



Project:

Anchieta

Overview:

Anchieta is a small but commercially important city in the state of Espírito Santo (the state immediately north of Rio de Janeiro). This city has an important mining industry that provides considerable employment in the town of 20,000 inhabitants, but recently a major oil field was discovered off its coast.

Founded in 1759, this town is predominantly Catholic town but has a number of sectarian evangelical denominations. The Methodist church began its work there ten years ago as an extension of the church in Guarapari and later Sao Conrado. It was only in 2004 that it became a district missionary project.

The congregation has twenty active members although on Sundays the average attendance is thirty people (adults and children). The church members are poor working as fishermen and working at temporary jobs in the tourist industry. The pastor is young and enthusiastic.

Project Summary

The church has an adequate sanctuary but would like to build classrooms on the second floor for job training classes for youth from the community. Construction of the second floor has already started and the congregation holds a monthly bazaar to raise funds for its conclusion.

Project Needs

The local church seeks the support of a VIM team to help it conclude the construction of the second floor and to help reach more people in the community. The construction costs for concluding the second floor are approximately \$7,000.

Logistics

Anchieta is about a one-hour drive south of the capitol of Vitória. Flights to Vitória would be either through Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo.

Anchieta is a historical town. It is located along the coast of Espírito Santo, which has many beautiful beaches and tourist sites. The climate is moderate although summer weather (December to February) can be hot.

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