

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

I was originally planning to send this out several days ago. I had just gotten the news that the bank transfer to pay for my car had finally gone through, but I wanted to wait until I actually had the vehicle in my hands. Although the transfer was finalized, there were still a number of hoops to jump through. Even now, I am waiting for the insurance policy to be approved before I can start driving it on the road. But I can give thanks that the LORD has provided a good vehicle for use here in Brazil!

The car is a 2009 Honda Civic, with less than 70,000 kilometers on it. It has a 1.8 liter engine, which gives plenty of power for any situation I might encounter on the road. And it has an automatic transmission, which is a real blessing in the middle of heavy traffic—one less distraction while watching out for other drivers. Automatics are fairly new here in Brazil, and not all brands are good. But Honda has a good reputation. And thanks to a favorable exchange rate, I was able to buy this car for less than I had originally anticipated, which was another blessing.

In other news, we have managed to get a new Internet provider for the ALEM center, with much better service. At the same time I replaced the main Internet gateway computer, and have begun setting up the old one—which was actually a powerful machine being underused—as the office file and database server. I have also begun installing new cable for the network restructuring. In addition, it has become necessary to replace the center telephone system. Fortunately, my experience with VoIP in the SIL office in Anápolis allowed me to set up a similar system here. We still need to obtain some equipment and finish the network restructuring, but at this point we have 2 fixed extensions for answering outside calls, and I have been able to set up several other "mobile" extensions on smart phones.

June is nearly here, and afterward comes July and the Mother Tongue Translator course. All of the student computers have been set up and are ready for transport. With my new car, I am planning on driving over this time, and will be taking the computers with me, which will avoid the problem we always have of getting them there. Please be praying for the students and teachers for the course. As usual, there is spiritual opposition. But we can be confident that God will prevail!

So please give thanks for:

- Finally getting my car!
- The new Internet provider.
- A good beginning to the network restructuring project.
- Getting the MTT computers set up and ready to go.

Please pray that:

- All of the students would return to the MTT course in July, and be enthusiastic to continue the training.
- I would be able to finish the network restructuring and server setup in timely fashion.
- We would be able to get the equipment necessary to finish setting up the new phone system.
- My car would continue to function well and be a real asset in my work here.

Working on projects to help facilitate the work of Bible translation,

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