

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

May is almost over, and it's hard to believe that the year is nearly half gone. It's been a busy year, although it has finally slowed down a little—for now. In a month, however, we members of SIL Brazil will have our annual Conference, which will be held in Anápolis. But even though it can be a hectic time, with a lot crammed into one week, it's also a great chance to see others that I do not normally have much contact with during the rest of the year.

Shortly after Conference begins the first module of the Mother Tongue Translator workshop—and for the first time, I will not be going. This came as a bit of a surprise to me, but I understand the reasoning. This time, it will be held at the JOCUM (YWAM) base in Porto Velho. And it turns out that JOCUM has a large staff, including computer technical support. Since the first module always has the least amount of work for me—the students don't get their computers until the second module—the organizers decided to save resources and use the local help this time. These resources can instead be put toward transporting and housing students for the course.

This does not mean that I will not be a part of the course. Not at all! Immediately after this module ends, we will arrange to purchase computers for the students. Those computers—we are estimating around 20 this time—will be shipped to Brasília for me to configure and install the translation software that the students will use. And next January, when I drive over to the second module, which will be held at the Ammi Bible School where the previous courses were held, I will take all of these computers to be distributed to the students.

So do keep praying for this course! The enemy of our souls hates it when people get God's word in their language, and will do anything he can to prevent that from happening. But greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world.

Beyond this, there are the usual jobs to be done at the ALEM center, supporting the staff and students. And speaking of students, all but one of them returned for the second module, and will hopefully finish it in a couple of months. Do keep praying for them, that they would finish well, and afterward have clear guidance from the LORD as to where they will serve and in what capacity.

So please give thanks for:

- The indigenous students who have committed to taking the MTT course.
- Local computer support to enable the planners to save resources for the course.
- The students who are finishing the Linguistics course at the ALEM center.

Please pray for:

- The MTT course, that the staff and students would be protected from attacks by the enemy.
- The job of getting the computers for the students and setting them up before the second module.
- The Linguistics students at ALEM, that they would finish the course well and hear God's guidance.

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