

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

And a belated Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! The weekend before the holiday, I drove over to the small town of Vianópolis, where a group from SIL and a couple of other missions celebrated. Even without any turkey (this year!), it was a good time of fellowship. I always enjoy these occasional get-togethers; it's an opportunity to see friends that I haven't seen in a while.

This month, the ALEM administration had meetings and interviews to determine needs for the upcoming year. During my meeting with the center administrator's assistant, I was able to give him a priority list of several needs for computer and network equipment. As usual, the big issue is resources. Please be praying that the LORD would provide what is needed to get this vital equipment.

On a positive note, as of early this month, we already had 13 students signed up for the Linguistics course. Even if we don't get any more, this will still be the largest class since I returned from the States nearly 3 years ago. Please be praying that all of these people would be able to follow through with their commitment, and that they would be prepared both to learn and to then seek God's guidance about where to serve.

Everything is now arranged for my stay at the Mother Tongue Translator course in January. Shortly after New Years, I will take off, driving over a thousand kilometers, taking the computers for the students with me in my car. Please be praying for a safe trip and a fruitful time, not just for me, but for the students as well.

A couple of months ago, I prepared the computers for the students. Right now, there is a major update for Windows 10 "waiting in the wings". So far, Microsoft has delayed its release because of issues. Please pray that this update would come out soon, so that I can update all these computers before I take them to the course. Otherwise, if they start updating while there, it could totally clog up Internet access, as well as cause problems for the students during class.

So please give thanks for:

- A nice time with friends and colleagues to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- Getting everything arranged for going to the MTT course in January.
- The increased number of Linguistics students already signed up for the course.

Please pray for:

- The resources needed in order to get necessary equipment.
- The students who have already signed up for the Linguistics course—and those yet to sign up.
- A safe trip over to the MTT course, and a fruitful time there.
- The large Windows update to be released, so that I can take care of that here.

Working toward the goal of bringing *everyone* the word of God in Brazil,

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