



Phillips' Forum



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Transitioning to Furlough

Furlough ministry is a wonderful time to see family, reunite with friends, be encouraged as we visit supporting churches to experience how the Lord is working “back home”, and have time to reflect on ministry priorities without the clamor of various projects. Our girls love attending a “brick and mortar” school with lots of classmates and various activities such as soccer.

The Lord has protected us as we travel, visiting churches and supporters in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida. Chip has applied for hospital privileges where he has worked the last couple of furloughs and is awaiting a response from them. Lord willing, he will be able to work there to “get back in the swing” of US medicine. In the meantime, Chip has already updated his Trauma and Heart resuscitation certifications and is currently taking a laparoscopy refresher course since laparoscopy is not available in our area of Brazil.

We have been able to get involved with our sending church when not traveling out of town. Chip is helping with counseling. The girls are helping with AWANA. And our family is part of the team performing the church’s Christmas cantata.

Merry Christmas and Thank You

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you who are faithfully partnering with us in ministry. We are so thankful for your continued prayers and faithful support. It has been delightful to begin visiting with many and we look forward to seeing the rest of our partners in 2018. Thank You so much for being a part of our team.

Planning a Visit to Bangladesh

In the fall we had the opportunity to visit two of ABWE’s hospitals in Togo, West Africa, and see first-hand how we and the ABWE International Health Ministry (IHM) team can help the teams there. In January we are planning a 3 ½ week-long trip to ABWE’s hospital in Bangladesh which has been overwhelmed with extra patients from the Rohingya crisis. We would appreciate your prayers for safety as well as wisdom as we evaluate how we might be of help to the medical team there. This will also be a very different culture from what we are used to in Brazil.

Praise

- Smooth transition to furlough ministry.
- Caleb married Emily Frederick over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Floor is poured at Faith Baptist Church construction project in Santo Antônio.
- Safely as we have traveled to supporting churches.

Prayer

- Caleb and Emily as they start married life together.
- Paul Davis, as he transitions into his new role as ABWE’s president.
- Spiritual health for ourselves and our children.
- Wisdom as we discern the Lord’s emphasis for ministry next term.

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Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

**May the Lord richly bless each of you
as we jointly strive to honor Him in 2018.**



Caleb and Emily were married on November 20th and will be living in Lynchburg, VA.



Church storefront construction project—
the floor has been poured.

Paul and Martha Davis –
ABWE's new president and first lady.