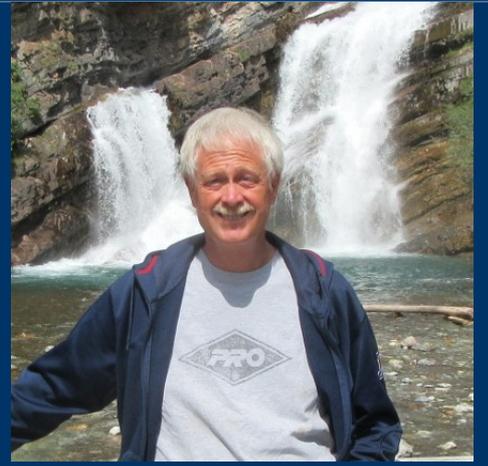


Bits from Bill

Using Information Technology to Help Bring the Word of God
to the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil

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Mother Tongue Translator Course

Next month, I will be traveling to the city of Manaus to participate in the final module of the current Mother Tongue Translator course. This module will take place in the New Tribes school at Puraquequara, near Manaus. This is the first time that a module of the MTT course will be held there, and there will almost certainly be challenges involved with the new location. So please be praying that all of us will be able to adapt, and to quickly find solutions to any problems that arise.

The reason for the different location is to make it easier for students from ethnic groups in the region to attend. Depending on how well things work out, future course modules could be held there, and benefit from our experience this time.

Please also be praying for the students and facilitators. Any time people work to bring God's word to those who need it, the enemy of our souls does everything in his power to oppose it. Because of this, some of the students are encountering difficulties in completing their "homework", which requires the cooperation of other members of their communities. Pray that they would be able to complete this task—and that the LORD would open the hearts of their people to receive the message of salvation in Jesus.

SIL Brazil Retreat

During the week before leaving for the MTT course, I will be in Anápolis for the SIL Brazil Retreat. In the past, we only had our Conference every two years. However, we have recently begun holding a spiritual retreat in the off years. Instead of an exhausting series of business meetings, we get to listen to inspirational speakers and enjoy spending time with members who work in other parts of this large country. Our first Retreat was held 2 years ago, and it was a great experience. I'm definitely looking forward to going to this one!

Retreat will end on June 3rd, and after that I will have two days in Brasília before traveling to the MTT course. Please be praying during that time, since in addition to getting ready for my trip, I will no doubt be needing to provide service for needs that arise during the Retreat, and will also need to get things prepared so that the computer and network infrastructure can function during my absence.

Furlough Approaching...

Furlough is now less than six months away. While that may seem like a long time, I know that it will go by very quickly. After I return from the MTT course, I will need to get serious about preparing for my time away from Brazil. Please be praying that I would not forget anything!

One specific request related to furlough involves housing in Tucson. At this point, I have arrangements for a place to stay, starting in April. However, I plan to arrive in Tucson around the beginning of February—and at this time I do not have a place to stay during the first two months. Please be praying that something will become available for this initial period in my home town.

Equipment Upgrades

One thing that I've been working on is upgrading some of our network equipment. This has included things such as adding protection against lightning damage, replacing regular cable with special outdoor cable, rearranging wi-fi access points, and upgrading power supplies in main network computers to types that automatically switch between 110 and 220 volts. The purpose is to make things as foolproof as possible before I go on furlough, to minimize the chances of a major problem when I will not be present.

So please give thanks for the resources that enabled us to make these necessary improvements.



Mounting Access Point in Classroom

Prayer

- That the MTT course participants would be able to adapt to the changes of the new location.
- That the MTT students would all be able to complete their “homework” in time.
- That the LORD would open the hearts of the people groups currently resisting His word.
- That I would make good use of the 2-day interval between the Retreat and traveling to Manaus.
- Furlough preparations, and a place to stay in Tucson during February and March.

May the LORD keep you safe in His hands, walking along the path of His perfect will,

Bill

Praise

- The upcoming SIL Brazil Retreat.
- Furlough housing already arranged from April until the end of the year.
- The resources necessary to do the needed equipment upgrades.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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