

Prayer and Praise Update

August, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As August rolls to an end, it's a kind of happy/sad time for me. Happy for the students who are finishing the Linguistics course here and preparing to move on to the next step in God's plan for their lives and ministries. Sad in that I have to say good-bye to them. There are people in this group that I'm going to miss a *lot*. But I give thanks to the Lord for what He has prepared for them. I give thanks that they have accomplished this important step in their ministries. And I pray for their futures, as God uses them to help build His Church, both here in Brazil and overseas. Please join me in both thanksgiving and prayer for them.

And while I work at ALEM these days, and the majority of my work is for ALEM members and the organization, I still have responsibilities with SIL Brazil. This month I have been working on adding a collection of indigenous stories to our SIL Brazil web site, which were recorded in their native tongue, and then transcribed and translated into Portuguese and English. As I write this, this project is not yet complete. But shortly, you will be able to go to www.silbrazil.org, and on the Resources page find a link to "Yowao's Stories", and see for yourself an example of some of the indigenous culture that our work helps to preserve.

In early October, we plan to purchase the necessary computers for the Mother Tongue Translator students. This time, we will not get a computer for every student, since many have their own and have indicated that they would prefer to keep using them. This will create some additional logistical issues that will need to be resolved regarding things such as installation and licenses for Paratext, the flagship Bible-translation program that they will learn and then use to do the translation. But these issues can be resolved, and the result will be better for everyone. So please pray for this process, and that we will get the computers that they need and only the ones that they need, and for the process of getting them set up, which gets more complicated with every new version of Windows that comes out.

So please give thanks:

- For the students here at ALEM who have successfully completed the course.
- For the resources that enable us to provide computers for Mother Tongue Translators who need them.

Please pray:

- That the (former!) students would faithfully continue in their service to the Lord.
- For the process of creating the indigenous stories page on the SIL Brazil site.
- For the process of setting up the new computers for the MTT students.

Saying good-bye to wonderful people here in Brazil,

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