

# BRAZIL'S SPIRITUAL NEED

Only 800 million of the world's population live below the equator with a quarter of them living in Brazil! To put that in comparison, Chile has over 17 million people who need the gospel. However, the country is less than the population of Brazil's largest city which has over 20 million people - São Paulo. You would need to send 12 missionaries to Brazil for every 1 missionary you would send to Chile to reach the same amount of people!



## FOREIGN MISSIONARY SITUATION

Though Brazil has had many missionaries over the years, since the 1990s, the number of missionaries there has been dropping. One Baptist missions agency reported they have 45% less now than they did in the 1990s. Furthermore, most missionaries in Brazil are at or past retirement age.



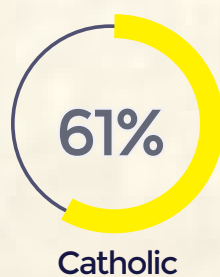
## NATIONAL PASTORS SITUATION

National pastors need and want materials and training. Catholics and Pentecostals not only have both but will offer them. There have been trained Baptist nationals who, through the opportunities of continued training and teaching materials by these groups, have gone charismatic. There is a great need to address education and the availability of Baptist materials.



## OVERALL RELIGIOUS SITUATION

Brazil is both the largest Catholic and Pentecostal nation in the world. Even most Baptist churches are "renovada", meaning they believe and practice charismatic or Pentecostal doctrines.



Catholic



Pentecostal



False/No Religious affiliation



Baptists



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# SCHMIDTS

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## OUR FAMILY

### The Schmidt Family

**MIKE** • As a teenager I got connected to a youth group and began going to church. After I came back from my last summer camp, I sat through a church service and was miserable. One of the workers noticed and asked me afterward if I was sure I was saved. I told him no, and right there I asked Christ to save me from my sin and was baptized two weeks later. I went to Heartland Baptist Bible College and graduated from the Bachelor's and Master's program. For the past 15 years, I have served the Lord in whatever way I could, with over eight of those years as the youth pastor at South Knollwood Baptist Church.

**ASHLIE** • I asked Jesus to save me from my sins at nine years old at vacation bible school. After that event in my life, I didn't attend church except for your occasional Christmas or Easter service. The lack of God's Word in my life was evident in my teen years as I began heading down a scary path of living. When I turned 18, the Spirit kept prodding me to attend my home church, Liberty Baptist, in Callahan, FL. It was there that I sat under great preaching from Dalton Roberson and my heart began to change. I attended Trinity Baptist Bible College, then transferred to Heartland Baptist Bible College where I met my husband.

**CALLING** • We have been sent out of South Knollwood Baptist Church in Topeka, KS, under the leadership of Jeremiah Metsinger. In our 8.5 years of serving there, we grew as a family (five children), and in the development of the leadership and skill sets needful for the field of Brazil. The Lord has called us to Itapua do Oeste, Brazil, where we will be serving with Tom and Cindy Brewer who have been missionaries to Brazil for over 38 years!

## PASTORAL REFERENCES

### SENDING CHURCH



#### JEREMIAH METSINGER- SOUTH KNOLLWOOD BAPTIST

I have had the privilege to work with Bro. Schmidt and watch him grow as a leader. I believe that his skill set, ministry fervor, and love for people will serve him well for this particular field. I am excited to see how God will use it in the years ahead. Ph: 785.501.5543



#### JEFF BAUMER - TWIN RIVERS BAPTIST CHURCH

I have known Mike Schmidt for almost 20 years, as I had the privilege of being his youth pastor when he was a teenager. He faithfully attended visitation, witnessed to teens in his public school, sang in the teen and adult choirs, and would lead in devotions or preach in the teen department when asked. When Mike felt the call to preach, he never faltered and was excited to attend Bible college, where he continued to grow in his faith. I am excited to see how God will use Him. Ph: 740.706.2968



#### JASON GADDIS - SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

It is a joy to recommend Michael and Ashlie Schmidt as missionaries to Brazil. They were exemplary students of Heartland Baptist Bible College. They were faithful in attendance and ministry while members of Southwest Baptist Church. I recall Bro. Michael's soul winning zeal and passion for the truth. It was not a surprise to hear that God had called them to be missionaries. It is without any reservation that I recommend them for your consideration of support. Ph: 405.682.1491



#### NOAH DOWNING - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

I am honored to recommend Mike and Ashlie Schmidt for consideration in your missions program. Mike and I met when we were students at Heartland Baptist Bible College and have kept in touch ever since. He has a passion for preaching the word, strives for order and structure in his ministry and personal life, and is motivated to diligently educate himself. Ph: 405.637.6800

## THE PLAN

Although God is ultimately in control, we know that He has given us a responsibility to do our best and work our hardest. In this endeavor, we have been trying to plan for the future in a systematic way. Please pray for us to have wisdom.

