



Building a training centre in Recife, Brazil

Goal: \$61,600

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada is partnering with the Diocese of Recife to complete construction of an **Anglican Center of Holistic Mission** adjacent to Christ the Liberator Anglican Church. Our project will help this Church address neighbourhood issues of unemployment, poor education, and prevalent violence, while meeting the spiritual needs of the community – and beyond.

Once completed, the classroom complex will be used to:

- Train unemployed people in new vocational skills.
- Provide children & youth with literacy and educational classes.
- Train missionaries to go to unreached areas of Brazil.

The need

Brazil is the largest country in South America and home to more than 200 million people. While the country as a whole has experienced economic growth recently, the northeast region, where the Diocese of Recife is located, remains one of the poorest in Brazil, with a history of violence, poor education and a lack of services. According to the *Economist*, “It [the northeast region] has 28 percent of the country’s people but just 14 percent of its GDP. A fifth of the area’s adults are illiterate, twice the national rate.” While the area recently began to experience economic growth, this has served to magnify the disparity between the rich and poor, the educated and those who have been denied opportunity.

The project

The project is located in “Conjunto Cidade Maravilhosa” in the neighborhood of “Valentina de Figueiredo”, a suburb (of about 60,000) of João Pessoa city, the capital of Paraíba State, in Northeast Brazil where Christ the Liberator Anglican Church is building an Anglican Center of Holistic Mission. This building will include an educational and vocational training centre as well as a mission centre which will train church planters and missionaries.

The education and professional training centre will help unemployed people in the community learn new skills and provide youth with a formal education. Classes will be offered in literacy, English, computer applications, sewing, and cooking. Those with learning disabilities will receive specialized help. The Church plans to offer daily Bible studies and discipleship programs for youth and adults, as well as children’s programs. The funds we raise will go towards building construction costs as well as buying computers and needed equipment.

Our project partners

The Parish – This small congregation has been ministering to the spiritual needs of its community for 13 years through services, prayer meetings, discipleship groups, Bible classes, children’s programs, Alpha, and dramatic presentations. Parish members are committed to the Centre, donating money (despite the low income of many), and volunteering their time to help with construction. Qualified parishioners and others have committed themselves to working as volunteers teaching classes in the Centre.

The Diocese – Recife was one of the first dioceses in the Americas to stand up to the theological revisionism of its province. When the orthodox bishop, Robinson Cavalcanti, and 32

clergy members were deposed by the Primate of Brazil in 2005, 95 per cent of the parishioners in the diocese remained with their bishop. Like the Anglican Network in Canada and other Anglican Church in North America dioceses, the bishop and clergy of Recife were given episcopal refuge by Archbishop Greg Venables in the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.

Over the years, the clergy and people of the diocese have suffered much as a result of standing for Biblical faithfulness. However, since realigning out of the Brazilian church, the Diocese of Recife has experienced tremendous growth, more than doubling in size. The Diocese of Recife is highly regarded within the community and has a solid track record of service to the community.

It is a privilege for us to support our brothers and sisters in Recife in their ministry.

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- Online using the secure CanadaHelps website. For information see: www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm
- By sending your cheque to: ARDFC · Box 1013 · Burlington, ON · L7R 4L8



The Anglican Center of Holistic Mission will be build adjacent to the recently complete Christ the Liberator Anglican Church building.

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