

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

Only one more month and 2024 will be over. In less than 2 and a half months, I will be back in the States. Time flies, whether you're having fun or not. At this point, I have my plane ticket in hand. I will leave Brazil on February 10th, arriving in Wisconsin the next day. Getting the ticket was not easy; there were issues with my credit card and a foreign address. But in the end it worked out. So let us all give thanks for that, and pray that I would not only have a safe flight back, but would be able to accomplish everything that I need to do before I leave.

The first draft of the ALEM network manual is in the hands of the guy who will be covering for me. As I write this, I am still waiting for him to get back to me with comments and suggestions. It is a long document—if taking care of a network were easy, they would not need a specialist in the first place—so I am not surprised that it is taking time. Again, please join me in giving thanks that someone is willing to take on this task, and keep praying that he would be able to deal with any issues that arise.

We also got word of a volunteer who lives in Brasília, and who is also a computer specialist. We have invited him to come visit and get to know us and our needs here at the mission headquarters. I am also hoping that he will turn out to be another resource to help keep the network going during my absence, and who will also be able to help users who need the personal attention of a computer specialist. Once more, please give thanks to God for this person who is willing to help, and pray that not only would he be able to help, but that it would be a good experience for him, eventually leading to further involvement with mission work.

My right eye continues to improve. The ophthalmologist removed two more stitches, for a total of four so far. I can definitely see a difference! I have a return visit scheduled for the 6th of December, when he will evaluate my progress. Please give thanks for the progress that I have already made, and pray that it would continue. And pray that, if it would be beneficial in the long run, that he would remove any more stitches that need to go, and if not, that he would not. May he make the best decision!

So please give thanks:

- For getting my plane ticket to go back to the States in February, in spite of credit card issues.
- For someone willing to step up and take care of the ALEM network during my absence.
- For the volunteer who is willing to help with computer-related issues.
- For continued recuperation progress in my right eye, including the removal of stitches.

Please pray:

- That I would be able to get everything done that needs to be done before I leave for the States.
- That no major issues with the network would arise during my absence.
- That the volunteer would have a good experience that would motivate him to continue working in ministry.
- That the ophthalmologist would make a good decision whether or not to remove more stitches.

Preparing for my time away so that Bible translation would continue unimpeded in Brazil,

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