

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

Based on a survey undertaken during March-April, 1965, it is calculated that some 91.5% of all American citizen residents in this Consular District are Protestant or Catholic Missionaries or members of their immediate families. To assist in any program of contacting Missionaries, a summary of the Major Missions, their membership, addresses, local address, US parent organization and any other miscellaneous information follows:

PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES

1. UNEVANGELIZED FIELDS MISSION, aka Cruzada de Evangelização Mundial.

Membership--39 families comprising 125 persons.

Address--all Brazil headquarters in Belem at Av. Independencia 231 (Caixa Postal 243). Has branch operating at Boa Vista T.F. of Roraima. (Caixa Postal 154).

Local Contact--Through Belem Office, telephone 95-07 or at Amazon Valley Academy, Bragança Highway

US Parent Organization-- UFM, Box 306, Balla Cynwid, Pa.

Comments-- A non denominational protestant group, UFM Ministers to indian and indigenous populations where other churches have not been established. Its efforts is thus largely in the interior and its membership widely distributed throughout this vast Consular District. The Mission maintains, the Amazon Valley Academy at Belem for school age dependente of Missionaries living in the interior.

2. NEW TRIBES MISSION, aka Missão Novas Tribos do Brasil.

Membership--29 families comprising 102 persons.

Address--NTM headquarters for Northern Brazil located at Puraquequara, two hours down river from Manaus, Amazonas State, on the banks of the Amazon River. Mailing address--Caixa Postal 221 and at Mission House located in Manaus at Rua Urucara, N°244.

Local Contact--all efforts to contact Mission members should be made through the Manaus headquarters. UFM, in Belem, possible alternate contact as two organizations maintain close ties.

US Parent Organization--New Tribes Mission, Woodworth, Wisconsin 53194. Cable address NEWTRIBES.

Comments--NTM ministers to indian and indigenous population and most of its personnel is accordingly located in the inaccessible interior regions of Western half of this Consular District.

3. SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION? aka Equatorial Baptist Mission, Convenção Batista, Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Membership-- 24 families comprising some 122 persons.

Address--Official headquarters for the Northern Brazil, at Caixa Postal 163, São Luis, Maranhão.

Local Contact--Baptist Book Store (Livraria Batista do Pará) at Rua 28 de Setembro, 130, Belem. Also Baptist Seminary located on outskirts of Belem, Belem-Bragança highway. Edifício Palacio do Radio, fourth floor. Caixa Postal 89.

US Parent Organization--Southern Baptist Mission, Richmond, Va.

Comments--Americans serving with the SBM are integrated with their Brazilian counterparts under the control of the Brazilian run Brazilian Baptist Convention, and into regional conventions. Paralleling the Brazilian organizations are a number of wholly American organizations established to coordinate Americans efforts with the Conventions. The American organization with responsibility for the North is the Equatorial Baptist Mission whose legal headquarters is at São Luis. Actual administration, however, tends to center here in Belem and this is the nerve center for any contacts with the Americans serving with SBM.

1. CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY, aka Missão Batista Conservadora do Brasil.

Membership--18 families comprising 85 persons.

Address--Caixa Postal 89, Teresina, Piaui.

Local Contact--Directly none. Possibly through UFM.

US Parent Organization--CBFMS, Post Office Box 5, Wheaton, Ill.

Comments--CBFMS activities in the North are centered in Piaui and Maranhão States and most of its Missionaries work directly or indirectly with Brazilian national churches.

5. SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, aka Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Membership--20 families comprising 69 persons.

Address--Caixa Postal 181, Belem and Caixa Postal 431, Manaus, or through UFM.

US Parent Organization--Summer Inst. of Linguistics, P.O.Box 1960, Santa Ana, California.

Comments--The SIL centers its activities on translating the Bible into the various indigenous languages of the Brazilian Indians and ministering to these individuals. Its Missionaries are accordingly widely dispersed in the interior. The SIL is headquartered in Rio de Janeiro and has two area coordinators in this Consular District: Belem and Manaus. The Manaus organization maintains and operates an amphibious "NORSEMAN", eight passenger plane to supply its Missionaries in the interior. The Mission also has a radio expert, Mr. Robert Wright, residing in Belem, and are presently processing a request with the Brazilian Government to operate short wave radio equipment.

6. BAPTIST MID MISSIONS, aka Sociedade Evangelizadora Baptist Mid Missions.

Membership--13 families comprising 66 persons.

Address--Regional headquarters for the North at Caixa Postal 173 Manaus, Amazonas. Brazilian headquarter at Caixa Postal 1012, Fortaleza, Ceará.

