

# *Prayer and Praise Update*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Brazil!

It's hard to believe that nearly two months have passed since I returned here. As usual when I come back after a year's absence, there has been a lot to do. Jobs that piled up while I was gone. Projects, such as the fiber-optic project that I talked about repeatedly before I left, and then was finally done last month. And the usual catching up with people and readjusting to life here.

I've now had more than a month to settle into my new apartment. When I first moved in, there were a number of small issues that needed to be taken care of. At this point, they are pretty much all done, and I've been able to settle into regular life here. And even though this apartment is slightly smaller than the one I had during my previous field term, it actually feels roomier. (I think it's the layout.) So please give thanks to God for an excellent place to live.

We've had a lot of rain this year. So much, in fact, that the reservoirs are already full. If the rain continues, even at a normal rate, this means that the region should not have problems with running out of water late in Dry Season. So please give thanks to the LORD for His provision of this vital substance in great abundance.

Of course, lots of rain means lots of lightning. And so far we have not had any damage to the network infrastructure from lightning. A lot of this has to do with the use of fiber optic cable in place of electrical wires. There is still some danger from discharges hitting the electrical grid, but we are preparing to purchase protective equipment to help alleviate that. So give thanks for the improved system that we already have, and pray that we would soon be able to install the added protection.

At this point, we are expecting the Linguistics course to resume in April. Please be praying for the students who are planning to study here, that the LORD would be preparing them even now, not only for their time studying, but for whatever ministry He has for them afterward. Please also pray that we would be able to finish all of the center projects by then, and be ready to receive the students.

So please give thanks:

- For a good place to live, and being able to take care of several small issues that needed to be taken care of.
- For the abundant rain that has already filled the reservoirs.
- For the improved network infrastructure that is a lot more lightning-resistant.

Please pray:

- That we would soon be able to get the protective equipment for the electrical grid.
- For the Linguistics students who are scheduled to arrive in April.
- That the center would be ready to receive the students when they get here.

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