

# Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from South America!

I'd hoped to be able to share more news about the eye surgery, but at this point I'm still waiting for a cornea. I did find out last week that there has been another factor causing delay; the ophthalmologist who will do the surgery has been sick. Fortunately, he is back to work. Of course, there will still be a delay because he will need to catch up with the work that he missed while he was sick (he was out of the office for around three weeks; the secretary did not specify what he had). Anyway, I continue to hope and pray that the surgery will take place before too much longer!

Because of the eye surgery, I was also uncertain as to whether or not I would be able to drive to the MTT course in July. Fortunately, I received an offer of a ride from an SIL colleague who lives in Anápolis and also plans to go. So unless the surgery takes place right before the course, I should be able to go in any case, even if I cannot drive at the time. This is important; the third module is always the busiest one for me. So praise the LORD!

Other than that, I have not had any major projects for a while. Just regular, day-to-day jobs keeping the network working and doing small projects for others, such as upgrading computers to pass on to other users. And we will be having a special Sociolinguistics course next month, which required some equipment preparation.

So please give thanks:

- That the ophthalmologist is back on the job, recovered from whatever bug he had.
- For the offer of a ride to the MTT course in July, which dramatically reduces the chance that the eye surgery would keep me from going.
- For continuing to be able to do day-to-day work while waiting for a cornea.

Please pray:

- For a cornea. A *good* cornea!
- That nothing would come up to keep me from going to the third—and most important!—module of the MTT course.
- That I would have a light load of non-urgent tasks when the surgery is finally scheduled, in order to have time to recover.

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