

Prayer and Praise Update

February, 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

February is the shortest month of the year, but plenty still happens during it. Here at the ALEM center, the Linguistics course got off to a good start. As I mentioned previously, we had very few students. We did get a few more, and at this point are up to 10 taking the current module. Not all of them will complete the full course, though, so we are still hoping for others who took the first module in the past, but did not continue, to return and take the second module. And who knows? Maybe one or two of the current group will decide to continue. Please keep praying for these students that are currently taking the course, and for any others who might come to take the second module.

One task this month was to translate the ALEM Annual Report into English. As usual, this has been a work of multiple stages: first the rough translation (aided by Google Translate!), and then a couple more passes to “smooth it out” and make it more natural, as well as check with others regarding words that I was uncertain how to translate. This is an important document because it shares, with many people and churches, what ALEM has been doing during the past year. Translating into English allows for a wider audience. And it is also being translated into Spanish by another member.

Our equipment is continuing to function well. We’ve had a couple of close lightning strikes, but so far nothing has been damaged. The fiber optic has definitely proven to help prevent this kind of damage! Of course, there are the usual issues that arise with computers, so I have had a few “patients” land on my desk. And I also set up a new machine for an SIL translation project.

And other activities continue as well. Earlier in the month, a team of translators and an indigenous couple came to the center to do consultant checks for recently-translated scripture portions. And right now, another team is here making an audio recording of Mark and Acts. More to give thanks to God for!

So please give thanks:

- For a good beginning to the Linguistics course.
- For the continued functioning of our network equipment, in spite of lightning.
- For the completed consultant check of another portion of translated scripture.

Please pray:

- That the students would continue to do well in the course, and that we would get a few more for the second module.
- That the recording of Mark and Acts would be completed successfully—and then used.
- For peace in this increasingly insane world.

Helping to facilitate the ongoing work of Bible translation in Brazil,

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