

◊ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◊

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Network Installation in Brazil

In many countries Wycliffe does translation and linguistics work under the name of SIL. SIL has been working in Brazil for years and has a number of offices in key parts of this country. One of their established campuses in the city of Cuiabá is in the process of being relocated to the city of Anápolis, about 500 miles to the East. The current plans call for the SIL staff



working in Cuiabá to move to Anápolis this May and June. SIL is selling the Cuiabá center and is renting a building from the New Tribes Mission in Anápolis (left) to serve as their

offices. In March I accompanied fellow missionary Bob Wright to this location to begin the installation of a computer network.

Bob serves at JAARS in the IT department today, but formerly he and his wife, Dottie, served for 30 years in Brazil. Bob is fluent in Portuguese and he knows the country, the culture, and the people. SIL management in Brazil called on Bob to help install the network at the new office, since he had formerly been involved with installing the networks at Cuiabá and other locations in Brazil. Bob asked me to take part because, in his words, I was “young and strong, and have plenty of experience in networking.”

When Bob and I arrived in Brazil, we met Bill Penning, the computer support person for Cuiabá and for the new Anápolis office. Also we were joined by Cristiano Barros from the national Bible translation organization ALEM. Wycliffe and SIL partner with ALEM, a mission organization of about 50 Brazilian missionaries, to accomplish translation in Brazil.

From left: Bob, Cristiano, and Bill take a break



Prior to getting started with our cabling job, I visited the ALEM headquarters in the nearby city of Brasília, en route to Anápolis.

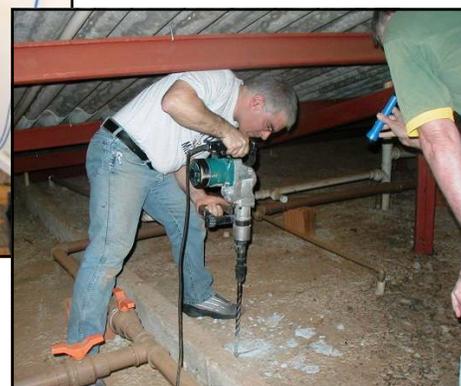
Last year the ALEM office had been hit by lightning, damaging many of their computers, and they wanted some advice on how to improve their network and power system to avoid this problem in the future. I surveyed the situation, took pictures and collected documentation, which I am sharing with others on my team at JAARS to recommend improvements.



Following that, we traveled by bus to Anápolis. During my week there, we purchased the materials for the project, and ran about 9,000 feet of network cable in the building – that’s over **1.5 miles of cable!** Part of my responsibility was drilling countless holes through the steel-reinforced cement walls, ceilings, and floors to provide access for cables through the attic to the rest of the building. When I returned home, Bob stayed in Brazil for a few more weeks working with Bill and Cristiano to finish installing surface mount channel throughout the building and to



For more pictures from Brazil and the work we did, see our web site:
www.wysite.org/sites/the_scotts



“terminate” and “punch down” (put the ends on) the cables and test them. This was a big project to tackle in a short time. I am glad that I was able to help with the critical parts of heavy labor and with pulling cables, since that was a four-man job.

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When some people think of Brazil they might imagine scenes of jungles and Indian tribes or exotic beaches and tourist resorts. While I didn't see either of those extremes, they do exist, yet Brazil is a progressive country with some large urban areas and a solid infrastructure. For example Anápolis has a population of around 350,000 people, drinkable water, stable power, and high-speed Internet.

Most vehicles in Brazil are manufactured in that country rather than being imported, and many can run on alternate fuels such as bio-diesel or alcohol, in addition to traditional gasoline. Much of their fuel supply is produced within the country as well. This is nothing new; Brazil has been working toward this goal for over 20 years, and America could learn a few things from them on that topic!

Brazil is a large country, covering more territory than the continental US! We travelled through the city of Brasília which has a population of about two and one-half million people. On my return trip I had a brief stop-over at the airport in São Paulo, a metropolis of 19 million people. São Paulo is the fifth largest city in the world by population, larger than big US cities like New York City and Los Angeles! As our jet took off I could see the that city stretched on and on.

Is there still a need for Bible translation in Brazil? **YES!** SIL has worked in that country for many years and by God's grace much work has been accomplished. Right now there are **seventy-seven translation projects under way** in Brazil, **eleven more** which are waiting to begin, and **sixteen other languages** which need further assessment to determine whether translation is still needed. This is a country where Wycliffe and SIL are focusing on *finishing the task*.

Praises & Prayer Requests

- We thank the Lord for giving Hank strength, good health, and safety during his trip to Brazil. Krista and the kids also did well while he was out of the country.
- Praise the Lord with us that Nick and Amanda continue to do well in school and have solid friendships with other Christian kids. Also pray for Amanda's upcoming missions trip this summer to Guinea Bissau, Africa.
- Krista is once again experiencing more frequent migraine headaches. She will be meeting with the doctor again this month. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to choose the right medicine to reduce the headaches without causing undue side effects or unmanageable expense.
- Hank has passed two of seven tests needed to earn his Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification. Please pray for Hank as he presses on to take the remaining network certification tests throughout this year.
- Please continue to pray for progress on the Africa Internet connectivity project that Hank's group is involved with and for their wisdom. Work is under way, but it is complex and is taking longer than hoped on this project.



- ✓ Living with a remote host family and learning their culture
- ✓ Participating in the filming of Bible parable adaptations

If you are interested in donating toward that trip, please let us know or see our web site. There is a special way that gifts should be given for that trip, directly to JAARS and separate from our own account.



Family News

If you receive our monthly e-mail updates, you already know that Nick joined the Air Force Jr. ROTC program at his school in January. We are pleased to report that he is doing great! He is also participating in the Civil Air Patrol program which meets weekly at JAARS. Both of these programs give students training in aviation, leadership, and physical fitness. Nick is hoping to be involved with three summer camps

related to these programs, furthering his aviation training. If you are interested in helping defray the cost of these summer camps, please let us know.

Amanda is preparing for a missions trip this summer to the country of Guinea Bissau, Africa. She is contemplating future missions involvement and hopes this trip will help guide her in that long-term decision. She will be traveling with the JAARS youth mission team, and they will be helping with various activities in this country, including:

- ✓ Helping at an orphanage
- ✓ Assisting with Vacation Bible School
- ✓ Participating in Bible translation work

Krista has been busy lately helping with youth-related things. We hosted the daughter of fellow missionaries in our home for six weeks while her parents were on a trip. Krista is now planning a prom alternative that the local teens can attend. This takes a lot of work! She is also preparing for a Bachelorette celebration which will be held for missionary kids graduating from high school soon. She has not been substitute teaching much this year as they have not needed substitutes as often.



Krista and I appreciate your interest in our ministry. Thank you for your part in this work!

*In His Service,
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