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Introduction:

Dear Pastor:

Thank you so much for reviewing our information. We are so excited to fulfill God's calling in our lives and return to Brazil as full-time missionaries. The Lord has begun a great work in Brazil, and we look forward to serving Him through all the opportunities He gives us.

The Lord willing, our plan is to continue working on a church-planting team based out of the Midwest of Brazil serving alongside older, more experienced missionaries as well as national pastors. We believe the Lord is calling us to start a church in the state of Goiás in the center of Brazil.

About Bruno and Roxanne:

Bruno was born and grew up in Brazil in the city of Altinópolis and was saved at the age of seven through a church started by BIMl missionary Jimmy Rose. A few years later his family moved to Ribeirão Preto where they joined a church started by his father-in-law, missionary Rom Ribeiro. This is where he met his wife, Roxanne.

In 2019, during a Missions Conference at church, Bruno felt the Lord calling him into fulltime ministry so the following year he began his studies at Ebenezer Baptist Institute in preparation for the ministry. This is the same institute that his father-in-law attended years earlier, a Bible institute started by missionary Jimmy Rose. Bruno is also attending Ambassador Baptist College, Lattimore, NC in the United States.

Roxanne grew up in Brazil as a missionary kid where she helped her parents as they established seven churches, a Bible institute, and a Christian school. Even as a child, she felt the Lord's calling in her life and began preparing for the future.

In 2021, Roxanne joined BIMl and began deputation as a single missionary planning to return to Brazil as an assistant in a church-planting team.

The Lord brought us together at the end of 2022, and we were married in May of 2023. We spent the rest of the year serving in the ministry in Brazil and returned to the US at the end of last year.

Bruno and Roxanne are now in the United States continuing their deputation ministry under BIMl and hoping to be able to return to Brazil by fall of 2025.

The need in Brazil

Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world with over 200 million people. Almost 90% of Brazilians consider themselves religious in some way, making it one of the most religious countries in the world. The three main religions are Catholicism, Spiritism, and Neo-Pentecostalism.



In spite of the widespread religious culture, Brazil still remains largely unreached by Christ and in desperate need of laborers to shed the light of the Gospel. The harvest is ripe for the picking; the people, open and willing to hear the Word of God. All that is needed are laborers willing to go and gather the fruit.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God

God is three persons in one (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). God is eternal and is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent (I Peter 1:2). All are equally and totally God (Matthew 28:19).

Bible

The Bible is the inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God, and will endure forever (II Timothy 3:16, I Peter 1:25). The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice.

Creation

Everything was created by God in six literal days. He spoke and everything came into being (Genesis 1:31-2:1, Psalm 33:6). He sustains and is intimately involved in His creation even today (Genesis 1-2).

Salvation

Salvation is by grace through faith and is the work of God through Jesus Christ who died and resurrected in order to pay the price of mankind's sin and save them from the condemnation of sin: eternal separation from God. Salvation is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a free gift, given to all who will receive through repentance and faith in Christ alone. (Romans 6:23).

Baptism

Baptism must be by immersion as a public testimony of the new believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; dead to sin and raised to newness of life (Romans 6:3-8).

Church

The Church is the body of Christ; each person represents a different part of the body. The purpose of the church is to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ, and is formed by local fellowships of the saints or believers (I Corinthians 12:12-27).

Second Coming

Christ will return to rapture the Church before the Tribulation, and will come back after the Tribulation to rule for 1,000 years (I Thessalonians 4:16-18, Revelation 20:4). At the Great White Throne, the lost will be condemned to the second death in the lake of fire, and the saved will live forever in the presence of God (Revelation 20:12-21:3).

Christian Lifestyle

A Christian's life should reflect the presence of the Holy Spirit in him and the lordship of Christ over his life. Therefore, the use of substances that take away the proper use of his faculties or are harmful to the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit, should not be practiced. All entertainment should seek to bring honor to God and no scandal to the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2).

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:” (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Thank you once again for taking the time to review our information. We hope to be able to partner with you in this great work. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or our sending church. May the Lord richly bless you!

Recommendations:



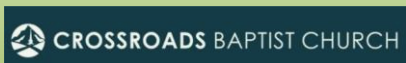
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The Ribeiros Church Planting in Brazil



Dear Pastor and Brethren,

“I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenckrea.” (Ro 16.1)

Bruno and Roxanne, who both felt a call for the ministry at a young age, met and later deepened their relationship as they both served the Lord at our fifth church which we established back in 2015. Our daughter Roxanne grew up always helping us in our church-planting efforts by singing, visiting, teaching, working in the nursery, etc. Before going to the States, Bruno graduated from the same Bible Institute that I graduated from as a young man. This institute was established many years ago by my pastor, missionary Jimmy Rose. Bruno is now receiving further ministerial training at Ambassador Baptist Bible College in Shelby, NC. Praise the Lord!



Bruno and Roxanne are raising support to return to Brazil to work as part of our church-planting work team. They are serving under BIM (Baptist International Missions) and are being sent out through Crossroads Baptist Church in Columbus, NC. I encourage you and your church to invest in their ministry because the Lord's hands are upon their lives, and I am sure Bruno and Roxanne will be greatly used of God in the country of Brazil.



One of my main concerns as a church planter is to make disciples with vision of starting new Independent Baptist churches all over the country of Brazil. Bruno and Roxanne fit the bill!

Thank you so much for considering to get to know this couple and hear their testimony.

In His Perfect Love,

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure in writing to whole-heartedly recommend Bruno and Roxanne Mendes as missionaries to Brazil. God has burdened their hearts for reaching the Brazilian people with the Gospel while working with a church planting team in this vast country.

I have known Roxanne and her family since she was a young child. As a young lady she worked in the ministry with her father. Bruno is the fruit of missions, being saved through the ministry of BIMI missionaries and later called to preach under the ministry of Rom Ribeiro, Roxanne's father.

This couple already knows the culture and language fluently, which will allow them to be immediately effective as part of a church plant team. These qualities make this couple one of the best missionaries to support and a true asset that will contribute significantly to a team ministry.

As their Field Director, I ask you to graciously consider adding them to your missions family and partner with them to reach Brazil for Christ. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions concerning this missionary couple.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Lunday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CrossRoads BAPTIST CHURCH

"THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREMINENCE"
COLOSSIANS 1:18

Dear Pastor:

It is my privilege to wholeheartedly recommend to you Bruno and Roxanne Mendes, missionaries on deputation to Brazil. I met them for the first time in December of 2023 when they came from Brazil to the United States. Roxanne was already a member at our church and was supported as a single missionary. Crossroads was already her sending church.

My wife and I have enjoyed fellowship with this couple and we were greatly encouraged by their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him together in church planting in Brazil.

Bruno is taking some Bible classes at Ambassador Baptist in Lattimore, NC. Hearing Bruno's testimony and his call to the Lord's service was a blessing to me.

At a business meeting on February 4, 2024, our church voted unanimously to accept Bruno as a member. They also voted to be their sending church and to increase their monthly missions support.

The Mendes' are greatly loved by the people at our church. They have given their missions presentation to the church and Roxanne has participated in the music ministry. Bruno will be preaching occasionally on Wednesday nights.

As they travel on deputation and then serve in Brazil, we are thankful to continue to pray for them, encourage them and help them in any way that we can.

I pray that you will consider having Bruno and Roxanne come to your church and present their ministry of church planting in Brazil.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email address is gledbetter5@gmail.com and my cell phone number is 803.351.0757

In Christ,

Gary J. Ledbetter, Interim Pastor