

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As February draws to a close, I look back on what has been a busy month. A lot has been going on here at the ALEM center, and I ended up having to learn some areas of technology that I was not familiar with. Just goes to show that there is always room to expand one's mind...

The month began with the arrival of the new group of Linguistics students. I've been surprised at how quickly I got to know some of these people. We've had a number of interesting conversations over breakfast, and several of them have already asked me to teach an informal English class. These people come from different parts of the country, have different backgrounds, range in age from 17 all the way to 51—but are all committed to serving the LORD in one way or another. Please be praying for these people as they study, and as they seek to know where God is calling them to serve.

In order to make better use of office space, the ALEM administration also decided to move some of the departments around. While this has mostly entailed work for other people, it turned out that one of the rooms did not have any network connections, so that means that we are needing to add more cable connections to this room.

The administration also felt that it would be good to create separate networks for both the students and for center visitors. This involved making a number of changes to the way the network is set up, and how people access it. At this point, I am mostly finished with this transition. I have had to go somewhat slow with this, partly because of the other things that needed doing, and partly in order to give the people a chance to adapt to the changes, one step at a time.

I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. There are so many things that have to work together in order to make Bible translation work, and this month has really shown me that God has me here for a reason. So please pray that I would be able to accomplish all of the things that He puts on my plate. And pray that I do not lose sight of the big picture, which is everyone on Earth hearing the message of salvation in Jesus.

So please give thanks for:

- The new linguistics students, and their enthusiasm for what God is calling them to do.
- Being able to learn new aspects of technology, and apply them to the job of Bible translation.
- Managing to get a lot accomplished during this time of transition at the center.

Please pray that:

- The LORD would make His calling clear to each of the new students.
- We would be able to finish all the work involved in the office restructuring.
- I would keep my eyes on the goal—and the One who sets it!

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