

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As I write this, I just got back from a 4-day trip to an indigenous village in the state of Mato Grosso. I was invited to the graduation ceremony for a course in foundational Biblical principles that recently finished. There were 35 graduates, including a friend that I met in January at the Mother Tongue Translator course. For me, this course was an answer to prayer. While it is important to translate God's word for these people, and to teach them to read it, one thing that is often lacking is basic discipleship and the teaching of the basic foundational principles of following Christ. These needs are exactly what this course was designed to meet. So please give thanks for this course and for the people who took it and graduated. And please be praying that this type of training would become available for other indigenous groups.

This trip was a real test of endurance for my car. Especially since the last 90 kilometers were over a rough dirt road! It is not a high-clearance vehicle, and there were 5 of us in it, along with our baggage. But it survived. I will need to have the mechanic look at it to see what shook loose and needs to be tightened or even replaced.

Upon my return, I found some “presents” waiting for me. As I mentioned previously, we are needing certain equipment for the ALEM center network infrastructure. Last month, I was able to finally make the purchases and have them delivered to where a couple of ALEM members would be going for some meetings, and they were able to bring them back. So please give thanks to God for this provision. Now, I have to install everything...

This week, the Linguistics students at ALEM will finish the first module of their course. Please join me in giving thanks for this successful completion, and pray that they would continue to do well in the second module. And please keep praying that they would all clearly hear God's direction for the next step to take after the course finishes.

On a positive note, Rainy Season lasted for longer than usual this year. As a result, we should not have to worry too much about water shortages later on near the end of Dry Season.

So please give thanks for:

- A safe trip to and from the graduation ceremony, and for all of the people who took the course.
- The resources necessary to buy the equipment that we have been needing for a long time.
- The Linguistics students successfully finishing the first module of the course.
- The extra rain that we had this year.

Please pray for:

- The people who took the basic Biblical principles course, that they would continue to apply what they learned to their lives—and to the lives of their people.
- Other groups to be able to have this kind of training.
- The Linguistics students, as they begin the second module, that they would do well and that they would clearly hear God's direction for afterward.

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