Local Contact--Mr. John S. Best (C.Postal 638) or Mr. John Schopf (C.P.576), both in Belem.

US Parent Organization--Baptist Mid Missions, 1740 East 12th., Cleveland, Ohio.

Comments--BMM activities center in Roraima, Manaus and Para States. Mission maintains a Seminary, Seminario Batista de Amazonas, at Paraiba N°300, Manaus.

7. THE NORTH BRAZIL PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, aka Missão Presbiteriana do Norte do Brasil.

Membership--14 families comprising 56 persons.

Address--Regional coordinator is Mr. Langdon M. Henderlite, Edifício Gualo, apt 702, (Caixa Postal 964) Belem. Brazilian headquarter at Caixa Postal 1622, Recife, Pernambuco.

Local contact--Mr. Henderlite.

U.S. Parent Organization--Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, US, P.O.Box 330, Nashville, Tennessee.

Comments--One or two of the Presbyterian Missionaries operate their own light airplanes and the Mission, at times, has been known to use the radio equipment carried by these planes in contacting members in the interior, especially those residing in the Imperatriz, Maranhão.

8. SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, aka Igreja Adventista do 7º-Dia.

Membership--10 families comprising 29 persons.

Address--North Brazil Union of the Seventh-Day Adventist is headquartered at Trav. Mauriti 1155, (Caixa Postal 822) Belem.

Local Contact--Above or Hospital Belem, or Telephone 9174.

US Parent Organization--General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington 12.D.C.

Comments--The Mission, largely Brazilian with participating Americans, operates Hospital Belem, one of the areas better hospitals. The Mission also operates a number of river launches as mobile clinic throughout the Amazon basin.

9. THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH, aka Missão da Igreja dos Irmãos.

Membership-- 6 families comprising 28 persons.

Address-- Caixa Postal 861, Belem.

Local Contact--Brethren Church at Icoaraci, a suburb of Belem.

US Parent Organization-- The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P.O.Box 588, Wimona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Comments--

10. CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES, aka Churches of Christ.

Membership-- 6 families comprising 25 persons.

Address-- 28 de Setembro Nº297-A, Belem.

US Parent Organization--none, each Missionary sponsored by individual Church group in States.

Local Contact--Above or orphanage (Lar Cristão) at Icoaraci, Belem, Pará.

Comment-- Although each of the Church of Christ Missionaries is independent, they have joined together in Belem into an informal "study group", SEVIC, with headquarters at the above 28 de setembro address.

11. BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

Membership--4 families comprising 24 persons.

Address-- Caixa Postal 227, Manaus, Amazonas.

Local Contact--none. Possibly through UFM.

US Parent Organization--Baptist Faith Mission, 975 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, 48207.

Comments-- Operates in Manaus and State of Acre.

12. MISSIONARY AVIATION FELLOWSHIP, aka Asas do Socorro.

Membership-- 3 families comprising 16 persons.

Address-- Caixa Postal 184, Anapolis, Goias.

Local Contact-- through UFM

US Parent Organization-- Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Post Office Box 32, Fullerton, California.

Comments-- A key organization, supplies airplane services to various Protestant Missions (UFM, NTM, Baptists, etc). This organization has pilots and planes located in this Consular District at Boa Vista, Roraima; Florianópolis, Piauí; and possibly, in the future at São Luís, Maranhão. Additionally, it has plane service from Anapolis, Goias, its headquarters, which services Missionaries residing in the southern part of this Consular District.

13. WORLD BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP, aka Confraternidade Batista Mundial do Brasil.

Membership-- 2 families comprising 9 persons.

Address-- C.Postal 81, Manaus, Amazonas.

Local Contact-- none

US Parent Organization--

Comment-- The two families comprising this Missions representation in this Consular District resides at Manaus, Amazon.

14. Jehova's Witnesses.

Membership-- 8 persons

Address-- c/o Vera Griffin Batalha, Manoel Evaristo 801, Belem.

Local Contact-- above or Gen. Deodoro, 1575, Belem.

US Parent Organization--

Comments--

15. THE EVANGELICAL UNION TO SOUTH AMERICA, apparently operating out of Manicore, Amazonas State, and the Association Baptists for World Evangelism at Benjamin Constante, Amazonas State, also, have Mission in this Consular District, but have failed to respond to Consulate requests for information. Additionally, the Episcopal Church has one Minister and his family (5 persons) in Belem.

6. ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM, INC.

Membership--8 families comprising 40 persons.

Address-- Caixa Postal 28, Benjamin Constant, Amazonas, Brazil or Leticia, Amazonas, Columbia.

