

Prayer and Praise Update

April, 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As April draws to a close, I am once again working on the fiber-optic project. The equipment that I brought in January was an excellent beginning—we were able to provide coverage for almost the entire center—but there were still gaps. And old equipment that did not work well. So even though no one is coming down from the States these days who could bring more items, we were nevertheless able to find what we needed for a fairly good price in Paraguay.

So three new access points were recently purchased and brought to the center, along with two more fiber-optic converters and several gigabit power adapters. After two and a half days, we have “filled in the gaps”. Now, we only need to install power-line surge protectors in all of the wi-fi stations, to protect the equipment from damage that comes through the electric grid. We also planned to install Ethernet protection in the server room, but there were problems with the equipment, which we are trying to get the manufacturer to resolve as I write this. Fortunately, Rainy Season is mostly coming to an end, and lightning danger is much less these days. Hopefully, it will remain so long enough for us to finish installing the protectors.

The Linguistics course also began this month. We have a class of around 10 students, most of whom are living on the center. So far, they have not gotten into the more difficult material, but that is coming! Please be praying for them as they are learning material that is new for most of them, and often a bit difficult. And keep praying that the LORD would direct them as they seek to know how and where to serve.

So please give thanks:

- For the additional equipment that we were able to get at a reasonable price.
- For the end of Rainy Season, and the “breathing space” that this will give us to set up protection.
- For the Linguistics students, who have all arrived and are off to a good start.

Please pray:

- That we would be able to get all of the protective equipment during the “lull”.
- That the students would all be able to learn the skills that they will need to work in Bible translation.
- For God's direction in their lives and ministries.

Working to help present and future Bible translators in Brazil,

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