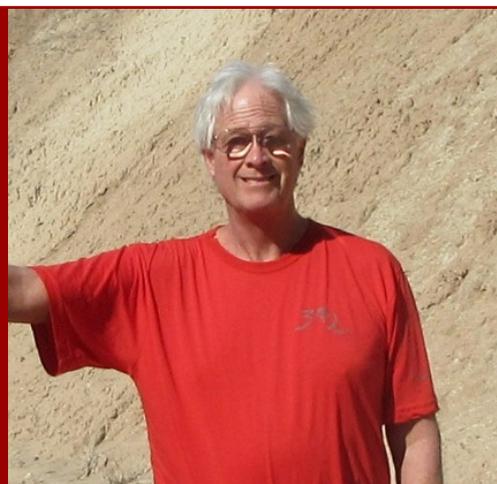


Bits from Bill

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

September, 2022



Dry Season

As I write this, the dry season *appears* to be approaching its end. When most people think of a tropical country, they imagine rain forests and lush greenery. And during rainy season, the ‘greenery’ part is definitely true here. But during dry season, Brasilia more closely resembles a desert. Since I lived for years in Tucson, Arizona, I don’t have any problem with this. But many people from other parts of this country suffer from issues associated with very dry air. And this year it has been very dry. Usually, we have at least one or two cold fronts that bring some rain. This year, we had none until very recently—and rain in September is usually only temporary. We had plenty of cold weather, but it was dry.

So please pray for the people here who are having difficulties with the dry weather.

Small Projects

In the last few months, I have not had any major projects to work on. There have been the usual maintenance jobs and requests for help, plus a few computers to set up for translation teams. And several people needed help with issues related to English.

Recently, the Linguistics course department asked me to help them set up a remote learning system, using a software package called Moodle. The idea is to increase learning options for students, both here at the center and online. This has involved setting up a web server, as well as learning about the Moodle system itself.

After initially setting up the server, I was forced to put the next step on hold because of software incompatibility. The updated version of Moodle is scheduled to be released in November, and at that point I expect to pick up where I left off. Fortunately, this project is of low enough urgency that this delay will not cause problems.

So please give thanks for modern tools that offer students increased options for learning, and pray that the new version of the software will come out on schedule.

Mother Tongue Translator Course

The decision has been made to begin the next MTT course starting in July of 2023. Please join me in giving thanks for this development, and in praying that all final issues would be successfully resolved. I hope to have more information in my next newsletter.

Truth

In this fallen world, truth is one of the most abused concepts in existence. Given that the Enemy is the father of lies, this is not surprising. These days, we see his influence everywhere. All you have to do is pick up a newspaper or turn on the television. Many of those in power got there and maintain their positions by means of lies. And, of course, there is the greatest lie of all, namely, either that God does not exist, or that if He does, one can please Him by his or her own merits.

Jesus once said that we should know the truth, and the truth would set us free. He was speaking of knowing him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But I have discovered that this is a principle that applies in general. Many times I’ve been in situations where I did not have all the facts. And I’ve found that, once I had the *true* facts, it was very liberating. Maybe it was because the uncertainty was gone. Maybe it was because I then knew what to do and did not have to plan for various alternatives. Whatever it was, the truth literally set me free.

Truth liberates because it is consistent with reality. Our society needs a strong dose of truth. And the starting point of truth is found in the Word of God. The written word points to the Living Word, who sets us free. Only then can we be the kind of salt and light that is needed in order to restore truth to our culture.

So keep praying for revival and awakening. And pray that the LORD would restore truth to our society and culture, most especially the greatest Truth of all, that salvation is only found in Jesus Christ.



Setting up New Computer for Translation Team

Praise

- That dry season is finally approaching the end.
- For modern tools that offer increased options for students to learn.
- That the Mother Tongue Translator course will finally resume next July.
- That we as believers have the Truth that can truly change lives and culture.

Prayer

- For the people who are suffering because of the dry air in Brasília.
- That the updated version of Moodle would be released on schedule.
- That the final issues involved in resuming the MTT course would be resolved.
- That the LORD would restore truth to our society, especially the Truth of salvation in Christ.

May the LORD continue to guide
you in all truth, and keep on
preparing you for His Kingdom,
Bill

*However, when He, the Spirit of
truth, has come, He will guide you into
all truth; for He will not speak on His
own authority, but whatever He hears
He will speak; and He will tell you
things to come.*

John 16:13

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