

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brazil!

The Linguistics course ended earlier this month, and the students are gone. In ways, the ALEM center feels quiet now. On the other hand, now that they are gone, the administration is taking the opportunity to do some more work on Dormitory 2. One part of this remodeling will involve moving the junction box where the fiber-optic cable arrives, and running plastic conduit for Ethernet cables so that we can replace the existing two access points with three, in more strategic locations. As usual, there are delays. This always happens whenever any kind of construction project takes place. Please be praying that this part of the job would soon be completed, so that we can set up better wi-fi access for everyone in the dorm.

During the past month I was able to completely retire the old server and move everything over to a new virtualized server. The virtualization system has several advantages, including the ability to create multiple smaller servers, each dedicated to a particular task or group of tasks. However, for added security we are planning to turn the old server into a second virtualization system. The necessary parts have all arrived, so now begins the work of setting it up. Please join me in giving thanks for the resources that we needed to get these parts, and also be praying as I undertake the task of setting up a new virtualization system from scratch. Pray that I would be able to apply the things I learned in working with the first one.

It has also been a time of getting a lot of little, spur-of-the-moment jobs done. None of them are big, but each one meets someone's need. And that is why I am here. Getting the big things done is important. But it is equally important to serve each person individually as they contribute their part to Bible translation.

And finally, I want to give thanks for a new Internet provider! This provider gives us 4-5 times the speed of the old one, for around the same cost. After integrating it into the center network, I was very pleased with the result. For one person, it would be overkill. But our Internet system has to service dozens of clients simultaneously, so we need good performance. So far, it looks like we now have it. Praise the LORD!

So please give thanks:

- For the students who successfully finished the Linguistics course.
- For the resources that are enabling us to obtain needed equipment.
- For the new, faster Internet service provider for the ALEM center network.

Please pray:

- That the construction workers would soon be able to install the network junction box in Dormitory 2.
- For me as I set up a second virtualization system, that I would apply what I learned from my experience with the first one.
- That I would continue to be able to meet the needs of individuals, and not just focus on the big projects.

Working to help make sure that *everyone* in Brazil has God's word,

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