

Prayer and Praise Update

November, 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings at the end of November!

Another month has come and is nearly gone, and the year itself is coming to an end. The Earth continues to rotate on its axis and revolve around the sun—and the Word of God continues to reach new hearers with every rotation and revolution. As Paul wrote, our salvation is closer than it was when we began our journey with the Lord.

Closer to the day when Jesus will return in His power and glory.

Last week, we celebrated the annual American holiday of Thanksgiving. You might ask, what is there to give thanks for in this fallen world? We see terrorism and killing, earthquakes and fires, people starving and living in conditions that most of us wouldn't allow a dog to live in. Yet we can be sure of one thing: *It won't last forever*. Jesus *will* return. And for those who follow Him, we have a glorious future to look forward to, in a new world where He will reign as King forever.

We can also give thanks for the many good things of this age that often go overlooked. Things such as family and friends. Things such as the fact that most of us *do* have food on our tables and a roof over our heads. And for the natural world around us that God created, and the marvels that it contains.

As the year draws to a close, I am already starting to make plans to attend the final module of the Mother Tongue Translator course in January. This will be the conclusion of the course, after which the students will be equipped to carry on the work of bringing God's Word to their own people. Please be praying for them—first, that all of them would return. Also, please be praying for the staff and equipment, that we would remain healthy and that the equipment would not fail. There are so many things that could go wrong. Only God can make sure that everything works as He intends.

Here at the ALEM center, we are also starting the planning for next year's group of Linguistics students. However, there is a minimum number of students necessary in order to make the course viable. For as long as I can remember, they have never had to cancel the course in any year. But this year, we are way behind in the number of new students signing up—and are actually having to face the possibility of having to cancel. Please be praying that God would call the necessary number of students in order to make the course happen. This is such an important training tool for those working to bring God's Word to people who do not have it in their language

So please give thanks for:

- The people in our lives; family, friends, and others.
- All of the “small blessings” that we so often overlook.
- The certainty that Jesus will return!
- The students taking the MTT course.

Please pray that:

- All of the MTT students would return for the final module—and that they would keep the vision after the course is over.
- God would place His hand of protection over the students, staff and equipment at the MTT course.
- Enough new students would sign up in order to make the ALEM Linguistics course happen.
- We would all have a thankful heart attitude, in spite of living in a fallen world.

Giving thanks for being part of the team to help bring God's word to all people,

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