

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# Ruth and Saulo de Barros in Brazil

*USPG Mission Companions in the Diocese of the Amazon*

**In their own words**

*‘We hope that we are seeing the beginning of a partnership between different groups and that by working together, we can change the way people treat the Amazon forest and its people.’* Ruth de Barros, USPG Mission Companion



**Brazil factfile**

**Capital:** Brasilia  
**Languages:** Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and Amerindian languages  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic 73.6%, Protestant 15.4%, Other 11%  
**Export:** Coffee, soybeans, wheat, rice, corn, sugarcane, citrus, beef, textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, lumber  
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Belém is a city in the Amazon region of the northern part of Brazil, in the Amazon and is both the capital and the largest city in the state of Pará. It has high levels of illiteracy and infant mortality and low levels of income.

Based in Belém, Saulo de Barros was consecrated as the Diocese of the Amazon's first bishop in October 2006. His wife Ruth, is a USPG Mission Companion and part of her role is to co-ordinate social action committees. These help people work together to improve their lives and their communities. Young people are taking part in photography

and theatre projects and women are starting income generation schemes. The church has grown and people understand more about what God's love for them means, practically and spiritually.

The indigenous population continues to struggle for their rights to land and the rainforest continues to be exploited. Ruth and Saulo are involved in bringing people together to discuss deforestation and its effect on local people. Ruth feels that the church has been called to play the role of bridge builder in this important debate.

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