

# *Prayer and Praise Update*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

As May comes to a close, we continue to see progress here at the ALEM center. The students finished the first module of their course, and have now begun the second module, which will go until late August. Please be praying for them as they are now learning more complex aspects of Linguistics, including subjects like Phonology and Grammar. And give thanks for the fourteen who have continued into this second module!

As I wrote in my last newsletter, we were able to purchase a new server computer, thanks to the generosity of a church in the U.S. I can now report that the server is fully functional, and that we have retired the two older ones. The new one has much more capacity than both of the old ones combined, and is running all of our virtual servers without any problem. So join me in giving thanks for this milestone.

One of the virtual servers on the new machine hosts our on-line Moodle learning system. While it still needs a lot of material added—this will be the job of the course teachers—it has already been used by the students for course evaluation and a couple of other things. And we have reached a new milestone with this system, too! Previously, it was only accessible via our internal network. Today, it is accessible anywhere in the world, via the Internet. If you want to take a look, feel free to visit <https://cursos.wycliffe.org.br>. Since I am not providing a username and password, you will only be able to look at it as a guest, but here is a chance to actually see for yourself some of what we are doing here. So give thanks for this milestone of making the system available everywhere, since one goal of the Courses department is to offer some of the material on-line. And pray for the teachers and course administrators, who will need to set up the material for the students to use.

So please give thanks:

- For the fourteen students who are continuing the Linguistics course into the second module.
- For getting the new server up and running and completely replacing the older, antiquated units.
- For getting the on-line learning system up and available worldwide, via the Internet.

Please pray:

- That the students would have understanding for the more complex aspects of Linguistics that they are studying now.
- For the teachers and administrators who will need to set up the courses for the on-line learning system.

Continuing to help train Bible translators here in Brazil,

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