

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# Development for Landless People, Brazil

*Supporting landless people affected by poverty and socio-economic problems*

**In their own words**

*'The Landless Movement is struggling to reclaim land, so the men and women of Brazil can produce food on land that is theirs, and part of them. Everyone has the right to a life of dignity.'* The Rt Revd Tomas Balduino, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goiás



**Brazil factfile**

**Capital:** Brasília  
**Languages:** Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and a large number of minor Amerindian languages  
**Religion:** Christianity, indigenous beliefs  
**Export:** Coffee, soya beans, wheat, rice, corn, sugar cane, cocoa, beef  
**Further reading:**  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil>

**USPG in Brazil**

USPG has been supporting projects in Brazil since 1988, making its first grant to the Diocese of Pelotas. Since then, we have maintained close relations and currently support 26 Projects in the country



## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £1,110 / €1,470 | Project 384**

In the region of Pelotas, many people are marginalised and excluded from society, with an increasing number migrating to cities in search of employment and better opportunities.

The people that remain are fighting for their survival with little or no land to farm, and with powerful political and economic forces allied against them. (According to Brazil's Landless Workers Movement *Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra* or *MST* 1.6 per cent of the landowners control roughly half 46.8 per cent of the land on which crops could be

grown. Just 3 per cent of the population owns two-thirds of all arable land in Brazil). Sometimes, those without land who stay in the rural areas experience a lack of self-esteem, depression and other emotional difficulties due to problems such as ill health, unemployment, lack of resources and food. USPG is working with the church in a practical and positive way, to minister to those without land who are affected by poverty and socio-economic problems.

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