



Project Kairos Brazil and Beyond

Brazil...

Introduction

Brazil is a 'melting pot' of nations with much intermarriage, so rigid categories of ethnic origin are difficult to assess. The main ethnic groups are European 54% (mainly of Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, German origin), Mixed race 34%, African 11% (descendants of slaves brought from West Africa and Angola), Asian 1% plus significant pockets of Japanese, Arabian, Chinese and Korean. In addition there are the Amerindians, in 1900 there were 500,000 in 230 tribes, but now there are an estimated 240,000 in 200 tribes. *

Evangelical population

There has been steady growth amongst evangelicals in Brazil for 15 years or more, especially amongst Pentecostal and charismatic denominations and groupings. Brazilian Government figures from the 2000 census estimated that 15% of the population of 170 million were evangelicals with an annual growth rate of more than 5%. Many believe these estimates to be very conservative and growth has continued unabated since then, although some areas and people groups are not experiencing this growth.

Brazilian Missions

There has been a rapid growth in the Brazilian missionary movement in recent years and it is now a key sending country for Christian workers. However, there is still a need for a maturing process to take place, especially within the 'new' churches and those who work outside of traditional mission agency structures. Attrition rates are variously estimated between 7%-15% per annum. *"The five primary causes of undesirable attrition are inadequate training, lack of financial support, lack of commitment, personal factors such as self esteem and stress, and problems with colleagues. The major attrition causes focused on character problems and not skill limitations, which will have a great impact on Brazilian training programs."**** There is great need of a tool such as Kairos to assist this maturing process. The missionary potential of the Brazilian church is immense: many Brazilians have natural ethnic links back into Europe and some have understood the calling of the Brazilian church to be 'evangelists to the world.'

Kairos

Originally developed as the Condensed World Mission Course (CWMC) in the Philippines in 1994, Kairos is the current international version. It has proven to be a significant ministry tool in mobilising the church for missions. For example, over 12,000 Filipinos have been through the CWMC and huge mission mobilisation has resulted in all thirteen Muslim people groups in that nation having a viable church; and the Philippines now ranks as one of the top ten missionary sending countries of the world. Kairos is a ministry of World Outreach and is endorsed and supported by World Outreach UK.

Kairos/CWMC has also been introduced and used successfully in Albania, Australia, Botswana, Germany, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland and Thailand and is being introduced into Japan and Romania.

The opportunity to develop Kairos for Brazil and beyond materialised when it was discovered that much of the CWMC material had been translated into Brazilian Portuguese by a Japanese girl who had seen the need for such a mission training tool whilst serving God there. Through connections in the UK with Brazilian churches and missionaries the need for such a programme is now widely acknowledged.

...and Beyond

Portuguese is the seventh most-widely spoken language in the world and, beyond Brazil, is the principal language of Portugal, Mozambique, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Sao Tome, Macau, and East Timor. A Portuguese Kairos would be a potential tool for the churches in these nations as well – we already know of contacts in Mozambique who are waiting for a Portuguese version of Kairos!

Additionally, there are significant Portuguese speaking communities, especially in North America and Europe, which include many believers who are without any missionary vision. The vision for a Portuguese Kairos includes its use amongst UK and European based Brazilian missionaries and ex-patriot church communities.

* Operation World 2001

** Excerpts from "Too Valuable To Lose", William D. Taylor <http://www.missionfrontiers.org/1999/0102/jf9911.htm>

Strategy and Timescales:

- Raise awareness of Kairos with Brazilian contacts and UK based Brazilian missionaries; March 2006 and ongoing
- Complete translation and dubbing of course materials – June 2006
- Run 2 courses in the UK for UK based Brazilians and Portuguese speakers: publicise from April 2006, courses August/September 2006. One course possibly with South Coast churches and Brazilians.
- Review and refine translation: Autumn 2006/winter 2007
- Train Portuguese speaking Facilitators: Autumn 2006/winter 2007
- Translation of Leaders' Guide Facilitators' Training Course: Autumn 2006/winter 2007
- 2/3 week trip to Brazil April/May 2007 to raise awareness of Kairos, run the first course there and train the first indigenous facilitators
- Establish a Brazilian Field development group who will be the strategic enablers for this next stage of the pilot phase. These will be those who are potential coordinators and head facilitators in geographies or church networks/denominations or mission agencies or people movements. This team will eventually develop the national structure for leadership and development of Kairos Brazil: May 2007 onwards
- Establish a UK based Resource team to serve the Field Team through mentoring, training Facilitators, fund-raising and supporting new courses: May 2007 onwards
- Second trip to Brazil to run 2/3 courses in strategic locations: Autumn 2007

Budget

Translation of Course materials	£1,000.00
Dubbing of teaching and other DVDs/videos	£800.00
Pilot course subsidies	£1,500.00
Translation of Leaders' Guide Facilitators' Training Course	£1,000.00
Printing costs for pilot courses	£300.00
1 st trip to Brazil – travel costs	£4,000.00
2 nd trip to Brazil – travel costs	£3,000.00
Project administration	£4,800.00
Total	£16,400.00

We are looking for donations towards this project. One off gifts or regular standing orders for the duration of the project should be sent to:

Kairos, Cordelia House, Westfield Road, Burley, Leeds LS3 1DG.

Cheques should be made payable to KAIROS. Forms for standing orders are available on request. UK taxpayers can gift aid donations – these should be made payable to World Outreach and marked for Kairos project Brazil.

Kairos Brazil and Beyond is a joint project between Kairos UK (www.kairoscourse.org.uk), World Outreach UK (www.wouk.org) and Bridge the Nations Network (www.btnnetwork.org)

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