

# *Prayer and Praise Update*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

I hope that you all had a good Thanksgiving last week. Even though things are not going very well these days, there is still plenty to give thanks for. God has His plans, and the worst works of man or the devil will not keep them from coming to pass. Jesus is working to build His Church—He, not we, thankfully—and when He is finished, then He will return to take His glorious Church to be with Him forever. I'd say that is plenty to be thankful for!

Last week, I returned to Anápolis for the first time since arriving in Brazil this term, in order to celebrate Thanksgiving with other SIL members. Several people from ALEM were invited as well. We celebrated on Friday instead of Thursday, since it is not a national holiday here (many churches celebrate it, but without the American tradition of a turkey feast). It was also a great opportunity to see some of the SIL folk that I hadn't seen for at least a couple of years.

In my last Update, I mentioned that I was planning to set up a second virtualization server, and asked for prayer to be able to do it right. I can now report that this project went very well, and that the second virtualization server is now in operation, hosting both a backup data server and a special server for the Accounting database. Please join me in giving thanks for this job successfully done.

We are also planning to relocate the wifi access points in Dormitory 2, for better coverage. At this point, we have all the necessary equipment. The only thing still needing to be done before I can get started is to install small access doors for the space below the roof. Right now, there is absolutely no access. This is something that the center administration needs to get done. I have talked with them and it is on the list of things to do. The semi-annual ALEM general conference is coming up in a few weeks, and we really need this done before that begins. So please be praying that the administration would get these access doors finished soon, so that I will be able to do the access point relocation.

So please give thanks:

- For a good trip to Anápolis, and a good time of Thanksgiving fellowship.
- For getting the second virtualization server successfully set up.
- For progress in improving the wifi service in Dormitory 2.

Please pray:

- That we would never cease to find things to be thankful for!
- That the center administration would soon be able to arrange access to the attic space in Dormitory 2.

Continuing to support those who work to translate God's word,

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