

Prayer and Praise Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As the shortest month of the year draws to a close, I can say that I have totally readapted to life here on the ALEM center. Going about my daily tasks, I admit that it's hard to remember at times that I recently spent most of a year in the States. I've come to realize that this is part of my nature; I tend to get so totally into where I am that it very quickly feels like home. For me, this is actually an advantage, since it helps me to focus on doing my job here, instead of sitting and dreaming about my recent furlough.

In my upcoming Newsletter next month, I hope to be able to share more news about the next step with my eyes.

Meanwhile, the new class of Linguistics students is now into their fourth week of class. This is a great bunch of young people. Because they are not eating together in the dining hall—due to rising costs, the administration decided to let them prepare their own meals in their apartments this year—I do not have the same chance to get to know them as in previous years. But I do have some interaction, and so far I have really come to like this class. Please be praying for them. Many of them are still seeking the Lord's guidance regarding where they will serve.

In other news, the Mother Tongue Translator course has been put off for another six months. Now, it will not begin until January of next year. They are still trying to get more ethnic groups to send students. There is much interest, but not enough commitment at this point. Please be praying that the Lord would move the hearts of those whom He would call to help bring His word to their own people groups.

Incidentally, this change means that I will be delaying my retirement slightly. I was originally planning to return to the States at the end of next year. However, if the course begins in January of next year, the final module will take place in January of 2028. So since this course has always been something that is on my heart, I will not return until after the completion of the course, which will probably be early February of '28.

So please give thanks:

- For getting totally settled in here at ALEM.
- For the current class of Linguistics students studying here.

Please pray:

- That the Linguistics students would all know exactly where the Lord is leading them by the time they finish the course.
- That God would call additional indigenous translators to help bring His word to their own people groups.

Getting the necessary day-to-day stuff done to keep Bible translation going in Brazil,

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