

From the President...

GOD IS DOING INCREDIBLE THINGS IN BRAZIL!



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OC has been serving the church in Brazil since 1963, and there has never been a more exciting time in our 43 years of ministry there than right now! Over the past 10 years, the growth of the Brazilian church has literally exploded and our OC team has been at the very heart of this phenomenal church growth. Here's the story...

By the early '90s, according to government statistics, the evangelical church in Brazil made up 9% of the population of the country. In 1993 a goal was set by Brazilian church leaders to saturate Brazil with evangelical churches so that there would be a church within easy access of every Brazilian. By the end of 1994 research indicated that there were around 64,000 evangelical churches in Brazil. To see a church within easy access of every Brazilian would require a total of 250,000 churches. These 250,000 churches became the goal of a nationwide saturation church planting movement called Brazil 2010.

Working in partnership with many denominations, missions, and parachurch agencies, our OC team in Brazil has had the privilege of helping to provide leadership for the Brazil 2010 movement over the past 10 years. Oswaldo Prado has served as the national coordinator, Rubens Muzio as the strategy coordinator, and Eunice Zilner as the research coordinator. Oswaldo, Rubens, and Eunice are all Brazilian members of our team in Brazil. Other OC Brazil team members have also played important roles in the Brazil 2010 movement over the past 10 years.

The Lord has blessed their efforts in an incredible way! By the year 2000, the percentage of evangelicals in Brazil had more than doubled, growing from 9% to over 20% of the population. Just as exciting, by the end of 2004, the number of evangelical churches in Brazil had increased from 64,000 to over 209,000! This means that in a 10-year period, the number of evangelical churches in Brazil had increased by over 145,000 churches! At this rate of growth, the goal of seeing 250,000 churches in Brazil by 2010 will be surpassed!

There is still a huge job of church planting which remains to be done. In the Amazon basin alone there are more than 30,000 river villages that are completely unreached. The task isn't done, and neither are we as a mission! Our Brazil team is continuing on with their commitment to seeing the goal accomplished of 250,000 evangelical churches by the year 2010. Please join with me in praising God for the incredible growth the church in Brazil has experienced over these past 10 years, and ask Him that He will make possible the accomplishment of the goal of 250,000 churches by the year 2010.



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