

Prayer and Praise Update

October, 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

October greetings to you!

By the grace of God, I was able to make sufficient progress in meeting the requirements in order to return to Brazil so that I could buy my return ticket. On December 31st, I will depart from Green Bay, WI, and arrive in Brasília on the following day, January 1st. I did the same thing five years ago; I discovered that it is a bit cheaper to fly on a holiday than on a regular day (probably because people want to already be at their destination on that day). Before leaving for Brazil, I will first leave Tucson, AZ, on December 8th and return to Wisconsin. I have really enjoyed my time in Arizona. I have a good church here, and I've had the opportunity to reconnect with a number of friends.

And when I retire in a couple of years, unless the LORD changes my plans, I intend to retire here in Arizona. I am already on the waiting list for housing at the Wycliffe retirement apartments in Catalina, just north of Tucson.

While I was here, I kept saying that I needed to return in order to participate in the Mother Tongue Translator course, which was going to begin in January. That has changed; it will now begin in July. However, there are still many needs at ALEM, and this delay in the MTT course will enable me to take care of them first. Also, once back in Brazil, I will be able to finalize the treatment on my right eye, and then prepare for the cornea transplant on my left eye.

At this point, my biggest need during the upcoming two years—and my biggest prayer request—will be to recruit someone to take my place at ALEM. Fortunately, I will have the help of the ALEM administration and mobilization departments. And we do have resources and contacts. We just need to find the person that God is already preparing for this job..

So please give thanks:

- For being able to buy my return ticket to Brazil.
- For a good time in Tucson, and everywhere else that I've been to while in the States.
- For extra available time when I return to Brazil, so that I will be able to address immediate needs at ALEM.

Please pray:

- For a safe trip to Wisconsin, and that my remaining time in the States would be good.
- That I would be able to quickly deal with whatever is waiting for me when I get back to ALEM.
- That the LORD would show us whom He is calling to take my place at ALEM after I retire.

In the final stretch before returning to Brazil,

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