

Changing Lives With The Word Of GOD

Training Disciples, To Evangelize The World

Dear Missionary,

Congratulations on being selected for the upcoming Missions Trip to Brazil. Please know that you have been chosen for such a time as this by your Heavenly Father to go forth and spread the Gospel to the Nations. This is your initial packet containing important information that will help make your trip a success.

First, let's start with the spiritual impartation of what you are about to embark upon. Welcome to the world of missions! There is nothing more important to God than people. This is evident in the awesome example given through His Son, Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry. The urgency of our assignment to go and preach the Gospel to a lost and dying generation is expressed in Matthew 28:18-20.

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be a witness to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." This scripture symbolically describes where we should go and teach the gospel.

- **Jerusalem** symbolizes home.
- **Judea** symbolizes the general geographical area.
- **Samaria** symbolizes cross-cultural, people nearby.
- **Uttermost parts/End of the earth** symbolizes the unreached population.

We are charged with the responsibility, and commission to obey everything God has commanded us to do as believers. Jesus wants us to share the good news with the ENTIRE world and make disciples of them. Our mandate is found in Matthew 24:14 "...and this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

We must effectively preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world with the power of the Holy Ghost. If we do not fulfill our assignment as stated in the Word, we hinder His return. With this in mind let us GO and spread the Gospel at home and abroad. We must be willing vessels, motivated to go forth and keep our spirit in tune to the voice of the Lord as we fulfill our assignment. As the Word says, God will be with us always even until the very end of the age.

Please remain in prayer for your team members as you all prepare for this awesome opportunity to carry out the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20. May God continue to richly bless you and your family. We are excited for your future and the future of the lives you will impact!

The following information will provide you with a checklist of things to be aware of while preparing for your trip:

- **Passport:** You should already have a passport for your trip. If your passport is due to expire before or during the date of the trip, please renew it before travelling. Passport renewal can be expedited by submitting an application through the U.S. Department of State at <http://travel.state.gov/passport> or by calling 1-877-487-2778 for further information.
- **Entry Visas:** For U.S. Citizens an entry visa is required to enter Brazil. Your passport and other pertinent information will be collected by the Mt. Gilead F.G.I.M. office and sent to the Brazilian Embassy to initiate a visa.
- **Vaccinations:** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the following vaccinations: routine vaccines, Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, and Rabies. Additional information regarding vaccinations is available on the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/travel> or by calling the Missionaries' Health Hotline at 1-800-232-4636. The CDC also recommends that you bring any prescription medication in its original bottle in your carry-on luggage. Make sure you bring enough medication to last throughout the entire trip.

All Missionaries should be up-to-date on routine immunizations including:

- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
- Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus Vaccine
- Poliovirus Vaccine

- **Personal Information and Publicity/Liability Release Forms:** This will be provided by Shalom Outreach.
- **Luggage:** It is recommended that you travel light avoiding unnecessary items. The following are general guidelines to consider when packing your luggage:
 - **Carry-on:** one bag weighing a maximum of 15lbs. – 20 lbs. with dimensions less than 45 inches (length + height + weight).
 - **Checked-in:** one bag weighing a maximum of 44lbs. – 50lbs. with dimensions not exceeding 62 inches (length + height + weight). Please weigh your luggage at home and at the airport. (scales are usually available at airport check-in areas) Any person with luggage exceeding the weight limits will be charged an additional fee.
- **Carry-on Items:** The following guidelines are provided by the Transportation Security Association (TSA) regarding carry-on items:
 - 3.4 ounce (100ml) bottle or less (by volume)
 - 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag
 - 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. One-quart bag per person limits the total liquid volume each traveler can bring.

Weather: The mission trip to Brazil will occur in July during the countries winter season. Temperatures are expected to be approximately 57°F minimum and 70°F maximum, averaging about 3 days of rain for the month.

Clothing: Bring comfortable clothes: mix-and-match outfits such as various shirts for each pair of pants. Your group will be informed of how many “dressy” outfits you will need to bring.

