

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Nicholas Wheeler in Brazil

USPG Mission Companion

In their own words

'I believe that God has called me to a new beginning in a place to which he has lent his own name.'

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Brazil factfile

Capital: Brasilia

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

Religion: Roman Catholic 73.6%, Protestant 15.4%, Other 11%

Export: Coffee, soybeans, wheat, rice, corn, sugarcane, citrus, beef, textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, lumber

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USPG in Brazil

USPG has been supporting Projects in Brazil since 1988, and maintains a close relationship with the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil. USPG currently supports 19 Projects in Brazil as well as personnel.

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £18,190 / €20,293 | Project B04**

Cidade de Deus (City of God) is one of the most disadvantaged communities in Rio de Janeiro. Built in the 1960s to provide a new start for the city's poor, it became a notorious haven for drug trafficking and gun crime. Fernando Meirelles' award-winning film in 2003 brought the neighbourhood to world attention and the battles between the dealers and the police or rival drugs gangs which left many dead.

Nicholas Wheeler, a parish priest from London Diocese, has been asked to support the work of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil as it seeks to make a difference to the people of the City of God. He is attached

to the Parish of Christ the King in the heart of the community. The congregation is small but growing and shares its space with a number of social projects which provide local people with job skills, English classes and counselling.

In a city where a huge statue of Christ the Redeemer looks down from a mountain top with outstretched arms of unconditional love, this project is attempting to translate this vision of God into a practical expression of his love for the world in one of its most broken and abandoned places.

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