

Dear Central Church Family,

I am writing you to announce with great joy that we have finally re-initiated the building process on for our current church plant Igreja Batista Esperanca. My parents, Marv and Diane Fray, sold their home here in Brazil a few years before their retirement and purchased this property for the start of Igreja Batista Esperanca with the proceeds. We began to build soon after the purchase of the land but were told by city inspectors to stop. They alleged we did not have all of our permits in order. It became clear after several attempts to obtain all the proper permits that we would not be allowed to continue without paying bribes. This began a 7 year standoff between us and corrupt city officials. Early last year, a crackdown on government corruption began which has been deep and far reaching. The engineer we hired 5 years ago to handle our building, feels a window has opened for building without being asked for bribes. We don't know if the decrease in corruption is temporary or if eventually things will go back to the way it was, but we do think that it is critical to build as soon and as quickly as possible.

The land we have faces the main avenue that cuts through the city of Sao Paulo from north to south. There are 13 bus lines that pass by our church property. Each day, well over 100,000 people will come by the front of our church. We are extremely excited about the possibilities!

We have already cleared the land and turned on water and power. We are almost done with the foundation. Our engineer says we will be ready to raise the outer walls and put on the roof within 35 days. This will take \$47,000. Once we are in the building, we can take our time finishing it out.

A gift of any amount would be a tremendous help in moving us forward in this church plant. In a Brazil that is ever-changing, we feel it is urgent to work as fast as possible. Offerings should be sent to:

BMM
PO Box 308011
Cleveland, OH 44130

Funds should be sent to the Building Fund of Nathan and Diane Fray, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Please include a note that the funds are to help with the Esperanca Church building.

If you have any questions or would like to see pictures of the land or project, call me at (757) 273-1153 (Vonage) or e-mail: nathanfray@mail.com. You can see our location by entering the address, 8051 Avenida Sadamu Inoue, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil into Google Earth. You will be amazed at the possibilities of this new church plant location within the largest city in South America.

In His Service,



Nathan Fray
Your Missionary in Sao Paulo, Brazil