

Prayer and Praise Update

August, 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from the ALEM center!

August is nearly over—and in another month, the ALEM Linguistics course will come to an end. The students will scatter—and I will have a lot of sad good-byes. This has been a special year for me; I ended up making more friends among this class than in any previous year. I have been very impressed with the level of commitment to God and His word among this group of people. Many of them are still seeking His guidance for their next steps. Please be praying for them, that they would all clearly hear His leading.

August being nearly over also means that it's another month closer to furlough. At this time, we have finished installing nearly all of the lightning protectors for the wireless access points around the center. I have also continued to work on documenting the system, adding instructions for dealing with problems, as well as pictures to help users visualize what the documentation is talking about. So please give thanks for the progress so far, and continue to pray that I would be able to not merely complete everything, but to complete it well.

You may have seen reports in the news recently about fires in the Amazon. While it may not be as bad as the media portrays it, nevertheless, it is a serious issue. I still remember similar situations during the years when I lived in Cuiabá and Porto Velho. The amount of smoke in the air is definitely unhealthy. So please be praying that they would be able to get the fires put out as soon as possible.

So please give thanks for:

- The good friends that I made this year among the Linguistics students.
- Progress in upgrading the center network and installing lightning protection.
- Progress in producing documentation for the center computer department.

Please pray that:

- The Linguistics students would clearly hear the LORD's direction for the next step in their ministries.
- I would be able to finish the documentation for the computer department, and that it would clearly communicate.
- The firefighters would be able to get the fires in the Amazon put out as soon as possible.

Continuing to work to help facilitate Bible translation in Brazil,

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