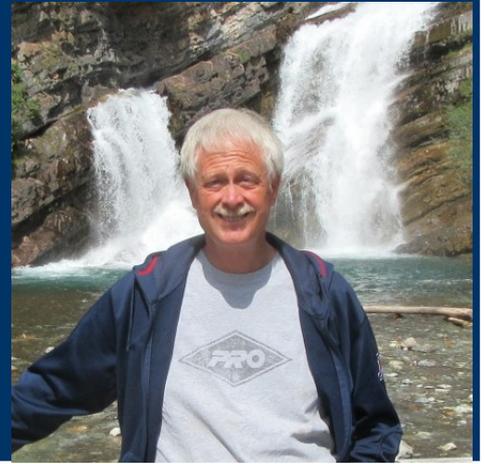


Bits from Bill

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to the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil

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Another Year Coming to an End

It's hard to believe that 2018 is nearly over. Another year gone—and another year closer to the return of Christ. That is the reason why we do what we do, so that people everywhere will not only know that He came once, but that He will come again—and that He is the only means of salvation offered to humanity.

So as we celebrate His birth—His first coming—let us remember that He will come again, this time not as a baby, to die for our sins, but as a King who will reign forever.

Be praying that as people all over celebrate Christmas, they would come to understand and know Him who is the real Reason for the season.

Ready for the Mother Tongue Translator Course

Arrangements have already been made for my stay at the Mother Tongue Translator course at the Ammi Bible School in Mato Grosso. I plan to leave Brasília on January 2nd, spend a couple of days in Anápolis, then head over to the course, arriving on January 5th. The module begins on the 7th and goes for 3 weeks.

During this module, the students will go over the translation assignment that they received at the end of the first module, and learn the use of Paratext, which is the standard Bible translation software used around the world. Please be praying for these students, as many of them have to temporarily leave behind families and even work, in order to take the course. Pray that they would not only learn the material, but that their dedication to God and His word would continue to grow.

Update on Windows Update

In my last Prayer & Praise Update, I mentioned the need to perform a major Windows update on the MTT student computers. At the time of writing this, Microsoft still has not consistently released the update. However, they do offer a tool which permits a user to force the update to download and install. Therefore, I *will* be able to get all of the computers updated and ready before taking them to the course in January to give to the students.

So please join me in giving thanks to the LORD for His provision of a solution. This will eliminate a major source of potential problems during the module.

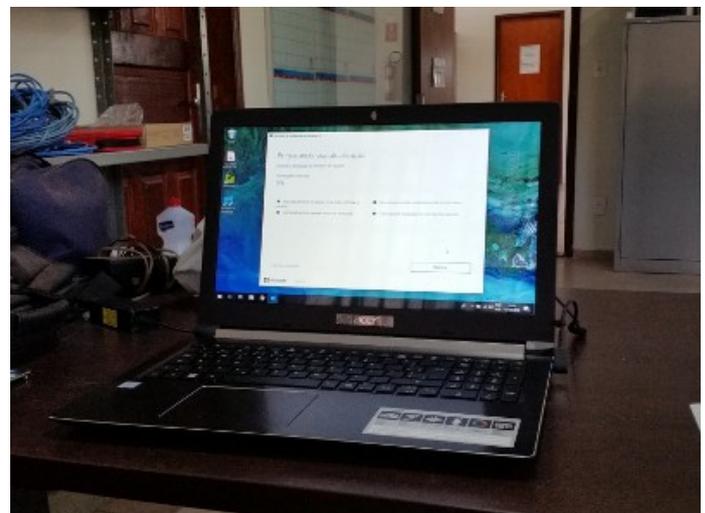
One More Year before Furlough

As I've mentioned before, I expect to return for my next furlough about a year from now. The final year is always a time of mixed feelings; a part of me is looking forward to returning to my home country, while another part knows that I will soon have to say good-bye to good friends here.

During this final year I will also need to make some preparations, such as finding someone to take care of my car, arranging for others to help maintain our systems, as well as completing the usual SIL/Wycliffe paperwork involved. Please be praying that I would be able to keep my focus, as well as get all of these little details taken care of. The year will go by quickly!

Also, as I've mentioned before, my financial support is still below levels acceptable to Wycliffe. And while I anticipate that I will be able to complete this field term without any problem, I will need to have it back up to 100% before being allowed to return to Brazil. So please be praying—even this far in advance—that the LORD would be preparing the hearts of those whom He would call to join the team and be a vital part of this ministry.

Meanwhile, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year!



MTT Student Computer Updating Windows

Prayer

- That people would come to know the Christ who is the real reason for Christmas.
- For the staff and students as all of us travel to and participate in the MTT course in January.
- That I would get everything done that I will need to do before going on my next furlough.
- That God would be speaking to those whom He would call to be part of my financial team.

Praise

- For a solution to the problem of updating the MTT student computers.
- For all of the students who will be returning to continue the MTT course.
- That although my financial support level is below acceptable levels, I will still be able to finish this field term.

May you and your loved ones find true joy in celebrating the real Reason for this holiday season!

Bill

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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