Extra Money: Payment for all of your meals while on the mission field will be covered by Mt. Gilead F.G.I.M and/or Shalom, but you will need to bring money to spend on extra meals or snacks while in the airport. Bottled water will also be provided at no cost. We suggest that you bring between \$100-\$300 depending on your budget to use for extra meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc. Bills should have a recent date on it and be in good condition.

May the Good News of the Gospel be published throughout this land and may the Holy Spirit direct your footsteps.

Blessings,

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WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

Missionary – a sent one, (Acts 13:1-3) a person who goes into another culture to do missions. It is not defined geographically, but culturally.

Mission – is God’s redemptive activity in establishing His kingdom to the end of the earth. The mission of God is to redeem mankind to Himself.

Missions – is when we take the redemptive activity of God cross-culturally, we are doing the work of mission.

WHY MISSIONS?

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” Amen.

These words are Christ’s words and this passage is called the “Great Commission.” It is for every believer and follower of Jesus Christ and for every generation. The “Great Commission” is actually “sending out” missionaries from the local church to the world. We are not only to win souls for Jesus Christ, but also to make disciples of them so they can separate themselves from this evil world and observe the commandments of God, as they seek Him with their whole heart, mind and strength.

THE CALL TO OVERSEAS MISSIONS

We must seek God’s direction when deciding to go to the foreign mission field. We are preparing you for short-term missions. God is looking for willing, yielded vessels.

Acts 9:15 “But the Lord said unto him. Go your way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.”

There is a general call and a specific call. Maybe you feel led to go to the mission field, but you do not know exactly where—this is a general call, however, someone may be called to Kenya and that is more specific.

The call to overseas missions may not be a dramatic encounter, with visions and dreams—most of us do not have this experience. When God moves on our heart and gets our attention, we must obey His command. Whether it is home missions or foreign missions, we need to be faithful wherever we go.

Isaiah 6:8 “Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 4:19... “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

You are about to embark on one of the most challenging spiritual experiences of your life. You really are not ready to go until you have grown a little. God will work uniquely in each life to present the opportunities for growth, but you must respond with a willingness to complete the process.

10 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

PRAYER

Seek God's Direction

AGREEMENT

Husband, Wife, Parents

Employer

Pastor

COMMITMENT

Go

Pray

Sow

COUNT THE COST

Personal finances

Fundraising

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Daily Bible Reading

PHYSICAL PREPARATION

Physical Examination

Exercise

Diet

Rest

SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY

Follow instructions

Proper Attitude

Flexibility

CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS

Culturally educated

PRACTICAL PREPARATION

Passport

Visa

Immunization

PRAYER COVERING

Pastor

Local Church

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A MISSIONS TEAM WORKER

- Good physical health
- Mental and emotional stability
- Well-grounded spiritual lives
- Strong prayer lives
- Sensitivity and alertness to any special needs you may encounter
- Kindness and compassion
- Adaptability and willingness to learn
- Fearlessness
- You must not be prejudiced
- No attitudes
- Respectful to authority and leadership
- Rooted and grounded in love
- Ability to submit to authority and leadership
- Be flexible
- Be alert – Do Not Be A Lone Ranger

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Prayer Goals for Missionaries and Brazil

As a team member, you are a very important part of the kingdom of God that will make a great difference in this Nation. Before you actually place your feet on Brazilian soil, it is important to begin praying about the trip, now.

Please pray for:

- This trip to be a life-changing experience for each Missionary and every person we touch.
- For unity among the group and that each person walks in the spirit of love, power and a sound mind.
- The clear vision, direction and purpose of each missionary.
- Understanding and wisdom to be imparted to each Missionary through the Spirit of GOD.
- The trip to go forth without accident, incident or calamity and that GOD will be glorified.
- The move of the Holy Spirit to touch lives during your time in Brazil.
- Miracles, healing, salvation, and Holy Spirit baptism to take place on this trip.
- Seed and fruit to remain in the hearts of all who receive from us.
- Unique anointing on teachings and worship times, and that we will have favor with local officials.
- Deeper levels of intimacy with Jesus among the missionaries.
- Peace, strength, and wisdom in communication among all leaders as they lead the group.
- Smooth transition in all of the airports utilized by team and that all luggage will arrive with the group on time.
- Safety and protection in traveling.
- Pleasant weather in Brazil.
- Safety and protection for the loved ones of the missionaries back home.

