

# Prayer and Praise Update

January, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

Welcome to the new year! I hope you had a blessed holiday, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all that means to a world separated from God and in need of a Savior. Here at the ALEM center, we began 2023 with a couple of mini-courses, and next month will see the start of our annual Linguistics course. I am informed that this year we have a larger class than we've had in the past few years. This is great news! Please pray that all of our incoming students will clearly hear the LORD's direction for their lives and future ministries.

My main project during the month of January has been to get a handle on the Moodle system that I set up in December. As I mentioned in my newsletter, it is fairly complex. As I "played" with it (creating an example course in order to check out the various options), I came to realize just how capable it is. At this point, I have been able to turn it over to the Courses department, and they are now "playing" with it. They are still working on deciding exactly how they plan to use it, but it is good to see that they will have plenty of options.

English Help Session has resumed. Originally, this was intended to be a time for English students to practice conversation. Unfortunately, none of those who attend are up to that level. So for now, it has turned into a help session. The students bring their doubts, the things that they are having difficulty with, and I do my best to unravel the mysteries of our complex and highly irregular language. (Sometimes I tell students that the rules in English exist just so that they can be broken.)

In a few months, final planning will begin for the Mother Tongue Translator course. The first module will be in July, so there is still plenty of time to prepare. And the students won't get their computers until next January, in the second module. Still, please be praying for the course coordinators as they work to get things ready. And pray that those whom the LORD would call to participate would hear His voice and obey.

So please give thanks:

- For the *Perspectives* and *GMIL* mini-courses held at ALEM in January .
- For progress in learning the Moodle system, and being able to turn it over to the Courses department.
- For being able to help people with English!

Please pray:

- For the students who will be starting the Linguistics course next month.
- That the Courses department would be able to make good use of the Moodle system.
- For the preparations needed to get ready for the Mother Tongue Translator course.

Beginning another year of supporting Bible translation in Brazil,

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