

# Prayer and Praise Update

November, 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings one last time from Tucson!

I'm going to miss this place. Before I went overseas, I lived in Tucson for more than 10 years. And I'm looking forward to retiring in this area in another couple of years. But the time has come to move on once again. Now that everything is set for my return to Brazil, it's time to hit the road. First Wisconsin, where I will spend Christmas with family, and then on to Brazil, leaving on New Year's Eve.

It's been a good time in what is as close to a "home town" as any place in the States. A good chance to reconnect with a number of friends and congregate at an excellent church, where the message that we in SIL translate—the Word of God—is faithfully taught.

Please keep praying that God would show us at ALEM whom He has chosen to be my replacement after I retire. Ideally, we would recruit this person in 2026, and in 2027 he or she would come to live at ALEM, where I would then train him or her in and gradually hand the reins over as I prepare for retirement. As I have said before, I believe that the LORD has already chosen this person; it is only a question of "making the connection".

I hope that you had a blessed time at Thanksgiving, remembering Whom we are most thankful to for everything. And I hope and pray that you have a wonderful time next month celebrating the birth of Jesus; our Lord, King, and Savior who brought us eternal life..

So please give thanks:

- For several good months in Tucson.
- For an excellent church where the Word of God is faithfully taught.
- That everything needed in order to return to Brazil has been provided.

Please pray:

- For a safe journey to Wisconsin.
- For a good holiday time with family.
- That God would quickly reveal whom He has chosen to replace me at ALEM when I retire.

About to head back to Wisconsin, and then on to Brazil,

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