



Project: Constantina Missionary Field

Overview:

This missionary field is located in the vicinity of the city of Constantina in the northern part of Rio Grande do Sul about 250 miles from the capital of Porto Alegre. Missionary work in this area dates back to the 1920's when work took place amongst Italian immigrants in a community called Canhada Funda (about 5 miles from the site of this project).

With Methodist presence amongst small farmers in this area, in 2002, a group of families began construction of a small church. Walls of a small church were raised and the roof was built to cover the temple. Although the church has a ceiling, doors and windows, a great deal needs to be done to complete this worship space..

Project Summary

This project involves the construction of two bathrooms, a kitchen and laying the floor the church as well as building the altar. In addition, benches will be purchased to equip the church.

Project Needs

The missionary project would like to receive a VIM team that can work with the community in building these additions to the church and provide \$2,500 needed for the construction work and church benches.

Logistics

Transportation into Constantina would be by bus from Porto Alegre. Although Porto Alegre has an international airport, transportation from the States would be via Sao Paulo.

Rio Grande do Sul has many interesting tourist sites related to its history. It was the location of major missionary work by the Jesuits with native peoples as portrayed in the movie "The Mission". In more recent times it was the location of major immigration by German and Italians. This state is a major producer of grapes and wine.

The best time of year to receive VIM groups is during the winter in the United States. Rio Grande do Sul gets cold during the summer in the United States and can occasionally have snow for short periods.

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