

South America

ARGENTINA

1. Church Building in San Luis.
2. Four classrooms at the Juana Manso School in Dock Sud ,Buenos Aires.
3. Church Building in San Javier, Santa Fe.
4. Church Building in Rosario de Tala, Entre Ríos
5. Student Residence in Santa Fe.

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BOLIVIA

Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia

[\[#05912A - Pastoral Salaries\]](#)

* Construction teams at various rural and urban sites to build church buildings and parsonages

* Medical teams needed for rural clinics

Servants In Faith & Technology (SIFAT)

[\[#982812 - SIFAT \(Servants In Faith And Technology\) Ministries\]](#)

SIFAT medical teams - provide medical assistance for villages in remote areas with existing community development projects.

Children's Boarding Home, Quesimpuco - NEEDS: rehabilitation of community center for dining / study hall; construction of wood boxes for safe keeping of children's belongings; build showers / laundry / drying lines for clothes

Children's Boarding Home, Sapecho - NEEDS: completion of dorm parent apartments, guest house, biodigester; rehabilitation of fish ponds; construction of plaza in front of Methodist Church.

Children's Boarding Home, Ixlamas - NEEDS: construction of windows and doors for new boarding home; construction of 25 bunk beds and other furniture for children; construction of storage shelter.

Lake Titicaca Border Ministry – Supporting services and ministry of Iglesia Metodista Evangelica, and their indigenous communities in the border region of Lake Titicaca. This is an exciting new collaborative project involving both Peru

and Bolivia, working together to improve their impoverished communities surrounding the lake.

ISEAT - The Andean Ecumenical Institute of Theology La Paz

Teams sought for general repair of facilities and plumbing work.
Curamericas

Curamericas provides primary health care to 75,000 women and children in Bolivia. Is seeking mission trips volunteers to reconstruct a hospital in the highlands of Bolivia and to build a maternal center in the lowlands of Bolivia.

BRAZIL

The Methodist Church in Brazil

[\[#12328A - Brazil Volunteers In Mission\]](#)

Evangelmed, Rio de Janeiro - Medical and Dental teams to work with Dr. Wilson Bonfim and a mobile clinic or a medical boat on the Amazon for interior communities which combines medical care and evangelism.

Porto Velho Jardim Eldorado: The Jardim Eldorado Methodist church seeks to build additional classrooms for its Sunday school and to enable it to operate weekday social program.

This project has already received the assistance of one VIM team that helped initiate the construction of the foundations. This project would like to receive the support of additional VIM teams to help complete the work. The project needs an additional \$5,000 to complete the work and welcomes teams that also would like to have activities with children in the program.

Aracaju - Santos Dumont: The Santos Dumont Methodist church seeks a VIM group to help in construction work and activities with children and teenagers from the community that participate in its social programs. The construction project will have significant participation from the community but the construction work requires an investment of \$28,000 which can be divided in various stages involving various VIM teams.

Santos Dumont is a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of the capitol city of Aracaju. It is located in the state of Maceio in the impoverished Northeast of Brazil

Barra dos Garças - Igreja Metodista Barra dos Garças: This project involves the construction of the church. The Conference has purchased land for the church and currently the congregation meets in what was the parsonage. There is a

long-term need of building a parsonage since the pastor currently lives in a rented home.

This is primarily a construction project although relationship with the community will be important. The cost of this project is approximately \$18,000 and will take place in various stages. There is not the expectation that a single VIM team could finance or develop the entire project.

Tangará da Serra - Igreja Metodista Tangará da Serra: This mission project needs assistance in the completion of the church and the construction of a parsonage.

This project has the support of the Conference and the church is advanced in its construction. What is needed is finishing work and the purchase of materials that cost approximately \$5,000. The parsonage is in the initial stages of development and would involve an investment of \$14,000 and the involvement of various work teams.

São João Nepomuceno Igreja Metodista São João Nepomuceno: This is a construction project that involves finishing work on the church, remodeling of the parsonage and painting of the chapel.

This church has a growing congregation and is interested in expanding its social commitment through the development of professional classes once adequate space is built. While there are significant financial needs for the development of this project, the church realizes that no single group can solve their problems. The congregation itself is making major sacrifices to develop their facility and try to serve the community.

Anchieta - Igreja Metodista Anchieta: 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.

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.

Constantina Igreja Metodista Constantina: This project involves the construction of two bathrooms, a kitchen and laying the floor the church as well as building the altar. In addition, benches will be purchased to equip the church.

