Let's Build a Church!

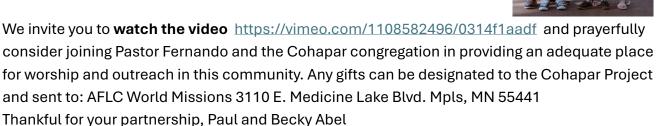
The reason for this letter is to ask for your cooperation in a special project for a small but growing church located in **Campo Mourão**, the city where the Brazilian AFLC work began in the 1960s. During our ministry we were extremely blessed to receive cooperation from U.S. donors in building the four churches we planted in the metropolitan area of Curitiba. Now, we are partnering with another congregation—the **Cohapar Church**—to raise funds so they may have an adequate place of worship.

Their present church building was constructed many years ago and is now in serious disrepair. Termites have destroyed much of the wooden structure, the concrete walls are cracked, the ceiling is falling apart, and the space is no longer adequate for the number of people who meet there regularly.

The **World Missions Board** has approved this project, a modest request of **\$50,000**. With the help of interested individuals and churches, this goal can easily be reached—blessing the Cohapar congregation with a safe, functional, and welcoming place of worship. The members of the church will be doing much of the labor. Below is the proposed construction plan. The current building (represented by the middle and far-right sections) will be repaired and remodeled, while the new sanctuary will be built on the left.



The Cohapar Church is pastored by **Fernando**, a gifted young leader who also teaches at our Brazilian seminary and works with missionary John Lee in producing literature for our churches in Portuguese. Under Pastor Fernando's leadership, the church has grown to 40 members. Located in a poor area of town, the congregation has many opportunities to share the Gospel in the large housing development surrounding the church.



1 John 3:16-18

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."