

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Ammi center in Brazil!

As I write this, I am preparing to return to Brasília and resume my work at the ALEM center. However, it has been a good month away, participating in the Mother Tongue Translator course, which finished last Friday. This completes the second module of the course, and the third and final module will be held this coming July.

This time, there were only nine students, representing four language groups. This is the smallest class that we have had since the course began back in 2012. But God does not measure things the same way that we do. He is more interested in quality than in quantity. And so our prayer is that these nine students would not only complete the course, but that they would continue to hear His call on their lives to help bring His word to their own people.

After the course, I spent a few days visiting a couple of friends in a small city north of the Ammi center. While there, I not only had a chance to rest and spend time with them, but on Sunday I had the opportunity to talk to the congregation of their church about Bible translation and why we do it. The next day, the pastor came by for a visit, and I had another opportunity to talk about the work of bringing God's word to the indigenous people of Brazil. I thank God for these opportunities to share about this important work, and pray that more people in the Brazilian church would catch the vision for Bible translation.

And now, as I mentioned above, I am preparing to return to the ALEM center. During my absence, a few jobs have come up that I will need to do when I get back. Also, the new class of Linguistics students is arriving and will soon begin the course. Please pray for them, that as they study they would hear God's voice regarding the next step in each of their lives.

So please give thanks for:

- A successful conclusion to the second module of the MTT course.
- An opportunity to visit friends after the course—and to be able to share about Bible translation in their church.
- The new Linguistics students that are beginning their studies at ALEM now.

Please pray for:

- The MTT students, that all of them would continue in the work until their people have God's word in their languages.
- New workers to participate in the task of Bible translation.
- The Linguistics students at ALEM, that they would do well in their studies, and clearly discern God's direction for their lives.

Helping train indigenous people in Brazil to translate God's word into their own languages,

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