



Phillips' Forum



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Furlough Ministry Changes

ABWE missionaries spend 80% of their time overseas, traditionally set up as 4 years in the field and one year of furlough ministry. We were planning to extend our field time to 5 years to allow a colleague to keep to a normal schedule and not leave the hospital unattended. As it turns out, a colleague was recently led to work in our town, allowing us to keep to a normal furlough schedule. We are excited at the opportunity to visit our ministry partners as well as see our parents who are getting up in years.

A year-long furlough is beneficial as it allows our children to attend a school in the US, but it presents a number of challenges for Chip regarding hospital administration and surgical coverage. The Lord provided a helper for Chip who is keeping track of employee hours and coordinating payroll with the hospital accountant. Chip is able to pay most hospital bills online from the US as his helper scans and sends him invoices and receipts. The local mayor has also contracted a surgeon to cover Chip's absence. We would appreciate your praying that the hospital administration continue to function smoothly and that the medical team can continue to present the Gospel to the many patients who arrive for treatment.

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Certification Completed

Chip was able to complete his 50 hours of supervised counseling the day before we left for furlough. It looked like he would need to complete his last 10 hours in the US, but at the last minute a flurry of urgent counseling cases arose. He also taught two counseling courses in May at a regional training seminar in Manaus. We have been delighted to see the Lord use His word to change lives.

Visit to Togo In Progress

As you read this we will be in Togo, West Africa, visiting two of ABWE's hospitals. Chip has felt a need to visit these works to gain perspective on how to use the tool of medicine more effectively in Brazil as well as explore how ABWE's medical missionaries around the world can more effectively support and encourage one another. We all face similar challenges in differing contexts. Please pray for the Lord's direction and blessing on this trip.

Praise

- Starting furlough ministry this fall.
- Susanna has started to drive.
- Construction has continued on stores whose rent will help support Faith Baptist Church.
- Chip has completed his counseling certification.

Prayer

- The hospital to run smoothly in Chip's absence.
- Safety and discernment as we visit ABWE hospitals in Togo.
- Spiritual health for ourselves and our children.
- Search in progress for new ABWE President.



Sending Church

First Baptist Church
of Willingboro, NJ



We were recognized for 20 years of service at ABWE's Missionary Enrichment Conference.



Chip has begun teaching at regional Biblical Counseling Seminars



Susanna helps with leading songs in Children's Church.



Legal on the road – and loving it.



Church storefront construction project--foundation and plumbing in place before pouring the floor.



Susanna and Julie Anne's girls' discipleship group with their leader, Bianca.