

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

August is nearly over, and Dry Season is in full swing. The grass is brown and the solar panels are dusty. I have to wash the dust off my car fairly regularly. This is normal for this time of year, and I am glad that I bought a humidifier a few years ago!

This has been a month of getting little things done. Some of the larger projects were put on hold when the center administrator took a couple of weeks vacation. She is back, and hopefully the hired workers will also soon be back (although that might not happen until after Brazilian Independence Day early next month).

The Linguistics course is approaching the end. A few more subjects, and then the students who plan to continue on with ALEM will head out to the jungle survival course up north. Those planning on working with other mission agencies will follow those agencies' steps.

ALEM continues to use my familiarity with my native language in various ways. A couple of weeks ago I was asked to translate the strategic plan report into English, for distribution with partner groups in places like the US, Canada, and Britain. And another upcoming opportunity will take place in a few weeks when the students are given a training project to translate a few chapters of Scripture into another language. I will play the role of language helper for a group who will translate into English. I've done this before and always enjoyed it. And since these days I have become even more convinced of the importance of Bible translation, this is a project that I can really put my heart into. Maybe my liver and kidneys, too...

So please give thanks:

- For a fairly easy month without anything major happening.
- For the good progress that the Linguistics students are making.
- For more opportunities to help with my own mother tongue.

Please pray:

- That all of the necessary protection would be in place when Dry Season ends.
- For the Linguistics students as they approach the end of the course.
- That I would be able to do a good job as a language helper for the translation training project.

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