



Brazil Project 2019

Information Packet

Location: Franco da Rocha, Brazil

Project Dates: January 24 - February 3, 2019

Total Fee: \$875*

Children 12 and under: \$725

Optional Excursion: \$425

(Age determined on the start date of the project)



**All amounts listed in document are in U.S. dollars. International flights are not included in participation fee.*

Maranatha in Brazil

Maranatha began working in Brazil in 2011 when Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership discovered a need for church buildings. Since 2011, Maranatha has completed hundreds of churches throughout the country as well as a large Education and Evangelism Center in the city of Castanhal. This large structure provides learning space for many students to hear about God.

Project Overview

Volunteers on this project will be working in a suburb neighborhood of São Paulo called Franco da Rocha. The Adventist congregation in this community has about 50 members, and for 13 years they have met together to worship in a small, rented garage each Sabbath. The 15 young people of the church meet in a neighbor's house next door because there is not enough room in the church. The children's division is in a very small room (about 4 feet by 4 feet), and they have made chairs out of plastic soda bottles and foam padding. The congregation is very active and has been encouraging people to worship with them; but they have gone through challenges because they don't meet in a dedicated church building and they just don't have the space to expand their congregation. However, this doesn't seem to discourage them, as they just baptized another family of six in July of 2018.

The congregation has been praying for a new church where they can continue to spread God's love to the community. Volunteers on this trip will get to help answer their prayers. The congregation has secured a plot of land just around the corner from where they've been meeting, and Maranatha has agreed to put a new church building on the property. Volunteers will build the block walls for the new church.

Project Schedule

Thursday, January 24
Arrival in Sao Paulo, Brazil (GRU)

Friday, January 25
Orientation and first work day

Saturday, January 26
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday - Friday, January 27-Feb 1
Work days

Saturday, February 2
Worship with the local congregations

Sunday, February 3
Departure or continue on the optional excursion

OPTIONAL EXCURSION
Sunday, February 3
Fly to Iguazu Falls, Hydroelectric Dam

Monday, February 4
Visit Brazil side of falls, boat trip, and Three Borders village

Tuesday, February 5
Visit Argentina side of falls, departures home

There are also several outreach opportunities that the group can take part in such as children's ministry programs and health education. If we have enough volunteers, we would like to offer these programs to the community. If you are interested in leading or helping with these activities, please contact Maranatha.

Accommodations

During the project, volunteers will stay at Hotel Classic in Franco Da Rocha. The hotel is about an hour and a half from the airport in São Paulo, so the group will travel directly to the hotel when they arrive on the 24th. The hotel is small and basic, between a 1 and 2-star facility, depending on how you rate hotels. We chose this level because it is adequate, safe, and clean, and it keeps the participation fee manageable for families. We mention this in advance so you can adjust your expectations for the mission trip.

The hotel provides clean bedding and towels, private bathrooms, and instant hot water heater showers. We recommend that you bring your own washcloths as they are not commonly provided in Brazil. All the rooms have overhead ceiling fans and Wi-Fi, but at slower connection speeds than common at home. The hotel is located right on main street in a gated parking lot area, so there isn't a lot of space around the hotel. The group will meet together for meals and worship in a small dining room. Each day, the group will travel by private transportation to the job site, which is about 15 minutes away.

Most of the rooms are double and triple occupancy, so volunteers should plan on staying with one or two other volunteers. We divide the volunteers based by gender and then age, but if you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project (December 17). During the project, there may be some single occupancy rooms available for an extra cost of \$165 per person. If you are interested in a single occupancy room, please email volunteer@maranatha.org or call (916) 774-7700.

Optional Excursion

Iguazu Falls | \$425

At the end of the project volunteers can choose to extend their stay in Brazil by joining an optional excursion to the world famous, Iguazu Falls. This excursion has an additional fee of \$425, which will cover all hotels, meals, ground transportation, entrance fees, tour guides, and insurance during the excursion days. The fee does not cover the domestic flight from Sao Paulo to Foz do Iguacu on February 3. Volunteers will be responsible for booking their own domestic flight. Details on the exact flight to book are listed in the travel information section of this packet.