The missionary project would like to receive a VIM team that can work with the community in building these additions to the church and provide \$2,500 needed for the construction work and church benches.

Jarú Igreja Metodista - Jarú: The Jarú Methodist church wants to build three classrooms and bathrooms to develop a community service project. The building already has a roof but does not have exterior walls or internal divisions.

The local church is energetic and seeks to reach out to the community through a program for children. To build the classrooms and make the bathrooms, it needs \$4,000. They would like to receive a work team that would help them with the construction, but would also like to include activities, such as a Vacation Bible school, for the children.

Alegrete - The Methodist Rural Institute of Alegrete: The Methodist Rural Institute of Alegrete seeks to make a soccer field, build bathrooms and a barbeque area.

The Rural Institute has a sizeable area behind the day care center that is currently not being used. It seeks to develop this area for use by the community in hopes that rent received from weekend activities can help maintain the social programs.

The Rural Institute seeks the assistance of a VIM team that can work with volunteers from the community to build these facilities. The project requires about \$2,000 funds and involves leveling the land and the construction of two bathrooms, a barbeque area with associated kitchen facilities.

HABITAT and The Methodist Church in BRAZIL

Build a Habitat house in a week. Experience the excitement of working along families and local churches to blitz build Habitat houses in Brazil during Holy Week or Building On Faith Week (September).

Varjada: Habitat for Humanity, Methodist groups and other organizations are working to address the need of health, hygiene and housing for families in the community of Varjada, located in the semi-arid region of Pernambuco. Famines, bad sanitation, lack of rain and poor housing have affected families in this region for years. Habitat for Humanity in partnership with another organization built wells and sewer systems for families in Varjada. Thanks to this, women who used to spend hours traveling to collect water not suited for human consumption are now able to increase their income by spending more time making embroidered goods. Teams are needed to dig holes, lay and cut concrete blocks, put on roofs, level floors, shovel and mix mortar, transport sand and dirt, carry materials, and do anything they can to help build houses for these families in the next phase of the project. Groups who participate will also have an opportunity to fellowship and build relationship with local Methodist churches.

[\[#982404 - Habitat for Humanity - A Hand Up!\]](#)

CHILE - click for more info on Chile

[**#14056A - La Esperanza: Sheltered Workshop and Group Home**](#)

Methodist Church of Chile

Housing for Pastors

The church currently has to pay rent for housing for several pastors. A significant financial contribution is expected from each team.

Second Church in Puerto Montt, Casa Pastoral in Talca

Churches and other construction needing repair/construction:

Villa Alemana; Vina del Mar; Villa Meaux – Huequen
Templo Villa Alemana, Templo Avanzada Quilpue, Iglesia San Lucas Iquique, Templo Linares, Templo Santa Barbara, Templo Villa Mora, classroom Haequen, New chapel for Colegio Ingles Iquique.

[**#3020485 - Methodist Construction Projects in Chile**](#)

Shelter for families of hospital patients Mapuche Church (Nueva Imperial)

[**#12349A - Rural Development and Attention to Families of Mapuche**](#)

El Vergel Agricultural School Angol - Urgently needs new classrooms. A contribution for building materials is requested. Best dates: Oct., Nov., Jan.

El Vergel, Orchard Fruits – Angol , Chile - An agricultural school that emphasizes Christian values and serves 220 students.

EMANA - UM related school, Instituto Kusayapu, an institution of the Methodist Church of Chile in northern Chile requests: Construction teams to build Administration building.. Volunteer dentists to come independently or with work teams which visit regularly. A fully equipped dental clinic has been donated but there are no dentists.

[**#14791T - Andean Youth Project**](#)

Rural development among the Mapuche native people

[**#12349A - Rural Development and Attention to Families of Mapuche**](#)

[**#3020551 - Rural Education for the Mapuche Village**](#)

Rural mission to Mapuche Indians

[**#09762A - Pastoral Care for the Mapuche Family**](#)

El Redentor Methodist Education Center - The city of Arica has a population of 150 thousand. It is located in the most Northern point of Chile. One half an hour from Peru to the North and two hours From Bolivia to the East. The Methodist Church was Established there in 1911. A Church was built-in the center of the City. At the same time they also purchased land on the outside of town, in what is now, the poorest part of the city. In this location there is a small church with a strong membership of twenty. Although the Methodist Church family is still a rather small percentage of the entire area, the church remains very active for the

community with faithful members. #14062N - Methodist Educational Center – Arica , Chile - A safe, clean place to minister to the community

COLOMBIA

Colombian Methodist Church – various construction, medical, education projects

Reces del Mar – Building health post, water system projects

Sincelejo – church construction

Kali – build a church

ECUADOR

SIFAT (Servants In Faith And Technology)

[#982812 - SIFAT \(Servants In Faith And Technology\) Ministries](#)

Medical teams provide medical assistance for villages in remote areas with existing community development projects.

