

Prayer and Praise Update

May, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from the ALEM center!

You may recall me mentioning earlier that we were having some difficulties with the new Internet provider at the ALEM base. Fortunately, that was one of the things that we have made great progress on this month. One factor involved removing a source of heat from the box where the modem is kept, thus reducing the level of overheating that it was experiencing. Other changes took place in the internal cabling on the center itself, along with some changes in the configuration of the Internet gateway computer. The result is that we are experiencing much better service at this point.

One positive result was that I was able to get away from the ALEM center for a week this month, and go to the SIL office in Anápolis. While there, I worked on several small issues, as well as opened negotiations regarding the sale of a couple of items of equipment that we no longer need. On a personal note, I was also able to get rid of a good amount of furniture that I no longer need—and which was occupying space in our storage building. A lot of it went to help a woman who lost everything in her house when a drug-addicted family member set it on fire.

As I mentioned in my previous Update, the ALEM administration had decided to go ahead with the second module of the Linguistics course. Since then we have had 3 more students join the class. One is a young man who had planned to take it before, but was unable. The other two are a couple who had taken the first module this year, but had not been able to commit to the second module when the first ended. In the end, they were able to return. So although numbers are still smaller than normal, we do have a good class. Keep praying for them!

So please give thanks for:

- Much improved Internet service at the ALEM center.
- A productive week at the SIL office in Anápolis.
- Being able to get rid of a lot of unneeded furniture.
- The additional students for the ALEM Linguistics course.

Please pray for:

- The remaining issues that we still need to deal with in the ALEM internal network.
- Direction from the LORD regarding more changes to come at the SIL office.
- The Linguistics students taking the second module; for their studies, as well as direction for their futures.

Serving both colleagues and national partners in Brazil,

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