Specific Concerns regarding Brazil:

- Pray for the glory of the Lord captured in the statue of “Christ the Redeemer” to be captured in the hearts and minds of the Brazilian people.
- Pray for the splendor of God’s creation found in the Amazon basin to be protected from those seeking to despoil and destroy it out of greed and selfish ambition.
- Pray for those that are along the Amazon River that have never heard about Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring a spirit of truth and will purge unbiblical beliefs everywhere in Brazil, especially in areas where the gospel is being mixed with spiritist beliefs.
- Pray for the 10,000,000 children that live in poverty, on drugs, and in gangs.
- Pray for the 500,000 that are in prostitution and the others that are involved in the sex industry, sex trade, and pornography.
- Pray for the 540,000 people that are infected with the HIV virus.
- Pray for the 80,000,000 Brazilians that live in poverty.
- Pray for the sound doctrine to be preached.
- Pray for the strength of the laborers.

- Pray for the 10% of the population that earns almost half of the money made in Brazil.
- Pray for the 10% of the population that earns only 1% of the money made in Brazil.
- Pray for the 26% of the Brazilian population that live in the slums (favelas).
- Pray for Godly wisdom. The average age is 29.3 years old.
- Pray that true equality will take place in education. Only a small percentage of people of African descent attend college.
- Pray that GOD will open more doors for the missionary teams to minister in dance, music, mime, etc.

Prayer-Walking

"...my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation ... how beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:1, 15).

WHAT IS PRAYER-WALKING?

Prayer-walking is "Praying On-Site with Insight." It is praying in the very places where we expect God to bring forth the answers to our prayers. *Insight* comes in various forms:

- *responsive:* what we see
- *researched:* history of places and statistics
- *revealed:* what God speaks to us as we pray

WHY PRAYER-WALK?

There are a few purposes for prayer-walking:

- To prepare the way for gospel fulfillment by praying a blessing on the people and the land. A prayed-for world will be an evangelized world.
- Serving long-range efforts, by prayer, in humble participation: many people have prayed the same prayer before and many will pray afterwards.

The value of prayer-walking is tremendous:

- Answered prayer: "... he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:12, 13).
- Long-range return on investment: 1) Giving multiplies over time and your heart will be knit to that country and its people-where your heart is, your treasure is also. 2) Lifetimes of laboring for the harvest are multiplied.
- Clearer vision: 1) Your vision will increase. Your prayers, once you return home, will be changed when you have actually prayed on-site, saw with your own eyes and experienced for yourself. 2) The vision of the church will be broadened as you share, when you return, with your local church .
- Glory for God: "All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and they shall glorify Thy name" (Psalm 86:9).

WHAT IS MY INVOLVEMENT?

You are an ambassador for Jesus: "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, *we are ambassadors for Christ*, as though God were entreating through us ..." (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

Keep in mind that Jesus has already gone before you knowing the place and the people for whom you are beginning to pray. The pressure is not on us to save a nation-He is the savior of the world. Your participation is vital because Jesus Christ no longer physically walks on the earth. He moves *through us*.

- Open your spiritual eyes. Most of the prayer-walking is vision, which can be described as "the art of *seeing* what you are looking at. "Ask God to help you see the city with His eyes and to know what His heart is for the people .."
- Open your mouth. Prayer is not telepathy. God certainly knows what you are thinking, but your faith is bolstered as you verbalize your prayer. However, praying aloud doesn't necessarily mean praying loudly. The goal is to petition *in faith* and speaking is a practical way of stirring up faith (Jude 20).
- Open your spiritual ears so that two-way prayer transpires. Every silent moment need not be nervously filled with words. "Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God ..." (Ecclesiastes 5:2). Listen for God's whispered cues. Expect Him to highlight the truths you have hidden in your heart and apply them to what is around you.
- Pray together. Seek to consciously follow and reinforce prayers lifted by others in your prayer team. One prayer multiplies with another as you learn to agree in your requests. It's usually best to press a few points of prayer as far as you can, rather than hoping your team will cover every need with every prayer-walk. It's perfectly in order to break out of intense intercession for short times to discuss what you are feeling, where you will go next, what prayers should be lifted, etc.
- Pray with Scripture. Take along bits of Scripture or a small Bible when you walk. Throughout the Bible, the Lord gave us thousands of promises that can be used when praying. Knowing that you cannot possibly recollect all of them at the same time should alleviate any pressures of choosing the "right ones. *Believe* that the Lord is with you as you pray.
- Pray with relevance. Mix compassion with curiosity as you pass homes, shops, and schools. Rouse your interest in familiar settings and faces by considering how their stories may unfold in soon-coming years. What have they experienced to bring them to this point? What does God desire for them?

