Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

October is almost over, and it's hard to believe that the year is coming to a close. Another couple of months and it will be 2019...

When I was a teenager, I used to wonder what the future would bring. I looked at it from a number of perspectives, but since I was not yet a believer, I never looked at it from a spiritual perspective. Today, we see a world of ever-increasing discord and division. We see a world where human life is accorded little value. We make great scientific and technological advances—yet families are self-destructing and more and more people are giving up in despair.

It's only when we look at the world through the eyes of the word of God that it begins to make sense. Only then do we see that the real struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the dark forces of Satan.

Only then do we see that the only hope is Jesus.

And that is why we continue to work to bring God's word to everyone in the world. So that they can come to know the One who is the true answer and hope.

Last week, my car underwent its 80,000 kilometer maintenance. This involved new shocks and struts, brake pads, spark plugs and quite a bit more. It was not cheap, but it was necessary if the car is to continue running well. Now it is ready for me to drive to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} module of the Mother Tongue Translator course in January. On this trip I will take the computers that I set up last month for the students to use. There, they will learn to use them as important tools for bringing the word of God to their own people. Please keep praying for the students, and for the teaching staff who will be conducting the course.

I also want to take a moment to thank those of you who contributed toward the car maintenance. It was definitely helpful!

So please give thanks for:

• Getting the maintenance done on my car.
• The students who are taking the MTT course.
• The real Answer and Hope in this lost world!

Please pray for:

• The students and staff who will be at the MTT course in January.
• The ALEM leadership as they plan for the year to come.
• Finishing the task of bringing God's word to everyone.

Continuing to support Bible translation in Brazil,

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