

Prayer and Praise Update

April, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As April draws to a close, it's hard to imagine that the year is now nearly a third over. Seems like only yesterday that we were ringing it in... Anyway, the work of building God's Kingdom here on Earth continues, and it is a blessing to be a part of it. The Linguistics course continues to go well; after surviving Phonetics and getting a basic introduction to Principles of Linguistics, the students are now busy learning a bit of an indigenous Brazilian language. At this point, they are applying what they learned in Phonetics. As they study more subjects—Phonology and Grammar—they will have the opportunity to apply what they learn there to a real language. This is excellent training for future work. Please give thanks to God for this opportunity, and pray that they would do well and learn principles that will someday be useful in ministry.

The new server that I mentioned in my newsletter has been purchased and has arrived. Praise the Lord! Not only were we able to resolve all the issues with getting the donation down here to Brazil, but the company that we bought it from got it to us nearly a month ahead of their original predicted delivery date. Now we are waiting for a couple of other small parts in order to install 2 additional hard drives. Once that is done, I will be able to start setting it up. Please join me in giving thanks for the arrival of this important new tool, and pray that everything would go well with the process of setting it up and transferring all of our data over to it.

Finally, SIL just held its annual Conference in Anápolis. I was able to take the five days off from my work at ALEM in order to attend. This year is was more of a business Conference, rather than a spiritual Retreat. These are necessary, of course; there is always business that needs to be accomplished. Still, it was a good opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, and I also had the privilege of bringing the guest speaker, a pastor from one of the satellite cities around Brasília, with me when I went. That was also a good time of fellowship. So please give thanks for a good Conference, with good spiritual input in addition to business.

So please give thanks:

- For the opportunity that the Linguistics students have to work with a real-world indigenous language.
- For the arrival of the new server computer.
- For a fruitful time at the SIL Conference, both in business and in spiritual refreshment.

Please pray:

- That the students would do well in the process of learning the indigenous language, and would learn principles that they will be able to apply in future ministry.
- That everything would go well in the process of setting up the new server computer.

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