

# *Prayer and Praise Update*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings again from Brasília!

As November draws to a close, quite a few things are happening. First, the computers arrived for the Mother Tongue Translator course, and I've been busy setting them up. This time, not all of the students will get a computer. Several already have their own and are satisfied with them. But 19 students will be receiving these that I've been setting up. Please join me in giving thanks for the resources that enable us to provide these crucial tools, and be praying for a safe trip to the course in January, when I will take them with me to give to the students.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, I had 4 eye exams, with the purpose of seeing if I was a good candidate for a cornea transplant, and to provide the ophthalmologist the information that he will need to correctly do the procedure. I can now say that everything went quite well, and I will probably be able to have my first eye (the right eye) done some time after the MTT course, early next year. When I saw the results of the tomography scan on my corneas, I was amazed that I can see at all! They resemble the surface of an alien planet that got smacked by several large asteroids. So I really, really give thanks that this procedure exists, and that I have this chance to have a major improvement made in my vision. So please join me in giving thanks, and be praying that the procedure would be carried out safely.

And in addition to these special happenings, there are the usual day-to-day jobs, along with a few other special requests for help that I've received. And our biennial ALEM Assembly is coming up, too, from December 6<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>, which will take a considerable bite out of available work days. So please be praying that I would be able to get everything done in a timely manner, and have everything finished that needs to be finished before I leave for the MTT course in early January.

So please give thanks:

- For the resources that make it possible to get computers for the MTT students that need them.
- That I will be able to have the cornea transplant surgery to make major improvements in my vision.

Please pray:

- For a good trip to the MTT course in January; that both I and the computers would arrive safely.
- That the cornea transplant surgery would go well and safely.
- That I would be able to get everything done that needs to be done before leaving for the MTT course in January.

Continuing to fight the fight and run the race here in Brazil,

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