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THIS?

Refresh yourself in God. You are about to become a bridge of blessing between heaven and earth standing in the gap for many people. You are adequate for the task, provided you give your whole self: heart, mind, and body. It makes sense to begin every prayer-walk with personal time of worship before God. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence ..." (Hebrews 4:16).

- Arm yourself: "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." Read Ephesians 6:10-17.
- Prepare your heart: Open your mouth in order to open your heart. Whether you sing, shout or whisper, warm up your vocal cords with praise before setting out. Put the name of Jesus on your lips. Dismiss, for the time being, other desires or affections, however legitimate they may be. Seek to position your heart before God in fresh gratitude and blessing.
- "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled ...n (1 Peter 1:13). Take charge of the directions your mind will go. Fix your attention on the purposes, ways and thoughts of God before you launch out. The simplest way to direct your train of thought is to read scriptures aloud. There may be pressures weighing upon you, demanding your attention; leave them with God.

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. "And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should ..." (Romans 8:26). Be still in your heart before Him for a short while at least, with a readiness to receive special instructions regarding what you should pray as you walk through different places. If you feel as though you have not received any special prayer instructions, you can *always* pray for them using the written Word of God.

The foremost issue of spiritual battle is our love for one another. "... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, *with* those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22).

- Receive each other "being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit ..." (Ephesians 4:3). Greet and meet others as you gather. Be sure partners are acquainted by name. Talk before you walk. It is an efficient use of time in which to make sure prayer-walkers have connected with each other. You don't want the first half mile to be spent chatting to develop an adequate sense of friendship. Reserve the walk for prayer.
- Forgive each other: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31 ,32).

DYNAMICS OF FRUITFUL PRAYER-WALKS

As visible as prayer-walks can be, more takes place than meets the eye. We can categorize the effect of prayer-walking by seeing its influence in three directions: 1) before the throne of God, 2) amidst the realm of evil powers, and 3) throughout the communities of people. These three aspects suggest three different dynamics of most fruitful prayer-walks: 1) worship of God, 2) warfare against evil and 3) a welcome to Christ's kingdom in people's hearts.

- **Worship:** Some prayer-walks emphasize bringing pleasure to God's heart. Sincere intercessory prayer leans hard on the promises of God and thus invariably proclaims the excellence of God. Prayer-walkers often give themselves entirely to the work of magnifying God, offering Him praises from the places they stand. The concern for His pleasure almost eclipses all other concerns.
- **Warfare:** Many prayer-walks aim to expose, limit or displace the power of evil forces. They seek to bring healing in order to interrupt sinful cycles which feed entrenched evil. Hostile powers are restrained so that good things may come forth. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).
- **Welcome:** At times, prayer-walkers pronounce blessings upon the community, sometimes demonstrating their expectation of God's coming kindness by offering to pray with hurting people. As God brings prayed-for results, people of the community often turn their hearts expectantly toward God, welcoming the further work of Christ in their city. A climate of responsiveness increases. People are stirred with a holy hunger for God, awakened to a gentle yearning for the kingdom of God. Begin by praying blessing over the entire area. Pray for everyone in a global way-for salvation, healing and spiritual freedom over each block, lot, house, office building, apartment complex, etc.

In Colossians 1, Paul stated, "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. "And in Ephesians 1, Paul stated, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."

- It isn't necessary to purposely be concealing and secretive during this time. If anyone asks, just tell them what you are doing-"We're here walking in your city, praying for you. We're praying that God would bless you." How many times have people heard that? Many think God is against them.

