



Brazil



Introduction to BRAZIL

THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL is the largest nation in South America in size, economy and population. Its culture is influenced by its Portuguese heritage, enormous stretches of Atlantic coastline and deep rain forests, which spread out from the Amazon River. Though it faces problems of crime and unequal distribution of wealth, Brazil also has extensive natural resources and thriving, influential mega-cities.

The BRAZILIAN people

Total population:	198,739,269
Children under 15:	53,155,124
Average Life Expectancy:	71.99 years
Per capita annual income:	\$10,200
% children in primary school:	92.58%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	88.6%
Internet users:	64.948 million
Cell phones in use:	150.641 million
Major/official language(s):	Portuguese

Risk issues impacting children:

- Literacy, infant mortality and water coverage in Brazil's most impoverished states (which include about 12 million children) are well below the national average.
- High rates of crime and violence.
- Many schools do not successfully teach basic skills.

More about BRAZIL

Capital city:	Brasilia
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	8,517,877
General terrain:	Mostly flat-to-rolling lowlands in north; some plains, hills, mountains, and narrow coastal belt
Major industries/jobs:	Textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, lumber, iron ore, tin, steel, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, other machinery and equipment
National motto:	"Order and Progress"
Major airport(s):	Aeroporto Galeão in Rio de Janeiro; Aeroporto Guarulhos in São Paulo

Reaching BRAZIL

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 89%
None	- 7.4%
Other	- 1.8%
Spiritualist	- 1.3%
Bantu/voodoo	- 0.3%
Unspecified	- 0.2%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 78.3%
Protestant	- 8.7%
Independent	- 8%
Other	- 4.8%
Orthodox	- 0.1%
Anglican	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	58 (0.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.022
Average annual baptisms:	3,431,772
Foreign missionaries:	26,400
Per million:	141.30
National Christian workers/pastors:	125,000
Per million:	669.06
Number of churches/congregations:	100,375

Children's ministry in BRAZIL

Overview: • Brazil is a predominantly Christian nation, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.

- It boasts a huge population of children (the nation is home to more than 53 million children) and a church that places heavy emphasis on reaching and discipling them.
- Children's ministry leaders in Brazil are very dedicated and creative, though they face familiar challenges such as lack of materials, lack of space, and few training opportunities.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
100,375 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
53,155,124 children for Christ