Local Contact--None

US Parent Organization-- The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, 1304 Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. Cable address "ABWE", Philadelphia.

Comments--The ABWE has a number of family missions strung along the Amazon Basin from Fonte Boa to Benjamin Constant, including Santo Antonio do Iça, Betania at Lake Caruara, Santa Rita do Weil and Fonte Boa and Benjamin Constant. There is also a missionary couple from the ABWE at Leticia, Columbia. All these stations are accessible from the Amazon River and in addition, the Mission operates two light planes, a Cessna 185B and an Aeronca Sedan, to service them. ABWE work in includes holding services and giving medical assistance to the rubber and lumber workers in the interior. The two planes, equiped for water landing, are used to transport those in need of medical evacuation and to bring supplies.

The ABWE missionaries in Amazonia have been coming from the States through Colombia for the past few years because of the regular flights by Avianca from Bogota to Leticia. For this reason they are very rarely in Belem. They suggest that the quickest means of communicating with them in case of any emergency would be through their telegraphic address in Leticia--ABWE, Leticia, Colombia.

CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES

The Catholic Missions can be contacted through their orders as well as through the various Bishopric under which they serve. With regards to the latter form of communication, the single best channel available is through Father Tadeu Henry Prost, an American Citizen and Auxiliar Bishop of Belem.

The Missions are:

1. FRANCISCAN FATHERS, aka Padres Franciscanos

Membership--51 Fathers.

Address--Convento São Francisco, Santarem, Pará.

Local Contact--Convento de Sto. Antonio de Lisboa, Pga. Batista Campos 1875 (Caixa Postal 660) Belem Phone 43-61.

US Parent Organization--Franciscan Missionary Union, 1434 W 51st St., Chicago 9, Illinois.

Comments--The Franciscan Fathers minister only in Pará State and then mostly in the interior region near the Tapajos River. They have a number of small launches that the Fathers use in travelling from church to church in the interior.

2. REDEMPTORIST FATHERS, aka Padres Redentoristas.

Membership--39 Fathers.

Address--Headquarters in Manaus, Amazonas.

Local Contact--Igreja N.S. do Perpétuo Socorro, Av. Artur Bernardes, 459 (Antiga Rod. Snapp) Belem Phone 60-91.

US Parent Organization--Redemptorist Fathers, 803 W. Hutchinson St., Chicago, Illinois 60613.

Comments--The 39 Redemptorist Fathers are widely distributed from Piauí through Amazonas States. A number work as itinerate preachers in the interior. The Order has recently received permission to operate a short wave network out of Manaus to maintain contact with its' missionary launches and isolated interior sites.

3. PAPAL VOLUNTEERS FOR LATIN AMERICA, aka Voluntários do Papa.

Membership--30 individuals.

Address--Casa Central, Dr. Assis 130, Belem-Phone 17-31.

Local Contact--Above or Hospital Guadalupe or Redemptorist Fathers.

US Parent Organization--Papal Volunteers for Latin America (PAVLA) 22 W Monroe St., Chicago, Illinois.

Comments--Guided by Peace Corps idea.

4. HOLY CROSS FATHERS.

Membership--11 Brothers.

Address--Jurenato Santa Cruz, Santarem, Belem. Pará.

US Parent Organization--St. Edwards University, Austin 4, Texas.

Comments--Activities limited to area of Santarem where they maintain a school. Use the facilities of the Franciscan Fathers when visiting in Belem.

Local Contact--Franciscan Fathers.

5. SISTERS ADORADORES OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD, aka Irmãs das Adoradores do Preciosissimo Sangue.

Membership--7 Sisters.

Address--Mother M. Vivian, Vice-Provincial Superior, Caixa Postal 385, Manaus, Amazonas.

Local Contact--Hospital Guadalupe, phone 3127 or Redemptorist Fathers.

US Parent Organization--

Comments--Sisters from this order operate the small but excellent Guadalupe Hospital in Belem.

6. SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

Membership-- 5 Sisters.

Address-- Rua Professor Diniz 2200 (Caixa Postal 204),
Teresina, Piaui.

Local Contact--Redemptorist Fathers.

US Parent Organization--Nazareth Motherhouse, Concordia, Kansas.

Comments--Order has only one Mission at Teresina, Piaui.

7. FRANCISCAN NUNS

Membership-- 4 Sisters.

Address--Asilo São Vicente de Paula, Santarem, Pará.

Local Contact--Franciscan Fathers.

US Parent Organization--Franciscan Motherhouse, Wheaton, Ill.

Comment--The Santarem Convent is the only Convent of this
order in this Consular District.

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