Any healthy prayer-walk will include all three: worship, warfare, and welcome. At any given moment, one dimension or another may be the dominant dynamic. A wholesome blend is essential.

Prayer-walkers who blend worship, warfare, and welcome tend to continue in the vision with less intimidation and more joy. However, do not think of these three dynamics as independent ingredients. Each one can only be practiced by integrating the others in some way. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you.

AGENDA

The prayer in Matthew 6 sets an agenda for us to follow:

- Pray for God's glory. "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name" (Matthew 6:9). Of uppermost concern is God's glory. We are to pray that God would move upon hearts so that He would be honored, adored, lifted up, revealed, and praised by name among the peoples of every nation.
- Pray for God's kingdom. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Of course, this cry has ultimate fulfillment at the culmination of history, but clearly we are to pray with expectancy for the coming of some measure of the Holy Spirit's liberating work amidst the peoples of every nation.
- Pray for provision. "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). Call open the windows of heaven over the people you are praying for. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).
- Pray for reconciliation. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). Forgiveness can only be experienced through the blood of Jesus. Therefore, their eyes must be opened to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). In the place that you are praying, there will be Christians, but *many* non-Christians. "... remember that you were at that time separate from Christ ... strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:12.13).
- Pray for God to release and to lead. "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13). Jesus also prayed, "do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one" (John 17:15). Spiritual warfare at its simplest is to pray that people be rescued from evil to follow God. This prayer is suitable to pray on behalf of believers as well as the pre-believers of the nation. Apart from being delivered from evil, we pray that we are not lead into temptation. Psalm 19:13 says, "Also keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me." And Psalm 25:8 says, "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way."

Prayer affects lives. Through prayer, current circumstances and situations can change. Prayer can ultimately change a community and even a nation. Please realize that you are important in the kingdom of God and prayer is a way for you to give to others by petitioning according to the Word of God.

THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL



Capital City:

Brasilia

Population:

195.4 million (2010 est.)

Religions:

Christian 91.4 % (Catholic 72.79 %, Protestant 16.34 %, Independent 12.42 %, Marginal 1.54 %, Orthodox 0.09 %, Anglican 0.07 %), Ethnoreligionist 5.4 %, Non-religious 2.24 %, Other 0.3 %, Muslim 0.29 %, Buddhist 0.26 %, Chinese 0.02 %, Baha'i 0.02 %, Hindu 0.01 %

Language:

Portuguese

Government:

Federated Republic

Ethnic Groups:

European 50.2 % (Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, German), Mulatto & Mestizo 38 %, African 6.4 % (Descendants of slaves brought from West Africa and Angola), Asian 5.6 % (Arab 4 %, Japanese 0.7 %), Amerindian 0.41 %

History:

The history of Portuguese America contrasts with the history of colonial Spanish America. In 1494, the Treaty of Tordesillas between Spain and Portugal granted Portugal the eastern half of South America. In 1500, Pedro Alvares Cabral, the Portuguese sea captain who is credited with “discovering” Brazil, claimed the large area of land for Portugal. There was no Indian civilization in Brazil comparable to the Aztecs or the Incas who were found in the Spanish territories. This meant that the Portuguese did not have to face a highly organized, settled indigenous civilization, unlike the Spanish. The first important economic activity was the export of brazilwood, where the country’s name originated. Brazilwood was prized in Europe for its qualities as a source of dye. Next, sugarcane was introduced to Brazil, but it was not until during the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that landowners developed a lucrative sugar industry in the Brazilian Northeast. In 1565, Rio de Janeiro was founded as more and more the country became established. It was not until the 1580s that the Portuguese saw enough potential profit to allow the importing of African slaves to grow and cultivate the sugar crops.

