

TRAINING LEADERS

Exploring Christian faith in Brazil

Presenting the Christian faith in new ways

In their own words

‘Our community is extremely diverse. We want to bring more people into the church, so that we can survive as a church. As a diocese, we are also promoting social activities to help the less fortunate in our communities.’

–Bishop of São Paulo, Rt Revd R Bird



Brazil factfile

Capital: Brasília

Languages: Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and a large number of Amerindian languages

Religion: Christianity, indigenous beliefs

Export: Coffee, soya beans, wheat, rice, corn, sugar cane, cocoa, beef

Further reading:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil>

USPG in Brazil

USPG has been supporting Projects in Brazil since 1988, making its first grant to the Diocese of Pelotas. Since then, we have maintained close relations and currently support 20 Projects in Brazil



About this Project...

▶ **Target: £2,668 / €3,068 | Project 475**

The Diocese of São Paulo is offering communities a chance to explore the basic principles of Christian faith in a relaxed and informal setting by providing non-church goers and new Christians with a forum in which to answer questions about Christianity in a helpful way.

Many parishes in the diocese are very isolated due to the large distances between cities, making it more difficult for clergy to reach the people in the diocese.

The courses are stimulating people to think more about their faith and to participate more in the life of the church.

This project will enable the church to grow spiritually, in faith, and numerically in attendance.

The Alpha course in particular is a great way for participants to put into action all the things they learn through the in-depth bible studies. It's a tool for mobilizing people to bring about positive change.

With more membership, the church can reach out to more people and promote social activities to help the less fortunate in the communities that make up the diocese.

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