

BRAZIL BRANCH OFFICE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Cesário Lange, São Paulo

Brazil

WELCOME





“GO THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

MATTHEW 28:19

The Brazil branch supports the work of over 850,000 publishers.

What Work Is Done at a Branch Office?

In some 240 lands, more than eight million Witnesses of Jehovah are preaching the good news of God’s Kingdom in response to the commission that Jesus gave his followers. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) To organize this work, there are more than 85 branch offices worldwide, all serving under the direction of the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, located in Warwick, New York, U.S.A.

Branch offices coordinate the Kingdom-preaching work and care for the needs of Jehovah’s Witnesses within a specific geographic area. The Governing Body appoints experienced elders to serve as members of a Branch Committee. As representatives of the Governing Body in their assigned territory, Branch Committee members faithfully carry out the direction coming from God’s Word and “the faithful and discreet slave.”

—Matthew 24:45-47.



Planning regional conventions



Providing Scriptural direction for congregations

DIRECTING THE WORK

The branch office supervises the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in one or more countries in various ways.

The Service Department cares for matters related to the preaching work and provides Scriptural guidance regarding congregation activities. It also arranges conventions, assemblies, and theocratic schools. In addition, the Service Department looks after congregation territory boundaries and determines where Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls are needed.

When medical emergencies arise, the branch office provides loving support and direction through the Hospital Information Department. This department helps Jehovah's Witnesses to obtain competent medical treatment without blood and strives to promote a spirit of cooperation between doctors and their Witness patients.

Another area in which the branch provides direction and assistance is disaster relief. The local branch office is quick to respond, supplying provisions and funds to those in need.



Speaking with a doctor

Reviewing Kingdom Hall projects



FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE BRAZIL BRANCH TERRITORY (AS OF 2017)

- 7,983 KINGDOM HALLS
- 29 ASSEMBLY HALLS
- 4 EXPANDABLE KINGDOM HALLS

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Building Houses of Worship

The branch office is responsible for approving and overseeing the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls and for ensuring that existing halls are being maintained properly. Construction is coordinated through the Local Design/Construction Department. This department uses volunteers to develop architectural plans and works with field representatives to schedule projects. Volunteers are used to build and maintain facilities, which results in buildings that are economical, practical, and comfortable.

Using Donated Funds Wisely

In order to get the most value from existing facilities, the Local Design/Construction Department arranges for Kingdom Halls to be inspected regularly. This helps to ensure that any safety or maintenance issues are handled promptly. The department also provides maintenance training for local congregation members.



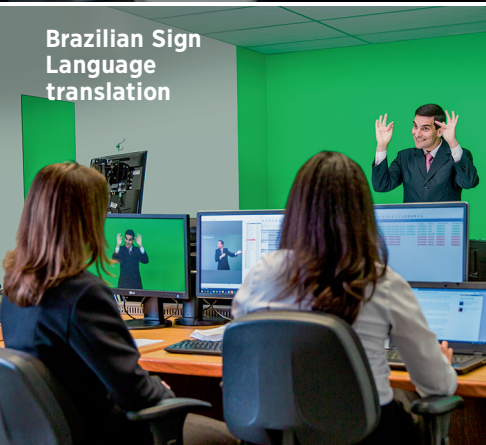
Maintenance training



Construction



Portuguese translation team



Brazilian Sign Language translation

TRANSLATION

Words That Touch the Heart

Bible truths often reach the heart more quickly when people read, hear, or see Bible-based publications presented in their mother tongue. Thus, we translate publications for written languages and sign language. We also prepare audio and video recordings. When the need arises for publications in additional languages or formats, the branch office makes recommendations to the Governing Body.

Remote Translation Offices

The Brazil branch translates material into 12 languages and has 10 remote translation offices. These offices are usually located near communities where the language being translated is spoken. This helps the translators to be immersed in their target language while they share in the preaching work, attend Christian meetings, and engage in daily activities. The Translation Department also prepares material for meetings, convention programs, our jw.org website, and various theocratic schools.