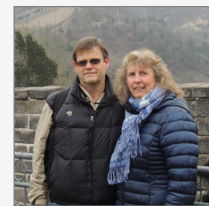


On Sunday, those staying on for excursion will travel by plane to Foz do Iguacu where they'll start their tour. Iguazu Falls is located on the Brazil-Argentina border. It is said that from Brazil you "see" the falls and from Argentina you "live" the falls, and visitors on this tour will get to enjoy the falls from both sides of the border. Iguazu comes from two Guarani words meaning "Big Water." Depending on the water level there are between 150 and 300 individual cascades of water including the largest fall, Garganta do Diablo, or "Devil's Throat," where about half of the river's flow falls more than 250 feet to the base. In addition to seeing the falls from both sides of the border, the group will also take a boat ride up the river to the base of the falls and visit a hydroelectric dam in Brazil that creates about 25% of the electricity for the country of Brazil and is the world's largest producer of electric power. On Monday night, the group will visit the Marco das Tres Fronteiras, the location where Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay meet. There, you'll enjoy the sunset and have an opportunity to buy some souvenirs. The group will then depart for home Tuesday afternoon or evening, February 5. Volunteers should plan on double occupancy rooms with a roommate.

Leadership

David and Judy Shull | Project Coordinators

Judy and David Shull have joined Maranatha on numerous projects in North America, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. They are the parents of two grown sons who have accompanied them on many of the trips. David is an architect at Progressive AE in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and works on various projects around the United States. Judy is the director of the independent ministry Childhoods With Jesus. This program works with parents, teachers, and children to create enthusiastic learning environments for children in order to build a relationship with Jesus and prepare them for eternal life in Heaven. David and Judy enjoy helping volunteers and local church members grow together through the construction of a new church home.



We Need Your Help

The team is looking for a children's ministry and a health education leader. If you would be interested in leading in either of these areas, please contact Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

Expenses

**All amounts listed in document are in U.S. dollars.*

The total fee of \$875 covers housing, three vegetarian meals a day, ground transportation to and from the airport and project site, local excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt and luggage tags. The participation fee is tax-deductible. The optional excursion is not tax-deductible.

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by December 17, 2018 due to application processing time.

Wait for confirmation of acceptance on the project before purchasing your airfare.

Payments can be made by cash or check sent to the Maranatha office in California (please include your name and "Brazil Project - January 2019") or by credit or debit card online or over the phone.

For Canadian tax-deductible receipts, payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address is located at the end of this information packet). At this time Maranatha cannot issue tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

Estimate of Additional Costs

Flight to São Paulo:	\$900 - \$1500
Optional Excursion Flight:	\$150
Passport:	\$130 or \$110 for renewal
eVisa:	\$45
Yellow Fever Vaccine:	\$75 - \$300 (depending on insurance)
Malaria Prevention:	\$30 - \$200 (depending on insurance)

About Brazil

From the wildlife-rich Amazon basin to the bustling city of São Paulo, Brazil is a land of diversity. The colonial baroque buildings of Salvador are contrasted against the modernity of Brasilia. The culture of its people burst from the drums of the Samba and the colorful costumes that adorn the Carnival dancers. These contrasts define Brazilian culture and reflect much of the country's history.



Facts and Figures

Capital:
Brasilia

Population:
207.3 million

Language:
Portuguese

Climate:
Mostly tropical, temperate in the South

Religion:
Roman Catholic 65%, Protestant 22%

Currency:
Brazilian Real

Three primary indigenous tribes originally inhabited Brazil. In 1531, Portuguese sailors arrived in search of spices, ivory, and diamonds, and they brought with them diseases, war, and slavery. The Portuguese settlers also brought something else with them: Catholicism. Jesuit missions sprang up in small villages as the priests tried to convert the local Indians, many times through force.

In the early 1800s, as Portugal was under invasion from Napoleon, Dom João VI, Portuguese prince and regent, fled with his family for the Brazilian colonies. Brazil became the first and only colony to have a European monarch ruling on its soil. When Dom João returned to Europe, his son Dom Pedro I declared independence for Brazil, naming himself Emperor. It wasn't until 1989 that Brazil held its first democratic election. Throughout its history, Brazil has remained an economic asset and a leading exporter of sugar, coffee beans, and rubber.

Unfortunately, the heavy demand for rubber during the late 1800s caused extensive deforestation in the Amazon basin. While the Amazonia region is still home to more than 300 species of mammals and 2,000 species of fish, hundreds of Brazil's animal species are endangered, and major ecosystems are threatened due to the destruction of natural environments.

In Brazil there is a stark contrast between the lives of the rich and the poor, many of whom live in favelas or makeshift slum communities. However, no matter the social status, all Brazilians share two common loves: football (soccer) and music. One visit to Rio de Janeiro will quickly reveal their enthusiasm for sports teams and enjoyment of music and dance.

Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of São Paulo (see below). If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have long wait times at the airport or may be responsible for paying additional transportation for your individual airport transfer.

Flights

Arrivals | Please arrive in São Paulo, Brazil (airport code GRU) in the morning or early afternoon of Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Departure (Project Only) | Please depart from São Paulo (GRU) in the morning or early afternoon of Sunday, February 3, 2019. A lot of flights leave from São Paulo in the evening. You are more than welcome to book those flights, but it will result in a longer wait at the airport because the rest of the group will be departing early in the morning for the optional excursion.

