

Prayer and Praise Update

May, 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from South America!

As May draws to an end, I find myself having to think more and more about my upcoming furlough. And while part of that involves travel plans, arranging housing, etc., another part involves preparing the ALEM computer department so that it can function in my absence. Yes, I will be able to—and expect that times I will need to—provide remote support. But the more that the center personnel can deal with issues without having to call the techo long-distance, the better it will be for everyone.

A part of this involves documentation. As I reported earlier, I have been working on documenting the equipment and operation of the computer department. Recently, I've had to put this on hold while we install new equipment and implement other changes. As I write this, I am still working on finishing the installation of new protection units for the local network, and getting ready to replace a stretch of indoor cable with outdoor cable, so that it will be more resistant to weather issues. Once these changes are finished, I will need to modify the documentation accordingly to reflect them. So please give thanks to God for the provisions that allowed us to purchase needed equipment, and be praying that I would be able to get everything properly installed and documented.

Also, as I write this, it is only a little more than a month before the start of the third module of the Mother Tongue Translator course, this time to be held in the city of Manaus. I already have my tickets for traveling there, and I give thanks to the LORD for the excellent price that I found. Pray for safe travels for all involved personnel, and that all of the students would be able to complete their assignments in time. I know that some groups are having difficulties with this, largely due to opposition within their ethnic groups.

The ALEM Linguistics course continues to go well. And this year, they are planning on having a third module! All but one of the students are planning to stay to take the classes on indigenous education. So please give thanks again for this excellent group of people, and keep praying that they will all clearly hear God's direction for their future ministries. And please pray for teachers for a few of the third-module courses; the course directors still need to fill some slots.

So please give thanks for:

- The provisions that allowed us to purchase needed equipment.
- A good price for tickets to Manaus for the MTT course.
- The wonderful group of Linguistics students here at ALEM!

Please pray for:

- The installation of the remaining new equipment.
- The computer department documentation, that I would be able to finish it well and have it up-to-date.
- Safe travels for the MTT students to and from Manaus.
- The MTT students who still need to finish the course assignment.
- The ALEM Linguistics students, that they would all clearly hear God's direction for their future ministries.
- The remaining teachers needed for the third module of the Linguistics course.

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