In the year of 1580, King Phillip II of Spain gained the Portuguese crown, which united Spain and Portugal, bringing Brazil under Spanish rule. In the 1620s, while the Spanish were in the middle of establishing states in Brazil, the Dutch invaded in 1624. The Dutch controlled the sugar-rich Northeast until 1654. In 1640, Portugal declared independence from Spain, which brought Brazil under Portuguese rule again. Therefore, by 1654, the Portuguese was able to force the northeastern Brazil to the Portuguese with the Treaty of Taborada. About 40 years following this event, gold was discovered in Minas Gerais (“General Mines”) in the 1690s. In 1763, Brazil’s economic focus moved from sugar to gold. The first major rebellion against Portugal by the “Brazilians” was in 1789 and led by Tiradentes. This rebel leader was hanged in 1792 after a three-year effort to create a republic. In 1807, after Napoleon Bonaparte led a French invasion in Portugal, King Dom Joao VI fled to Brazil. King Joao named his empire the Kingdom of Portugal and Brazil in 1815 and ruled in 1822, when Brazil proclaimed its independence from Portugal. The proclamation of independence was led by Pedro 1, who was the son of King Joao IV! After the slave trade ended in 1850, slavery was abolished in Brazil in 1888. This encouraged many European immigrants to move to Brazil, further increasing the diversity of the country. The Brazilian army removed Pedro II (Brazil’s emperor who was crowned in 1840) from power and finally became a republic by the early 1890s. At the same time, Deodoro da Fonseca became Brazil’s first president.

Brazil declared war on Germany in World War I in 1917 and then entered World War II on the side of the United States, Britain and France in 1945. Four years after the capital of Brazil was moved to the new city of Brasilia and 20 years of military dictatorship began in 1964. In 1985, the free and open elections marked the return of democracy in Brazil and a new democratic constitution was adopted in 1988. In 1994, Brazil established a new currency, the real, and set its value against the U.S. dollar, which lowered inflation. In 2011, Brazil elected its first female president, Dilma Rousseff, who is the first economist elected for the office.

Spiritual Climate:

Most of Brazil's population claims to be Roman Catholic; however, there are many other religious denominations in Brazil. Some of these churches are the: Protestant, Pentecostal, Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran, and Baptist. There are over a million and a half Spiritists or Kardescists who follow the doctrines of Allan Kardec. These Spiritists believe in reincarnation. There are followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; small minorities of Jews; Moslems, Buddhists and numerous followers of Candomble and Umbanda.

Candomble is a religion that was brought to Brazil by slaves from Nigeria. Candomble includes and is commonly known as Macumba; this is a form of Voodoo. Today, Catholicism and Candomble both are practiced by many people. In the early 18th century the slaves were seen as heathens to be assimilated by their Catholic masters into the Catholic religion. Slaves were forbidden to practice Candomble. To maintain their religion, slaves coupled their deities with important religious personalities in the Catholic religion. This way, the slave masters were happy that their slaves were celebrating and honoring the same religious figures they were. For example Oxala, a male God of procreation and harvest was identified with Jesus. Throughout the year, the two religions had corresponding festivals.

Economy:

Agriculture is a major sector of the Brazilian economy, and is key for economic growth and foreign exchange. Agriculture accounts for about 6% of GDP (25% when including agribusiness) and 36% of Brazilian exports. Brazil enjoyed a positive agricultural trade balance of \$55 billion in 2009. Brazil is the world's largest producer of sugarcane, coffee, tropical fruits, frozen orange juice, and has the world's largest commercial cattle herd (50% larger than that of the U.S.) at 170 million head. Brazil is also an important producer of soybeans (second to the United States), corn, cotton, cocoa, tobacco, and forest products. The remainder of agricultural output is in the livestock sector, mainly the production of beef and poultry (second to the United States), pork, milk, and seafood. By the second half of the 19th century, Brazil was deep in a new cycle with coffee as the major export. Today, coffee is still one of Brazil's major sources of income. Brazil's economy is diverse encompassing agriculture, industry, and many services. The recent economic strength has been due in part to a global boom in commodities prices with exports from beef to soybeans soaring.

