

Prayer and Praise Update

July, 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

As yet another month draws to a close, I can say that it has been a busy one, especially the last half. We got more equipment in order to improve the wifi coverage on the ALEM center, and it had to be physically installed and then set up. In addition, we are setting up a system of video surveillance to improve security. Portions of this system will take advantage of the internal network, so that also falls into my domain. And we had a visit by an indigenous translator who spent two days here getting to know ALEM, as well as picking up a new computer that I helped get for him and then set up.

The dormitory where my apartment is located is still undergoing remodeling. This has led to some issues with plumbing, which will hopefully soon be resolved. In addition, we are delaying the installation of two more wifi access points, so that the workers can install a proper junction box and conduits. The administration is thinking of the future, and would like to do the job right so that it will serve for many years.

English classes have been put on temporary hold. The Linguistics course is rather intensive, and all but one of the students found him or herself so loaded down with work that they were not able to continue at this time. So the decision was made to stop for now and resume again when conditions are more favorable. They all still really want to learn English!

For all of you in the Northern Hemisphere, we are not in the middle of summer here. We are in the middle of what passes for winter. In Brasilia, that means cooler temperatures, at least at night. We are regularly getting down into the low to mid forties (Fahrenheit). While I have enjoyed this cool change, a lot of people here consider it frigid. It has become common to see the students going to class in the morning dressed like Eskimos!

So please give thanks:

- For the new equipment that has now been installed and is working.
- For the visit by the indigenous translator, and the new computer that he took with him when he left.
- For progress made in the dormitory remodeling and other projects around the center.
- For the pleasantly cool temperatures at this time of year!

Please pray:

- That the video surveillance system would help improve security on the ALEM center.
- For the ongoing dormitory remodeling, including the plumbing issues and network infrastructure.
- That the students desiring to learn English would be able to find a way to fit it into their schedules.

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