

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings one more time from Brazil!

Less than two weeks to go now. Hard to believe that 4 years have already come and gone since I returned at the beginning of 2021... A lot has happened. It's going to be kind of hard to leave it all behind, even for less than a year. The new class of Linguistics students has arrived. Right now they are participating in a general course for local church support of missions; their actual classes begin next week. It's a small class. Only 10 students. Two of them won't arrive until March—and they are the two that I actually already know from the MTT course! Please join me in giving thanks for this new group of students, and pray that the Lord would use the course here to help prepare them for service in the Kingdom.

A few weeks ago, the ophthalmologist removed all of the remaining stitches in my eye. That made quite a change. But the eye still needs to adjust. The overall shape of the cornea is still not ideal. Fortunately, this can be corrected with laser treatment, which he is already planning to do when I return to Brazil at the end of the year. Meanwhile, the eye will have more time to finish healing, for the new and old cornea parts to finish fusing, and for it to completely stabilize. Please continue to give thanks for the progress so far.

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, I went to the optician to get the new lens that the ophthalmologist prescribed to provide improved correction. They told me that the lens should be ready by the 7<sup>th</sup> of February—which is the last Friday before I leave. Because of my tight schedule, it is imperative that the lens arrive on time. Please be praying that it would, and that there would not be any delay that would postpone its arrival until after I leave.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month, I will board my flight to the States, arriving the next day. I already have a car waiting for me. I will spend several weeks in Wisconsin, with my sister and brother-in-law, before heading down to Tucson. I am looking forward to reconnecting with as many of you as possible while in the States. And I am also looking for opportunities to share with new individuals and groups about the work here in Brazil, and trusting that the Lord will call the ones that He chooses to join the team for my final two years of service, before retirement. So please give thanks for the upcoming time in my home country and the opportunity to reconnect with friends and family, and please keep praying that the Lord would go ahead of me and prepare the hearts of those that He wants to have join my support team.

So please give thanks:

- For the new class of Linguistics students that are beginning their studies here at ALEM.
- For continued progress in my right eye, and the removal of all of the remaining stitches.
- For my upcoming time in the States, and opportunity to reconnect with people.

Please pray:

- That the Lord would use the Linguistics course to help prepare this year's students for service in the Kingdom.
- That the lens prescribed by the ophthalmologist would arrive in time!
- That the Lord would open doors for me to share about the ministry of Bible translation in Brazil, while I'm in the States.
- That He would call new churches and individuals to join my team for my final two years of ministry.

Completing my current four years of supporting Bible translation in Brazil,

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