

# *Prayer and Praise Update*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

As the first module of the Linguistics course comes to its end, we are looking forward to the second module, which will begin the second week of May. Until recently, we only had five students signed up for it. Now, there are six. It will still be the smallest class in my memory, but these are the people that the LORD has called to continue in this study program. Some of them already have a specific mission field where they will go or return to, while others are still seeking God's guidance. So please give thanks for these six students, and pray that the LORD would make His will clear for those who are still seeking to know it.

On a negative note, the decision was made to remodel the roof of the building where I live—without waiting for Dry Season. I think that the administration was under the impression that the job would be done a lot faster. At any rate, so far five of the six ceilings not made of concrete have either collapsed—including my bedroom—or are on the verge of collapsing. This happened because the rains returned and the ceiling panels got wet and gave way. I give thanks that it happened while I was at work; the panel in my bedroom landed on edge, right in the middle of my pillow where my head would have been if I had been sleeping. Given the weight of the panel, it is questionable whether or not I would have survived the impact. Also, fortunately, none of my electronic devices were damaged, although another piece fell only half a meter from my computer, and the main slab did land on my book reader. But the pillow apparently absorbed most of the impact, and my reader has a thick cover. Not even the screen was cracked. So please give thanks to the LORD for this deliverance, and pray that the workers would get the job done as quickly as possible.

Beyond all that, life goes on as usual. There are no major projects right now (although planned future remodeling of the main office building will no doubt change that), but the usual flux of “customers” needing help continues. During this time while living in less-than-ideal conditions because of the construction damage, this is definitely a blessing.

So please give thanks:

- For the six students who will participate in the second module of the Linguistics course.
- For God's protection of my electronic equipment and my head when my bedroom ceiling collapsed.
- For a simple, straightforward workload while living waiting for my home to be repaired.

Please pray:

- That the LORD would make clear His calling to the students still seeking to know His will.
- That the workers would soon finish the roof remodeling on the building where I live.

Continuing to help support Bible translators, old and new, in Brazil,

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