

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Access to Justice, Brazil

Providing legal assistance to poor families

Researcher's statement

'Many people in Aliança do Tocantins struggle to cover the basics, let alone legal representation. The church has been instrumental in helping those who wouldn't normally be represented have a voice.' Priscilla Latham, Link Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean



Brazil factfile

Capital: Brasília
Languages: Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and a large number of minor Amerindian languages
Religion: Christianity, indigenous beliefs
Export: Coffee, soya beans, wheat, reice, corn, sugar cane, cocoa, beef
Further reading:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil>

USPG in Brazil

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About this Project...

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The Brazilian justice system is fragile and legal support is expensive. Poor families are often forced to accept unfair settlements. USPG is working with the church in Brasília to ensure that poor people can also have access to justice, not just those who can afford it. Through this, the protection of justice is being extended to the impoverished and marginalized populations of Aliança do Tocantins and surrounding towns. This advocacy Project provides legal assistance and support to those who do

not have access to the services of a lawyer to enforce their legal rights. The Project began in June 2006 and in its first year, it helped 105 cases. To raise awareness of injustice and tell people about this advocacy work, the church and community are producing educational radio programmes about human rights for fellow citizens. These are broadcast twice a month and people from the community are interviewed for the programmes.

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