Methodist Church projects - 16 Methodist Church projects throughout Ecuador. Construction, medical and teaching teams for emerging 16 Methodist churches.

Daycare Centers, Quito - NEEDS: reparations (painting, concrete, roofing, cleanin of several individual centers; construction of new daycare center in Atacucho region.

GUYANA

For an Adobe Acrobat file with photos and additional descriptions of the projects below, go to Guyana.pdf

Trinity Outreach Complex Georgetown Circuit - Inner-city area. Complex consists of a two-story building housing Trinity Methodist School Feeding Program, and Communication Center which is being renovated and extended to provide additional facilities for Conference meetings, dormitory-style accommodation, classrooms, youth center, etc. A second one-story concrete building is being renovated to house the District Office and Communication Center. The third building on the site, a two-story concrete structure, currently serving as manse and District office, will be converted into a medical clinic.

Phase I: Complete extension to present outreach building. Work involves painting the exterior of building; and converting the front of the building into a bookstore/print shop. [4 teams needed. \$15,000 (\$5,000 raised locally, \$2,500 per team)]

Phase II: Complete renovation of District Office. Work involves installing new windows and security bars, plastering walls, pouring concrete floor, plumbing two bathrooms, wiring and installation of electrical fittings, installing air conditioning unit in Communication Room, building shelves, painting interior and exterior. [4 teams needed. \$18,000 (\$6,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team)]

Phase III: Renovate the present manse to serve as a medical clinic. (Donation of medical equipment and supplies appreciated.) Work involves electrical repairs and installation, additional plumbing, new partitions, floor and ceiling, interior and exterior painting. [4 teams needed. \$18,000 (\$6,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team)]

Timehri Camp Site and Retreat Center - Establish a camp on 10 acres near Ceddi Jagan International Airport. Prepare the land - local effort (\$3,000); erect building for meeting, kitchen and dining (\$21,000); erect five huts for sleeping (\$3,000 each); erect and fit two buildings for bathrooms (\$5,000 each); install water system \$5,000). [12 teams needed. \$54,000 (\$18,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team)]

Lake Capoey Methodist Church Essequibo Circuit - Build new concrete chapel, 2,500 sq. ft. Will also be used as youth center and fellowship hall. Present building will be converted into sleeping area for campers. [Camp in the church building, bathe in the lake. 6 teams needed. \$20,000 (\$2,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per tea (URGENT)]

Cullen Camp Site and Retreat Center - Establish a camp Essequibo Coast. Prepare the land - local effort (\$3,000); erect building for meeting, kitchen and dining (\$21,000); erect five huts for sleeping (\$3,000 each); erect and fit two buildings for bathrooms (\$5,000 each); install water system \$5,000). [12 teams needed. \$54,000 (\$18,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team)]

Mahaicony Outreach Center - Rebuilding of 2-story building, 2,000 square feet. Ground floor is multipurpose for school feeding with kitchen, toilets and showers. The ground floor will also serve for fellowship, Sunday School and various meetings. Second floor will serve as manse, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, sitting area and dining room. [6 teams needed. \$25,000 (\$10,000 raised locally, \$2,500 per team)].

Nismes Methodist Church - A new concrete building has been constructed 80% complete. Remaining work: some plaster work on inside, electrical work, painting. Construct new entrance in the front on the street side of the building. [1 team needed. \$3,000 (\$3,000 per team)].

Staff Housing Project - Construction in progress on new dwellings for two pastors and their families. Each unit will have three bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen, living room and dining room, a laundry and car/storage area. (To be

completed by a general contractor.) Once this construction is finished, the Kingston manse will be vacated by a pastor and available for use by VIM teams. At that time, extensive repairs and maintenance on the Kingston manse will be necessary. For these renovations on the Kingston manse: [12 teams needed. \$75,000-100,000 (\$45,000-70,000 raised locally, \$2,500 per team).

Cathrineville Methodist Church - New concrete church is 90% complete. Toilets, vestry, kitchen, electrical, plumbing, painting and yard work need to be completed. [1 team needed. \$4,000 (\$2,000 raised locally, \$2,000 per team).

