

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the AMMI Bible School in Brazil!

I arrived here after a 2-day trip from Anápolis, where I stopped to pick up some items on my way over from Brasília. The trip went well. I spent the night in Aragarças, which is about halfway here, and arrived on Saturday before the Mother Tongue Translator course began. It is very convenient to have a car here! Several times, I've taken advantage of it to drive into the nearby town of Chapada dos Guimarães to buy items at the local supermarket. And when a group of us went out to dinner once, I was able to provide a ride for a couple of people.

This module of the MTT course is going well. There have been a few issues. When I arrived, both printers were very low on toner and we had to get new cartridges for one of them, and have the cartridges for the other one refilled. And afterward, we had to take a couple of cartridges back because there were defects. But by the end of the first week, both printers were up and running fine. We have been able to print out all of the material that the teachers wanted to hand out to the students.

Another issue is that this group is somewhat less prepared than in the previous two courses. The level of Portuguese is not very good among some of the students, which makes it difficult for them to follow along as the teachers present complicated linguistic material. And at the same time, fewer of the students are familiar with computers. These difficulties can and are being overcome, but please be praying for the students. After this module is finished, they will have 6 months to prepare an assignment for the third module in January. Pray that God would give them understanding and enable them to really learn this material, which is so important for the translation process.

On the positive side, although some of the students are somewhat lacking on the technical side, they still have a vision of bringing God's word to their people!

The final issue is with relatives of one of the groups. These people come from a culture where vengeance is a part of it. A few decades ago, someone killed one of their relatives. Very recently, the person who did it was murdered. While there is no proof that the relatives of the translator were involved, nevertheless there is strong suspicion—and as a secondary result these students have felt that their lives are threatened. Please be praying for God's protection over them, and that He would take this situation and somehow turn it around for His glory and to advance His kingdom.

I will be leaving to return to Brasília this coming Saturday. Please pray for a safe trip back. There are issues waiting for me to resolve when I get there.

So please give thanks for:

- A safe trip to the MTT course.
- All of the students who returned. (Only one did not show up, because his wife came down with malaria right before the course started.)
- Getting the printer issues resolved.
- Having a vehicle here!.

Please pray that:

- The LORD would grant understanding to the students who are having difficulty with language and computers.
- The LORD would protect the people who are currently threatened by the situation with their relatives.
- I would have a safe trip home this coming weekend.

Participating in the MTT course to help enable people to bring God's word to their own people,

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