

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

July is nearly over, and the year is flying by. As I write this, the first module of the Mother Tongue Translator course has finished, and most of the staff and students have already returned home. For the students, this marks the beginning of their “homework”. By the time they return for the second module in January, they will have (hopefully!) met the goal of translating several chapters of Scripture into their own languages. They will then take these chapters to the second module, where they will be checked by consultants (a normal procedure for all translations), and then used in the next stage of the course. Please be praying for these people, that they would truly see this as more than an exercise, and would devote their best efforts to it in honor of God's word.

The conclusion of the first module also marks the beginning of my direct involvement with the course. With an accurate count of students, we will now proceed to buy the computers that they will receive during the second module. These computers will be used not only during the rest of the course, but afterwards, as a vital tool in the translation process. I will have the task of getting each one of them ready for use by a student; setting it up, installing translation and other necessary software, doing updates and so forth. Then I will take them to the second module in January when I drive over to it. Please be praying for the process of getting and setting up these computers.

At this time, the Linguistics students at ALEM are entering the final phase of their course. As part of their training, they will be translating a portion of Scripture into another language. One language that was chosen by the staff is English—and I will be acting as the language helper for this group of students! Please be praying that I would be able to give them a realistic experience. I have to play the role of someone who has no knowledge of the Gospel or other Scripture, which is a situation very often encountered in translation projects. I'm looking forward to being able to help these students get a taste of what Bible translation is all about.

So please give thanks for:

- The completion of the first MTT module.
- Safe travels for the MTT students and staff who have already returned home.
- The opportunity to help the ALEM Linguistics students with their studies.

Please pray for:

- The MTT students as they do their “homework”, that it would be more than just an exercise.
- The process of buying and setting up computers for the MTT students to use.
- A good finish to the ALEM Linguistics course.

Working with Bible translators to bring God's word to the indigenous people of Brazil,

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