

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

I spent most of this month away from home, at the AMMI Bible School near Chapada dos Guimarães, where the second module of the Mother Tongue Translator course was held. After a safe trip over, I arrived with my car full of computers for the students. Most of the students were able to return for this module. Only a few were unable to return, mainly for health reasons involving themselves or family members. One facilitator was also not able to come, for similar reasons. But in spite of these minor setbacks, the module was a success.

This is one of the most enthusiastic groups of students that has taken the course so far. They are strongly committed to seeing God's Word translated into their own languages, so that their people can clearly understand the message of salvation in Jesus. So please give thanks for all of them, and keep praying that they would be able to do the "homework" assigned to them to bring back to the third module, which is scheduled to be held in July.

The MTT course leadership is already talking about the next group of students, with a tentative start date of January, 2026. Several indigenous groups are interested in participating. In addition, one of the students from the ALEM Linguistics course last year is beginning a work with an indigenous group, and while talking to her, she expressed an interest in bringing a team of students to be part of the next class. This conversation also gave me an opportunity to share some of my vision for local church participation in indigenous translation projects.

Regarding my eyes, I am currently going through some of the preliminary exams to make sure that I won't drop dead in the middle of the procedure. I really do not foresee any difficulties, but please keep praying! I hope next month to have more concrete news.

So please give thanks:

- For the second module of the MTT course, and the enthusiasm of the participating students.
- For the indigenous groups interested in participating in the next class of Mother Tongue translators.
- For progress toward getting the cornea transplant.

Please pray:

- For the MTT students as they do their assignments to prepare for the third module in July.
- That the cornea transplant process would continue to move forward.

Helping train indigenous translators here in Brazil,

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