Departure (Optional Excursion) | If you are planning on joining the optional excursion, please book the following flights:

1. Please book Gol Airlines flight number 1170 from São Paulo (GRU) to Foz do Iguaçu (IGU) departing at 10:00 a.m. and arriving at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2019.
2. Book your departure home from Foz do Iguaçu (IGU) in the afternoon or evening of Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Flights should depart after 12:00pm.

Please book this flight as soon as possible to ensure you get a seat and the best possible rate. If this flight has been fully booked when you arrange your travel, please call Maranatha for an alternate flight number.

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Brazil has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than January 24 or stay beyond February 3 or 5 to explore the country on your own. The Maranatha dates are firm and any extra travel must coincide with the arrival and departure windows above. Please make your own hotel and transportation plans for any days outside of the Maranatha project dates. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha (916) 774-7700

Travel Resources

Azumano Travel: 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com

Butler Travel: 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at nathan@butlertravel.com or with Ellen at with ellen@butlertravel.com.

Kayak: www.kayak.com

When contacting the Azumano or Butler travel agencies, mention Maranatha to receive a discounted service charge.

Entry Requirements

Below are the entrance requirements for U.S., Canadian, and Australian citizens. If you are from another country, please consult the Brazilian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

Passport | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (August 8, 2019). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at www.passport.gc.ca. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Tourist Visa | In addition to a passport, travelers must also have a valid visa for the country of Brazil before traveling. A document with complete visa requirements and tips for filling out your application will be emailed to you with your registration confirmation. A Brazilian eVisa can now be done online and you will receive your visa normally within five business days. The eVisa is good for two years, and this is what Maranatha is recommending for this project. A visa that is good for five or ten years can also be acquired at the Brazilian embassy in your jurisdiction.

Staying Healthy

Maranatha requires that every volunteer have a current tetanus vaccine (within the last 10 years). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends vaccines for hepatitis A, typhoid, and yellow fever, as well as an oral antimalarial medication other than chloroquine.

You may already have some of these vaccinations and they may still be good for this trip. Others you may deem unnecessary for this trip. Maranatha recommends that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in Brazil and the ways to minimize them.

Malaria, Yellow Fever, and Mosquitoes

São Paulo is within the transmission area for both malaria and yellow fever, two life-threatening diseases transmitted primarily by mosquitos. Maranatha suggests you speak with a medical professional regarding malaria and yellow fever prevention options.

Malaria is prevented through several different oral medications. Each has different side effects and dosages, so speak with a travel clinic doctor before making a decision on whether to take a certain medication. When considering preventative medications for malaria, keep in mind that chloroquine is NOT effective in Brazil. The malaria strain present in the country is considered to be chloroquine-resistant.

Yellow fever is prevented by a vaccination. As of May, 2018 there is an outbreak of yellow fever in many of the northwestern states. The CDC has issued a level 2 alert recommending travelers to take enhanced precautions such as getting the vaccine and preventing mosquito bites. There is currently a shortage of the yellow fever vaccine, making it harder to acquire and more expensive. Plan ahead for this as you may have to travel to another nearby city to receive this vaccine. Maranatha always recommends speaking with your doctor because this vaccine may not be recommended for all travelers, especially older volunteers.

If you are unable (or choose not) to take these preventative measures, Maranatha recommends that you avoid mosquitos as much as possible through preventative measures such as wearing mosquito repellent, long pants and sleeves and avoiding being outside at dusk and dawn when the mosquitoes are most active.

Zika

Recently the Zika virus has been spreading around Latin America. This mosquito-borne disease acts similar to a hard-hitting flu with symptoms lasting about two weeks. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the disease, and the CDC has issued a level 2 warning. This warning does not suggest that you postpone all travel, but it does urge travelers to take heightened precautions to avoid being bitten.

This virus is still being studied, and information is continuing to be released. Currently, there are no known long-term effects; however, there does seem to be a link between the virus and possible birth defects in babies born from women who were infected during their pregnancy. Maranatha recommends speaking with your doctor to determine if Zika should affect your travel.

How to Register

To register, please complete the online registration and pay the full participation fee or an initial deposit of at least half the total participation fee. You can make this payment by credit card online or over the phone or with a check made out to Maranatha Volunteers International and sent to the address below. If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, Maranatha will do their best to refund your deposit up until one month before travel. After that point, \$150 is non-refundable and the remainder will depend on the reservations and the project arrangements already made.

Register online at Maranatha.org or over the phone.

Contact Information

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