

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

As July comes to an end, I have to mention that this has been one of the coldest months that I ever remember here in Brazil. While the official Brasília temperatures may be higher, they are read at the airport, where there is a lot of asphalt and other heat-producing equipment. Here at the ALEM center, lows are consistently 5-6 degrees Celsius colder. And though I experienced cold spells when I lived in other places in Brazil, this year we've had a consistently cool winter (remember that it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere). Now I don't mind the cool temps, but there are people here who are not used to it. So please pray for these people, that they would be able to "hang in there" until the end of the cold season.

Given the cost of new computers, we've found ways to extend the life of older machines. Recently, I've been upgrading the memory on some computers, and replacing the hard drives with SSDs. An SSD (solid-state drive) is much faster than a standard hard drive. Unfortunately, up until the last few years, larger SSDs were not terribly reliable, unless you wanted to pay an exorbitant price. However, quality has gone up and prices have come down; the usual March of Technology. And with software to clone the original hard drive, it is possible to just swap it out and replace it with an SSD without losing data or software, or even licenses for installed software. So please give thanks for this improved technology which is allowing us to extend the life of many computers.

In the coming month, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of ALEM. Forty years of working in Bible translation and training others to do the same. So please join me in giving thanks for the work that the Lord has accomplished during this time, bringing His word to people who previously did not have it in a form that they could understand. And pray that God would continue to use this organization to accomplish His plans in the years to come.

So please give thanks:

- For improved technology which allows us to extend the life of many older computers.
- For the forty years that ALEM has been a part of the Bible translation movement.

Please pray:

- That the people unused to colder weather would be able to "hang in there" during this cool winter.
- That God would continue to use ALEM in the years to come to bring His word to those who still need it.

Continuing to support Bible translators working in Brazil,

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