhood adolescents with a request to teach them to cook "real food." For several years they have helped prepare sweets for the Christmas Open House, but they realize they can't eat cookies and cakes for the rest of their lives. She now leads a weekly cooking class for three boys and four girls and uses the opportunity to do a discipleship study with them.

Chip has been asked to accompany some teens who oversee part of the Sunday Evening children's church ministry. This month he will start observing the sessions to see how he can help these young men develop in their spiritual lives and ability to minister.

On the medical side, Chip continues to explore how he can help mentor new surgeons and physicians in ABWE hospitals. There are two hospitals in Togo, West Africa and one in Bangladesh. This year Chip likely will travel to these facilities to evaluate needs and personally meet these dedicated physicians. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we look to balance ministry needs in the Amazon with those of colleagues serving in various areas around the world.

Prayer

- Safety as construction of stores on church property continues.
- Chip to complete his counseling certification process by next May.
- Hamilton family to have a safe move to our town.
- Search in progress for new ABWE President.

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2016 ABWE Annual Report for Missionaries

A. Give a short paragraph summary of your ministry assignment.

Our ministry assignment is to assist the ABFC 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?

Susanna and Julie Anne have become more involved in various ministries.

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 2016.

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. Mentor new Faith Baptist Church leadership team in following through with goals. Chip will try to encourage the development of new men in church to become church leaders.
A S N D Comments: Chip met a few times with the new leadership team, but in the end they were not interested in holding themselves accountable to a goal focus.
2. Have an evangelistic Bible study in our neighborhood with contacts from the Christmas Open House.
A S N D Comments: We did the Story of Hope with a group of about 10.
3. Teach a Growing Kid's God's Way child-rearing course this year.
A S N D Comments: Chip did not have a 16-week block available to teach the course, but Pastor Jacó taught it.
4. Laurie to complete current discipleship studies and start others with new believers.
A S N D Comments: Laurie finished with ladies from last year and is now discipling Taynara.
5. Chip to finish his Biblical Counseling Certification.
A S N D Comments: Chip completed his application and written exams and is awaiting approval to start supervised counseling.

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

1. Chip to finish his Biblical Counseling Certification.
2. To obtain Brazilian corporate donors for support of the Amazon Baptist Hospital.
3. Start a dental ministry outreach at the Amazon Baptist Hospital.
4. Laurie to teach a cooking class with Bible study for teen girls.
5. To mentor a couple to strengthen the couple's ministry at Faith Baptist.

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).

Chip – I have begun a friendship with a new doctor in town named Kenneth. He comes from a “Baptist” background, but shows little evidence of a Christ-centered life.

Laurie – I continued with the same relationships and focused more on discipleship this year.

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

Together – We invested the bulk of our person interactions with counseling cases, which involved numerous couples.

Chip – I began an initial friendship with Luiz when his wife committed suicide. He is steady in church, and I believe he has the potential to become a pillar in the church.

Laurie – Maxileia is in her 30's and still has 6 children at home. Her husband is a non-believer. We did various Bible studies. She has remained faithful in church attendance and is attempting to win her husband to Christ.