

Ruth and Saulo de Barros in Brazil



USPG MISSION COMPANIONS

# Ruth & Saulo de Barros

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Brazil factfile

**Capital:** Brasilia  
**Languages:** Portuguese (official), Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and Amerindian languages  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic 73.6%, Protestant 15.4%, other 11%  
**Export:** Coffee, soybeans, wheat, rice, corn, sugarcane, citrus, beef, textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, lumber  
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**Ruth and Saulo de Barros** have been USPG Mission Companions in Brazil since 1992. USPG has been supporting projects in Brazil since 1988, and maintains a close relationship with the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil. USPG currently supports 27 Projects in Brazil as well as personnel

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*Dear friends,*

As you know Saulo and I (and Thomas, of course) come back to Britain every two years to visit parishes and talk about our work. The following is the list of churches and communities we will be visiting this summer. Please come along if you can, we hope to see you at one of these celebrations. Please confirm exact times directly with the churches:

Sun 20 June	St Michaels, Brierley Hill
Fri 25 June, 7pm	St Michael and St George's, White City, London
Sun 27 June	St Mary's, Sunbury, 9:30am, 11:30am
Tue 29 July, pm	St Mary's, Putney
Fri 2-Mon 5 July	Hexham Abbey
Tue 6 July, pm	Colchester Cathedral
Sun 11 July, am	St Michael & All Angels, Thurmaston/St Peter & Paul, Thieston
Sun 11 July, 6pm	Frisby, Leicestershire
Thur 15 July, 7:30pm	St Peter and St Paul, Seal, nr Sevenoaks
Sun 18 July	St Marys, Dorchester, 9.45am and 5.30pm Evensong

We take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support and prayers. They are very valuable.

■ **Latest news**

In April this year we had our 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Youth Encounter with Christ. This time we had no financial support so we got busy raising the money locally and, with a lot of hard work, managed to do so. One of the events we held was an international dinner. In the diocese we have many people from English-speaking countries such as Barbados, British Guyana and Nigeria. We decided to organise a dinner where we would share some of the delicacies from these different countries. We also had a few regional dishes from Pará, such as maniçoba, an indigenous dish made from the leaves of the cassava plant – which are poisonous. In order to take out the poison the leaves are cooked for seven days, when they become a pulp and are served with pork and spicy sausage. The indigenous would leave the pulp to cook on special occasions as they went off to hunt and when they came back they would cook their catch in this pulp. Today it is a typical dish for special days such as Cirio de Nazare (procession for Our Lady of Nazareth – the most popular religious festival in Latin America). The mixture of cultures is interesting and is very apparent in what we eat. I was wondering which English dish to cook for the dinner, then remembered that one of the most popular dishes in England is chicken tikka massala, so I made that. I also made a trifle for 100 people! Alícia Payne is from British Guyana but from Chinese decent, so she prepared chow mein – so it was quite an international experience.

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### GIVE THANKS

For your support and for e-mails and letters – all very welcome

For yet another successful Youth Encounter

### PLEASE PRAY

For Robert Camara – a Candidate for the Holy Orders from the Province of Canada who will be visiting us for 3 months from May to July

For the General Synod of the Province of Brazil which will take place in June 2010

For us all in our work, for all our clergy, lay ministers and people here in Brazil

For safe travels during our visit to the UK

### REGULAR GIVING: PROJECT 303

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Also to raise money for the Youth Encounter, the young people from Pratinha organised a football tournament, selling snacks and refreshments. This helped to bring the group together and they will be organising another tournament next month. In fact, football has been an interesting evangelising experience. Every Thursday evening after work a group of young adults come together to play football on the grounds of the school next door to our cathedral. Luiz Claudio runs the group and before each match he prays with the boys. This month, the players decided to do some fundraising to buy a football strip and organised a lunch at the cathedral. They were all at the service in the morning and some brought their families too. Some did the readings, others took the offerings – it was a very moving service.

The Youth Encounter itself was yet another positive experience. Many of the youth said how moved they were by the experience and how they had no idea it would be so enjoyable. One young organizer said to me, 'It's amazing how this event touches us, even when we are working.' He was responsible for the organisation of the football tournament and is taking an active part in bringing the youth to church. Others revealed a talent for music during the Encounter and have been invited to play in the cathedral's worship group. As always, God has blessed these youth and we pray that he will guide them along their spiritual journey.

Please pray for us all in our work, for all our clergy, lay ministers and people here in Brazil. We thank you again for your support and prayers.

## Ruth and Saulo

Photo: Football tournament



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