A Church Assistance Program

Brazil was our first AFLC Mission field. Sent out in 1964, Rev. John and Ruby Abel planted our first AFLC Congregation in Campo Mourao near the center of the sate of Parana in southern Brazil.

The Lord has blessed the work of our missionaries, and today, nearly forty years later, the Brazilian National Church is ready to embark on a new venture. Called "Primavera"

after the beautiful yellow flowering "Ipe' tree that blooms in the lush Brazilian springtime, this project symbolizes a beginning—a new growth and



outreach for the Brazilian National Church.

Through this program, AFLC churches in the U.S. will provide financial assistance while the Brazilian AFLC will build the churches. By providing this assistance, the United States AFLC and the Brazilian AFLC will form a partnership to reach the lost and further the Kingdom of God

This project has been approved by the AFLC World Missions Committee with the vision of forming ongoing building partnerships with the Brazilian National Church to build new churches.

How does the "Primavera Project" Work

The AFLC Brazil National Church will select the sites, buy the property, and build the church. This will be done only after the national church has had an effective evangelistic campaign in the areas and has determined the needs and feasibility of the fledgling congregation.

As many people know, Brazil is a country with an abundance of rapidly growing cities. Every effort is being made to focus on heavily populated areas, preferably where AFLC members have relocated. This will form a nucleus of people eager to witness and continue the work of reaching the lost. Once the national church in Brazil determines the location, congregations in the U.S. would provide the finances to buy the building materials.

What does one "Primavera Project" cost?

Since it is almost impossible to borrow money in Brazil because of excessive interest rates and stringent restrictions, church buildings almost always have to be built with cash. Right now our AFLC Brazilian Congregations are sending their tithes to the national church to be used for purchasing the properties and for sending out national pastors.

Because of insect and termite problems, concrete and brick products must be used. Yet the materials for a moderately-sized church cost only \$15,000. For that price, a basic one-story church, 50' by 26' can be built. This will provide an immediate sanctuary that could be turned into a fellowship hall or Sunday School rooms as the congregation grows and adds onto the church.



As a model, the original Central church in Campo Mourao was built with funds from the U.S. and held about 100 people. In 2000, a beautiful sanctuary was funded entirely by the Brazilian congregation.

Where will the "Primavera Project" be

built?

The national church built its first "Primavera" church in Londrina, PR in 2003. In 2004 the second was built at the Iguacu Falls, PR and in 2005 the third



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is being completed in Campo Largo, PR.

By the help of God, the goal is to build at least one church a year up to 2019. The Brazilians have been praying for forty churches by that time. This is not our work , this is the Lord's work. Let each one of us be faithful to the Lord.

What are the Benefits?

On the spiritual level, who can estimate the value of souls saved for eternity? On the physical level, this "partnership project" would be a significant boost for the Brazilian AFLC. It would invigorate the young established congregations. It would encourage pastors who are currently graduating from our AFLC seminary in Brazil and are unable to serve because of the limited number of congregations. In a country the size of Brazil, the sixth largest country in the world, the potential for ministry is enormous.

Being involved in a project like this can also multiply blessing for our local congregations, as we follow Christ's Great Commission and catch the vision of "field white unto harvest."



Interior of Londrina church 2003 Primavera Project

How can I get Involved?

The immediate goal is to raise \$15,000 per year from our AFLC districts, congregations and/or individual's. Pray for our AFLC Missionaries and the Brazil National Church as they work with this



project.

Gifts can be given to this project by sending them to the AFLC World Missions office. Checks can be made payable to AFLC World Missions with the phrase "Primavera Project " on the memo line.

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The Primavera Project

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The first "Primavera Project" built in 2003



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