

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings once more from Brazil!

As I write this, there are now less than 8 weeks before I return to the States for furlough. My tickets are bought; I will leave Brasília on December 24<sup>th</sup> and arrive on Christmas Day. Then I will spend the remainder of the year and all of January with family in Wisconsin, before leaving for Arizona, where I will spend the majority of my time in the States.

The protective upgrades to the physical network infrastructure have been completed. In addition, I discovered a defect in the center telephone system and was able to replace a bad circuit board, and this resolved an intermittent problem which had annoyed people for a long time. There are still a number of small issues that need to be taken care of, as well as packing up my house belongings to store away during my time absent from the center. I already have someone arranged to take care of my car as well. Please give thanks for the progress made, and continue praying that I would be able to finish all the little details before traveling.

Several of the Linguistics students are currently taking a jungle survival course, and will return to civilization near the end of November. Most of them will be taking a candidacy course here for prospective ALEM members. So please continue praying for them, and that the LORD would continue to show each of them where He wants them to serve.

So please give thanks for:

- Progress in getting things prepared at the ALEM center for my absence.
- Progress in getting ready to leave for furlough.
- The Linguistics students who are taking the jungle survival course, in preparation for service in missions.

Please pray that:

- I would be able to finish all of the remaining little issues that need to be taken care of before my departure.
- I would have everything personally ready for traveling, when my departure date arrives.
- The LORD would continue to guide the students as they take the next step toward service in missions.

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