Pictures of the People of Brazil



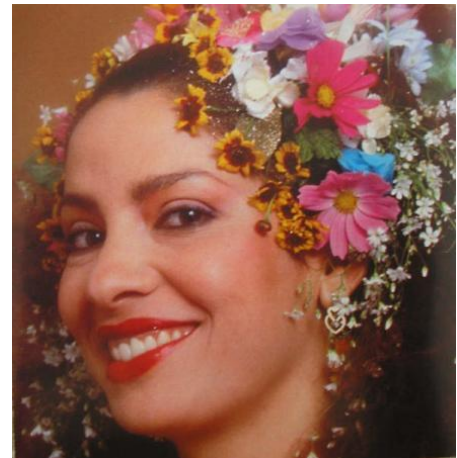
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5,800



Tupinamba
4,700



Pitaguari
3,900



Afro- Brazilian
16,000,000

Population

Because of Brazil's intermarriage and blending of many immigrant ethnicities, it has been called "a melting pot of nations." At least 38 % of Brazil has at least some mixed ethnic heritage because of the strong European, African and Asian presence.

Unreached People of Brazil

The Joshua Project defines “unreached people” as the following: a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group. Brazil has 61 unreached people groups. Those considered not to be reached are estimated at 129,000 people.

Below are the top five unreached People Groups with corresponding information.

| People | Population | % Evangl | % Christ Adherent | Least Reached | Unengaged | Primary Religion | Bible Status | Jesus Film | Audio |
|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| Jew | 97,000 | 0.30% | 1.00% | Y | | Ethnic Religions | Complete | Y | Y |
| Turk | 5,800 | 0.06% | 0.09% | Y | Y | Islam | Complete | Y | Y |
| Tupinamba | 4,700 | 0.01% | Unknown | Y | Y | Ethnic Religions | Complete | Y | Y |
| Pitaguari | 3,900 | 0.50% | 5.00% | Y | Y | Ethnic Religions | Complete | Y | Y |
| Karapoto | 2,200 | 0.00% | 5.00% | Y | Y | Ethnic Religions | Complete | Y | Y |

Money Conversions

1.00 USD = 1.5765 BRL

US Dollar Brazilian Real

0.6343 USD = 1 BRL

The Leader of Brazil

Dilma Vana Rousseff is the 36th and current President of Brazil. She is the first woman to hold the office. Prior to that, in 2005, she also was the first woman to become Chief of Staff of Brazil, appointed by then President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The president holds office for 4 years, with the right to re-election for an additional 4-year term, and appoints her own cabinet.

Primary Religions

Christianity is Brazil’s primary religion, followed by a distant second “religion” called Ethnoreligion.

Time Zone Differences

Brazil is one hour ahead of the Eastern Standard Time Zone. For example, if it is 8:00 am in Richmond, Virginia, it is 9:00 am in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Electricity

The Brazilian power outlets are suited for use with the US American flat pin type electrical plugs. In general the voltage throughout the country is **110V AC 60Hz**. Outlets are often a combination of Type A and C, and can accept either plug. In the states of Bahia, Parana (including Curitiba), Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais, voltage found may be 127V, though 220V is probably found in hotels. Fortaleza has 240V.

Other Interesting Facts About Brazil

- One of the largest countries in South America, with the fastest growing economy
- It consists of 26 States
- Sao Paulo is Brazil's largest city
- Based on a population of almost 200 million, Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world
- 0.5% of the population (about 1 million people) is Asian
- About 88% of the population is literate
- Brazil is the largest Catholic nation in the world
- The official language is Portuguese
- Declared independence from Portugal on September 7, 1822
- The Amazon basin tropical rain forest covers approximately one-third of the country
- One of the world's leading exports in coffee, sugar, soya beans, bananas, cocoa, rice tobacco and cattle major commodities
- Scientists have estimated that there may be up to four million species of plants and animals in Brazil. More and more species are discovered everyday
- The most popular sport is football (referred to as Soccer in the U.S)
- Won the FIFA World Cup five times- in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002
- Brazil is hosting the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Basketball, car racing, martial arts, volleyball, swimming and tennis are all fairly popular in parts of Brazil
- The highest court is the Supreme Federal Tribunal
- During elections, voting is required for everyone between age 18 and 65

Industries

Brazil's industry makes up 14 % of its labor force. Outside of its agricultural sector, it is the lead producer in textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, iron ore, tin, steel, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts.

