Prayer and Praise Update

July-August, 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Tucson!

As you can tell from the greeting, I am back from my summer travels. And while I miss the outdoors—the forests, mountains, and bears—it's nice to be back in civilization. I had a good time, visiting friends in Canada and "recharging by batteries" by being out in God's creation instead of man's construction. And the Lord used this time to show me a few things that He wanted me to learn.

As we enter the final months of 2025, it is time to ramp up my preparations for returning to Brazil. One positive note is that I will not need a new computer or cell phone this time; my current equipment should easily last during my final two years before retirement. However, I still have other financial needs that Wycliffe requires to be met before I can return. So please continue praying that God would raise up new partners to join the team for my upcoming final field term. As I have said previously, I no longer need long-term commitments; only for a short-term two-year period.

To that end, I am still looking for opportunities to share about the work of Bible translation in Brazil. Earlier this year, I had several "nibbles". To carry on the fishing analogy, i now need those nibbles to turn into "bites". Please be praying that they do! Pray that those who exhibited interest in having me come talk about the work in Brazil would get back to me. And please continue to share about this need with friends and groups that you know.

I continue to receive requests for remote assistance. And when I return, one of the first events that I will participate in will be the 6th Mother Tongue Translator course, which begins in January. Beyond that, my most important task will be to help ALEM recruit someone to take my place when I retire. So in addition to the aforementioned financial need, please keep these things in prayer. My goal is to "finish well".

So please give thanks:

- For a good vacation and time of refreshment and spiritual growth.
- That I will not need new electronic equipment for my return to Brazil.
- For the "nibbles" of interest in hearing about the work in Brazil.

Please pray:

- For new partners to join the team to enable me to return to Brazil.
- That the "nibbles of interest" would turn into "bites".
- That God would call someone to replace me at ALEM when I retire.

Trusting God to provide what is needed in order to return to Brazil,

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