



## **BRAZIL**

- *Since 1996 we have been many times in our country for short and middle term missions, serving different ministries preaching and teaching God's word. We were able to meet a great number of Christians from Assemblies of God, Full Gospel Church, Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nova Vida Christian addiction Rehab, Way of Grace Church, Foursquare Gospel Church, Grace in Unity Church, Amemenor ministry, Baptist ministries among others in the states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina, Ceara and Minas Gerais.*
- *We got to know many church leaders in the country and also served as translators for foreigner missionaries.*

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

## GROUTh IN BRAZIL

- *While Christianity in much of North America and Europe stagnates, vibrant new churches are taking root around the globe, churches that are increasingly providing the next generation of cross-cultural “good news” bearers. The Brazilian Evangelical church is an excellent case in point, in part because it is, to a large degree, representative of other emerging churches. According to Larry Kraft, a specialist in Brazilian church growth, Brazil was only about 1% Evangelical in 1900.*
- *The 2010 Census reported that 22.2% of the Brazilian population is Evangelical, about 44 million people, making it one of the world's largest concentration of believers. A great revival swept the nation and millions came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- *After hosting a great number of North Americans and Europeans missionary, Brazil had become one of the largest missionary senders in the world. And below are some reasons for this great divine miracle.*
- ***Ecclesiastically:*** *As we've already mentioned, with over 40 million adherents, the Brazilian Evangelical church is huge, a force to be mobilized.*
- ***Spiritually:*** *Brazilian believers are vivacious and spiritually attuned, both to God and to other realities of the spiritual world.*
- ***Culturally:*** *Brazilians are relational, outgoing people who generally have much more in common culturally with the unreached peoples of the world than do the traditional sending nations from North America and Europe.*

- ***Ethnically:*** Brazil is an ethnically diverse country. From the early miscegenation of the “big three” – the indigenous peoples, the Iberian peoples and the African peoples – to the more recent arrival of millions of immigrants from the Middle East (Arab and Jews), Japan, China, Italy, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Latvia, etc, Brazilians are accustomed to living in close proximity with people from diverse ethnic backgrounds.
- ***Historically:*** Brazil was never a “colonizer” in any sense of the word, but rather was colonized, holding this in common with many of the unreached nations of the world Fact book. However, there are no standardized definitions, and the researcher ends up with a shopping cart full of domains such as “Christian,” “Protestant,” “Evangelical,” “Pentecostal,” “Independent,” “Great Commission Christians,” etc., often with varying definitions, with huge areas of overlap and with no objective mechanism by which to compare them accurately.

- *My understanding of the data indicates that, while it is difficult to ascertain the exact ranking of the five countries with the largest populations of biblically defined believers in, and followers of, the Lord Jesus Christ, we can determine that 1) China and the USA occupy the first two positions (not necessarily in that order) and, 2) Brazil, India and Nigeria occupy positions three through five (not necessarily in that order).*
- ***Politically:*** *Brazil is traditionally a neutral country and has caused very little offense around the globe (no one burns the Brazilian flag in the streets . . . except may be during the world cup!!!)*
- ***Economically:*** *Despite recent small economic setbacks, Brazil is an increasingly strong player on the global scene*

- ***Biblically:*** *We must remember that God has called all His people, His global family, not just the Western church, to take His glory to the nations.*
- ***And don't forget:*** *Brazilians are the best soccer players in the world, and the world loves soccer, "the beautiful game," as Pelé called it. Soccer, and many other things distinctly or uniquely Brazilian, open doors of opportunity in places where "Westerners" cannot freely go, or will not be effective if they do go.*













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