TRANSLATION TEAMS

- Boa Vista, RR (Macushi)
- Bonfim, RR (Wapishana)
- Cesário Lange, SP (Brazilian Sign Language and Portuguese)
- Flores da Cunha, RS (Talian)
- Maués, AM (Sateré-Mawé)
- Nova Petrópolis, RS (Hunsrik)
- Nova Xavantina, MT (Xavante)
- Planalto, RS (Kaingang)
- Santa Maria de Jetibá, ES and Canguçu, RS (Pomeranian)
- São Gabriel da Cachoeira, AM (Nhengatu)
- Tabatinga, AM (Ticuna)



Preaching in the Hunsrik language in Nova Petrópolis



PRINTING

The Brazil branch has been printing Bible-based literature since 1926. As a result, millions of people have responded to the good news found in God's Word. The Kingdom message is now available online in hundreds of languages on jw.org, but the printed page remains a powerful tool for reaching hearts worldwide.

The Brazil branch office produces books, Bibles, magazines, and brochures in 70 languages.

STATISTICS

- The two high-speed printing presses together can print about 390,000 sixteen-page magazines per hour
- A single press can print 55 magazines per second
- A paper roll weighs 1,750 kilograms, has about 22 kilometers of paper, and is used up in 25 minutes
- The binder can produce up to 110,000 books per day

Printery



BINDERY AND SHIPPING

In the Bindery, book pages are gathered and a special glue is applied to attach the cover. Next, the books are cut to their final size and, after being packaged in plastic, are taken by lift trucks to the Shipping Department. Much research and many tests are done to ensure that the materials and methods used produce strong, durable books.

Every month the Shipping Department processes literature requests from the more than 12,000 congregations in Brazil. The department prepares all the documentation needed to ship Bible literature to other countries and to import Bible literature produced at other branches.

This department also arranges for the delivery of literature to congregations throughout Brazil and some neighboring countries.

The literature warehouse stocks publications in more than 137 languages.



Shipping Department



EXHIBITION

“The Bible—The Book and Its Author”

This exhibition gives due honor to the Author of the Bible, Jehovah God, and highlights the Bible’s main theme—God’s Kingdom.

Visitors can see 300-year-old Bibles as well as artifacts and facsimiles. These trace the history of God’s written Word, the book that for centuries has been both loved and hated.

The exhibition shows what Jehovah has done to protect and preserve his Word, from the time he gave two stone tablets to Moses until our day. We now have the complete library of inspired Bible books available in hundreds of languages.

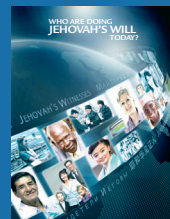
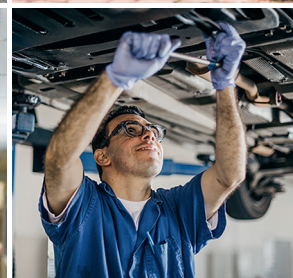


SUPPORT SERVICES

The Brazil branch office could not function without the many dedicated brothers and sisters who work in support services. Some serve in the kitchen and dining room, while others do laundry, cleaning, housekeeping, sewing, nursing, gardening, farming, and driving. Still others maintain the heating, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and computer systems. But no matter what assignment we receive, it is our pleasure to serve, for we do it out of love for Jehovah God and our brothers and sisters.

Thank You for Visiting!

We sincerely hope that your visit to the Brazil branch office has been a rewarding one. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work we are doing to preach the good news about God's Kingdom. May your visit encourage you to learn more about our loving Creator and put God's Kingdom first in your life.—Matthew 6:33.



Would you like to know more about the work at Bethel and how you can support it? See lessons 21 and 22 of the brochure *Who Are Doing Jehovah's Will Today?*

Planning a Visit?

Tours are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Additional information is available online at:

JW.ORG > ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS



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