

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from South America!

Another month comes to a close, and Bible translation continues here in Brazil. Training new Bible translators also continues here in Brazil. The Linguistics course students are now doing Language Acquisition, where they actually get the opportunity to apply the methods that they are learning to learn a bit of another language. This year, they have been divided into three groups to learn two languages—and one of them is English! The professor's wife and one other American are serving as language assistants, but I was also asked to serve as a substitute assistant. And right now I am getting to substitute.

It's a lot of fun to watch these future Bible translators use their new tools to learn some of my native language. And I try to encourage them whenever I can. Five years ago, one of the students finalized her decision to work in Bible translation during a similar exercise that I was helping with. So please keep praying for these young people as they continue their adventure, that they would do well and do it unto the Lord. And give thanks along with me for this opportunity to participate in their training.

On a more technical note, I was finally able to solve a serious problem with the center-wide network, one which was seriously affecting Internet availability in both dormitories. I had tried a number of solutions, all without success. Finally, I simply gave up and prayed. Within a few days, the Lord gave me a solution which has so far worked fine.

I know that I should have learned long ago to live in dependent trust in the Lord. But I guess pride and my trust in my own abilities still got in the way, at least in certain areas of my life, such as my technical skills. God has been at work recently to rectify this lack in my spiritual life, and this was one more lesson toward that goal. So please join me in giving thanks for this solution to our network problem—and for the spiritual lesson that came along with it. And pray that I would begin seeking His help and guidance right from the start, by default, whenever a problem comes up.

So please give thanks:

- For the opportunity to participate in training the Linguistics students here at ALEM.
- For a solution to our network problem—and the spiritual lesson that came along with it.

Please pray:

- That the students would continue to do well in the course, and acquire a clearer vision of where God is calling them to serve.
- That I would apply the spiritual lesson God gave me, and learn to live in dependent trust in Him in *all* areas of my life.

Learning to depend more on God as I continue to serve Bible translation in Brazil,

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