Gestures, Mannerisms or Culture

Do's:

- Greet and say goodbye to men with a handshake
- Bring some anti-diarrhea medicines and antibiotics
- Keep your purse close to your body
- Act the same way Brazilians do at the beach

Don'ts:

- Drink the tap water
- Take urban transportation, like buses (only taxi, car, van or private rentals are advised)
- Eat any street foods
- Travel alone at night
- Make the OK sign with your hand—it is considered a rude gesture

Common Portuguese Phrases

The following are popular Portuguese greetings and phrases:

Greetings

Hello – *Olá*

Goodbye – *Adeus/Até Logo*

Good Morning – *Bom Dia (zgea)*

Good Afternoon – *Boa Tarde*

Good Evening – *Boa Noite*

How are you? – *Tudo Bem (bayme)?*

I'm fine – *Tudo Bon*

Courtesy Phrases

Excuse me – *Desculpe*

With your permission (used when trying to move past someone) – *Com licença (licensa)*

Sorry – *Eu sinto muito*

Thank you – *Obrigado (male)*

Obrigada (female)

Thank you very much - *Muito Obrigado/Obrigada*

You're Welcome – *de nada*

Questions

Who – *quem*

What – *o que*

Where – *onde*

When – *quando*

Why – *porque*

How much – *quanto*

How many – *quantos*

Answers

Yes – *sim*

No – *não*

Maybe – *talvez*

Always – *sempre*

Never – *nunca*

Sometimes – *às vezes*

I hope so – *Eu espero então*

Of course - *naturalmente*

Of course not– *naturalmente não*

Praise and Worship Phrases

Glory to God – *Gloria a Deus*

Hallelujah – *aleluia*

God bless you – *qué Deus te abençoe (abensoy)*

TIPS ON DEALING WITH JET LAG

Here is a description of what Jet Lag is and how to deal with it. We pray that this would be of benefit to you as you join us in Brazil.

- Jet Lag is a condition that affects us physically (e.g. swollen feet) mentally (e.g. disorientation), and emotionally (e.g. anxiety). It is caused by the environmental deviations of traveling – shifts in time, alterations in magnetic fields, differences in climate and cultures, prolonged exposure to re-circulated air in airplanes, dehydration, and other factors.
- Some symptoms are: constipation, clammy sweat, dehydration, diarrhea, disorientation, dry cough, dry eyes, dry skin, ear ache, fatigue, headache, hemorrhoids, impaired coordination, impaired vision, impatience, insomnia, insecurity, irregular heartbeat, lightheadedness, low blood sugar, memory loss, nausea, sore throat, swelling of limbs (this list is not exhaustive).
- Some ideas on how to cope with Jet Lag:
 - Pre-flight:
 - Make sure all of your personal and business affairs are in order, so that your mind is at ease for the duration of your trip.
 - Get plenty of exercise to build up your body to fight off possible sickness from the new environment.
 - Get a good night's sleep prior to departure.
 - During flight:
 - Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, water is best
 - Wear loose and layered clothing
 - Take off your shoes to ease pressure on your feet. Some airlines provide sock-like slippers, or you may want to purchase your own. Some feet remain swelled for up to 24 hours after arrival, so make sure you carry loose fitting shoes to change into when you land.
 - Get as much exercise as you can when you're awake-walk up and down the aisles.
 - While seated, rotate your ankles around from time to time
 - Yawn or chew gum to avoid pressure build up in the ears
 - When sleeping, you may want to use blindfolds, ear plugs, neck rests to help keep your sleep free from interruptions.
 - Extended stopover:
 - Showers are available at some major airports. Taking a shower will help your muscles and circulation get going again and may help you recover more quickly from the general effects of Jet Lag.
 - Medications:
 - There are both homeopathic and allopathic remedies for Jet Lag-ask your physician about what may be right for you.
 - Sleeping pills are not recommended for the the duration of the flight, because prolonged immobility can lead to blood clots, which can be fatal. You want to be sure to have time for both sleep and being mobile during long flights
 - After flight:
 - Set your watch to the local time
 - Adjust your bedtime as soon as possible to the local time
 - Take a hot bath if possible