

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Making Music, Brazil

Inspiring young people through music, keeping indigenous culture alive

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 – Ruth de Barros, USPG Mission Companion, Diocese of the Amazon



Brazil factfile

Capital: Brasília
Languages: Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and a large number of 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 19 Projects in Brazil



Youth group in the Diocese of the Amazon ©Ruth de Barros/USPG

About this Project...

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In the sprawling urban communities of Nova Marambaia and Terra Firme, in the Diocese of the Amazon, young people can easily be drawn into a world of violence and drug abuse. For some it is because they want to escape problems they may be having in other parts of their lives, while for others it can be a result of peer pressure or to fit in.

Music is important to young people in these communities – there is a big interest in regional music that is played using traditional instruments, but sometimes there is a reluctance to take that music

into the church. The diocese is using music workshops to address some of the problems young people in the area face. They are bringing young people, local music and worship together in the church. Through the workshops, it is hoped that young people will gain a respect for their culture through music and realise that the music they love and listen to can also be a part of their faith and church.

This Project is using music participation as a unique opportunity for education, giving young people a vehicle for expression.

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