

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from the ALEM base in Brasília! I returned here on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, following the end of the Mother Tongue Translator course in the state of Mato Grosso. I had an uneventful two-day journey back home, stopping to spend the night in Aragarças, where I had spent the night on the way over. This time, I did not stop in Anápolis.

Once back in Brasília, I have been working to finish the network cable restructuring project, along with renovating the internal phone system. Within the office building, this is nearing completion. However, I have only been able to lay out plans for rewiring the phone system for the rest of the center. Financial resources are always in short supply, and the ALEM leadership has to decide which projects get the highest priority.

One of the ALEM “projects” which always has a high priority is the linguistics and missiology course, which is coming to an end in less than a week. A new group of students will be graduating. From here, some will continue with ALEM. Others will work with other organizations. At least one will be returning to another country where she has been working for several years. Please pray for these people as they continue down the paths that God has called them to. Some of them are still seeking His clear guidance. Pray that all would clearly hear His voice.

And life is constantly full of surprises. For some time I've had a feeling that God is preparing one (or more!) for me. I still don't know what it is, but please be praying that I would recognize it for what it is when it comes—and that I would trust Him and not resist change in my life.

So please give thanks for:

- A safe trip home from the MTT course.
- Progress with the projects here at the ALEM center.
- The current group of graduates from the linguistics and missiology course.

Please pray that:

- God would provide the necessary resources to finish the projects—and the wisdom to use what we've got wisely.
- The MTT students would be able to complete their assignments, and that all of them would return in January.
- The ALEM linguistics students would all clearly hear God's calling and direction for their lives and ministries.
- I would not allow myself to be in such a rut that I would reject new blessings that God might bring into my life.

Working with partners to further the goals of Bible translation,

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