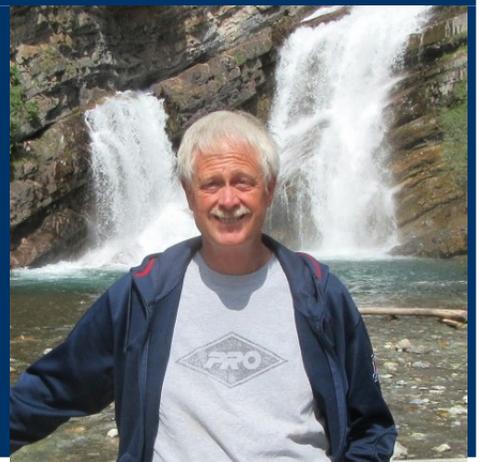


# Bits from Bill

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

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## *Living in the States*

In my last newsletter I announced my return to my home country, after four years in Brazil. As you might guess, I had a bit of adapting to do. First, I left Brazil in the middle of the southern hemisphere summer, and landed in the middle of the northern hemisphere winter. After four years without seeing a single flake of snow, it was a novelty.

I spent the first several weeks in Wisconsin, visiting family. Then, at the end of January, I packed up the car that I am using and hit the road for Tucson, Arizona, where I will spend the majority of my remaining time in the States. Again, it was a considerable change, going from the snowy north to the desert southwest. But it was good to be back in my home town!

Since arriving in Tucson, I have been living on the east side of town, taking care of a house for a friend. At the end of this month, however, I will move into an apartment in the northwest part of town where, except for my summer travels, I will remain until the end of the year. While living on the east side has given me an opportunity to visit friends and a church in that part of town, after my move I will be much closer to my home church and the SIL center in Catalina.

So please give thanks for a good time with family, for safe travels thus far, and for two good places to live during my time in Arizona.

## *Keeping Busy*

Since arriving in Tucson, I have not been sitting around watching television. In addition to a couple of projects, one personal and one for a retired colleague, I have received requests a number of times from ALEM members for remote assistance. Again, I give thanks for modern technology, which allows me to take control of a remote computer and deal with issues on it. The four-hour time zone difference can cause difficulties, but so far this has not gotten in the way of getting the job done. So please give thanks for these opportunities to continue to serve.

On a personal note, I have been enjoying the opportunity to do some hiking in nearby Saguaro National Park. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit; we should take care of them!

## *Opportunities to Share*

As I mentioned last year, there are financial needs that need to be met before I can return to the field. In order to meet these needs, I am looking for opportunities to share about the work of Bible translation in Brazil. At this point, there is one church interested in the ministry that God has called me to. So please give thanks for this opportunity, and please be praying that the church leaders will respond according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

And please continue to pray for more opportunities to share about my work in Brazil!

## *Opportunities to Visit*

Another thing that I've been looking forward to while on furlough is the opportunity to reconnect with people that I have not seen in four years. Reconnecting is actually the biggest reason why Wycliffe requires furloughs! So if you are in Tucson—or somewhere else where I plan to travel this year—please feel free to get in touch with me using one of the contact methods listed on the back page. I would hate to spend time somewhere and miss an opportunity to reconnect with someone.

So please be praying that the LORD would arrange opportunities for me to connect with as many people as possible during my time in the States.



*Winter Wonderland – A Big Change from Brazil!*

## Praise

- For a good time with family, safe travels to Arizona, and good places to stay while in Tucson.
- For opportunities to continue to serve while I am in the States.
- For the church which has expressed an interest in the ministry that God has called me to.

## Prayer

- That the leaders of the church interested in my work would respond according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- For more opportunities to share about Bible translation in Brazil.
- For opportunities to reconnect with as many people as possible during my time in the States.

May the LORD guard you and  
keep you in His hands in the midst  
of this turbulent world,

Bill

*<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the  
Most High will abide in the shadow of  
the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say to the Lord,  
“My refuge and my fortress, my God, in  
whom I trust.”*

Psalm 91:1,2

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