Liberty Methodist Church - Construction of 1,000 ft. church building, with worship area, fellowship area, kitchen, vestry and toilets. [5 teams needed. \$20,000 (\$5,000 raised locally, \$3000 per team).

Sparta Methodist Church - Replace existing deteriorating building with new concrete building with worship area, fellowship area, kitchen, and toilets. [6 teams needed. \$18,000 (\$3,000 raised locally, \$2,500 per team). (URGENT)

Heathburn Methodist Church - Construction of 1,500 ft. concrete building, with worship area, fellowship area, kitchen, and toilets. [4 teams needed. \$18,000 (\$6,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team).

Ebenezer Methodist Church - Construction of 1,500 ft. concrete building, with worship area, fellowship area, kitchen, and toilets. [4 teams needed. \$18,000 (\$6,000 raised locally, \$3,000 per team).

Bethel Methodist Church Berbice Circuit - Build a new concrete chapel, 1,800 sq. ft.. [10 teams needed. \$20,000, \$2,000 per team).

Rosignol Methodist Church - Work has been begun on existing building for an area 24 ft. x 32 ft. to accommodate feeding and teaching of school children, add bathrooms. Walls will be constructed of hollow concrete blocks. [3 teams needed. \$7,500, \$2,500 per team).]

#11300N - Residential Training Center – Georgetown , Guyana - Gifts will help the church construct a center to be used for youth programs, adult retreats, and family encounter groups

PARAGUAY

Methodist Camp - to be used for evangelism. Housing units are approximately 30' X 40' and cost \$12,000 each. At least two teams would be needed for each unit, constructed of masonry.

Methodist School Lambare - Will house "K through 12" and require multiple teams. Project costs will be \$5,000 per team.

Parsonages for National Pastors - A priority need. Each parsonage would require about five teams. Project costs would be \$5,000 per team.

Sanctuary - San Vicente Church - Needs a masonry sanctuary. This would be a three team project - \$3,000 per team.

Mobile Clinic - Physicians, dentists, nurses, Spanish interpreters and optometrists are needed a Mobile Clinic.

Evangelism - VBS and Bible Teachers are needed to serve evangelistic needs for the Churches.

PERU

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Puno District

Juliaca - Tearing down existing church and building new church. Important to incorporate existing well into new church. Est. construction cost \$20,00 Teams can be housed at a hostel, for about \$20/day. Local volunteer labor is available from church members.

Ica District

Chincha Youth House - Project building new youth house and auditorium (annex to IMP Chincha). Materials cost est. \$30000+. Many will be needed to complete this project! Teams housing at the IMP Chincha; 12 to 15 beds are available, for about \$10 / day.

Campamento Cruz Verde - Rebuild dormitories, meeting halls, kitchen and necessary misc. buildings to create a retreat / conference center for the Methodist churches of Peru. Est. cost \$150,000-200,00 This is a major project requiring many teams without serious lapses in work team availability; multi-jurisdictional co-ordination helpful. Team room and board available locally.

Dos Puentes - Addition of second story to church building. Need materials, cost circa \$450 Hostel will house 10-12 team members for \$10-20 per night.

Callao District

Cancay Lima - Project tearing down existing church and building new church. Need materials, cost circa \$3000 U.S. Hostel will house 10-12 team members for \$10-20 per night.

Cerro Trinidad - Repair and expand church building for IMP Cerro Trinidad Mission Church (phase 1: painting, roofing, phase 2: building kitchen and bathroom facilities, and phase 3: adding expansion.) Est. cost \$800 phase 1, \$4500-5000 phases 2 and 3. Local materials available, and use of local labor encouraged. A nearby hostel will house 10-12 team members for \$10-20 per night.

Huaral - Project rebuilding / repairing church. Need materials (available locally), cost circa \$30000 U.S. Use of local labor encouraged. A nearby hostel will house 10-12 team members for \$10-20 per night.

Chorrillos - Complete construction of existing church facility, including educational building and bathroom and apartment building. Tools and some materials available on site. Teams can stay on site or at the Episcopal House in Santa Catalina (owned by IMP).

Lima - Peru Methodist Seminary: Renovation of Miramar Methodist Church into seminary dormitory. 4 teams needed, 10-12 per team. Youth accepted. \$5,000 requested per team. Opportunities for VBS. Housing in a hotel, \$35-40 per day. Local church provides lunch on site. Beach within five blocks.

Costa Norte District

Nuevo Progreso - Demolish existing facility and build new church building in jungle village. Est. cost \$10,000-\$14,000. Need a medical team and a construction team, partnered. Rustic setting with minimal comforts.

San Pedro - Convert existing church to community center when new church facility is complete at the Susana Wesley School.

Susana Wesley School - Project finishing interior of new classroom for Methodist school, and adding bathroom facilities. Future projects include construction of more classrooms and church facility. Materials available locally. Teams can stay and cook on site. [\[#3020739 - Susana Wesley Transitional Home\]](#)
[\[#3020742 - Susana Wesley Children's Lunch Room\]](#)

El Nino City - Build new church for this impoverished city. Est. cost \$14,000-\$18,00 Materials available locally. Teams can stay and cook at the Susana Wesley School.

Los Medanos - Repair church damaged in El Nino. Rebuilding of pews and furnishings. Est. cost \$4500-\$600 Teams can be housed and eat at the homes of congregational members or at the Susana Wesley School.

URUGUAY

Salto - Church needs extensive repair and refurbishing. Concrete and masonry work. Housing available on site. Local personnel will work alongside the team.

The Teniente Rinaldi Church in the suburbs of Montevideo - This is a two team church that will be a totally new construction in a "mission area."

Campground Pajas Blancas - Campground needs to be repaired and rebuilt after a decade of no use due to the prior political persecution of the Methodist Church.

Durazno Church - needs extensive repair and refurbishing. This is the only Methodist Church in the area and they hope to reestablish their congregation and involve the youth of the town.

Methodist Church in Bernabe Rivera - The building is in need of: repairing the big chapel window; painting; remodeling the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom so that the pastor as well as members of IMU's Board may stay there for short periods. Est cost \$3,000.

High school in Bernabe Rivera - Bernabe Rivera High School located in the Province of Artigas, works closely with the Methodist Church in Uruguay (IMU). The school building is extremely deteriorated and the State has not made any repairs in many years. Roofs and drainage pipes need reparation as well as the deterioration caused by humidity. Est. cost, \$7,000.

Methodist Church of Artigas - The only protection for the children from the busy street is a deteriorated fence which is not enough. The congregation would like to build a solid wall with bars that will allow good protection and at the same time would not obstruct the view of the church. The wall would cover two sides of the property. Est cost, \$3,500.

The Methodist Church of the Cross in Salto has a center for students who come from other towns with no universities, so that they may continue their studies. The Eugene Stockwell Center has space for only 12 students; however, at the present time, more students are requesting space at the center. The

building has space for some changes that would provide two or three more bedrooms which would allow six more students to stay at the center. Est. cost \$5,000.

Renacer Summer Camp and Retreat Center- The plan is to rebuild and improve this camp so it does not only serve as a Summer Camp but also a center for meetings and seminaries for the whole Methodist Church during the year, and also for activities that could serve the city of Paysandu. The electrical instalation has been repaired with local funds at a cost of \$2,000. Because of the cost of this project, the reconstruction has been planned for several stages. The work to be done will demand at least four UMVIM Teams. Est cost for first stage \$5,000. Est cost for entire project \$90,000.

[\[#14898N - Paysandu's Camp and Center\]](#)

Trinidad Methodist Church - needs lots of repairs, roof, ceiling, plumbing and drainage, wall humidity, etc. Some of the repairs already started show the beautiful woodwork hidden in the ceiling and still in perfect condition. The kitchen and bathrooms also need to be redone. Three more UMVIM teams needed. Est cost for first stage \$7,000. Total est cost \$28,000.

Mercedes Methodist Church - Kitchen enlargement needed for church which cooks and sells meals on weekends to support the work of the church. Est cost \$7,000.

Friendship House - Although the building is in structurally in good condition, windows, doors, electric instalations, etc. need repairing and painting. The floor of the assembly room is in need of repair as well. To complete the work two UMVIM Teams would be needed. Est cost for first stage \$5,000. Est cost for second stage \$6,000.

VENEZUELA

Comunidad Metodista de Venezuela (Methodist Community of Venezuela)

San Carlos - Put in windows in gazebo on San Carlos – 1 team
PACTO – The Open Program for Theological Training, Maracaibo

Existing student housing needs a second floor.
El Renuevo Global Ministries

Maripa camp complete medical outpost - Work needed: plumbing, electrical and floor, arch building construction; also workers for vacation Bible school -- 2 work teams.

Call the UMVIM, SEJ office for more Venezuela based projects.