

2026

A Report to Our Ministry Partners

Two roles, one calling: serving those who serve — through Sepal and the Brazilian Evangelical Alliance, from Brazil to the nations.



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Photo: Sepal missionaries at Casa Sepal

A LETTER TO OUR PARTNERS

A year of planting seeds on new continents

Dear friends and prayer partners,

In 2026 we served in two roles that complement each other: **Sepal**, which supports missionary teams in Brazil and in 18 countries, and the **Brazilian Evangelical Alliance**, which brings churches together to serve — especially when disaster strikes.

This was the year of the first Sepal Gatherings in Angola and Japan, the first participants in DiasporaBR, and the first international response of our disaster relief program, Aliança pela Vida, with volunteers on a large scale. None of this would have happened without your generosity and prayers.

This report runs through October, but the work hasn't slowed: we are now responding to the effects of El Niño.

It all flows from one calling, **Conectando Gente** ("Connecting People"): to connect people and support them as they live out their calling to the full — and, in doing so, to proclaim the gospel and point to the Kingdom of God.

With gratitude,
Cassiano Luz

CONTINUITY

Reappointed for four more years

Sepal's Governance Board renewed my term.

2026 at a glance

Jan–Oct 2026

14
new missionaries joined Sepal

135
Sepal missionaries serving in 18 countries

8
disaster responses through November

3
Sepal Gatherings: São Paulo, Angola, and Japan

30
couples in the DiasporaBR Project

3
industrial kitchens set up in Venezuela

WHERE I SERVE

Two roles. Many fronts. Fruit on the ground.

Our work is to create the conditions for others to serve well out of their own callings. Every gift we receive is multiplied through the ministry of many.



Cassiano Luz
Director of Operations in two organizations

SEPAL

Serving pastors and leaders

Missionaries worldwide
Care, support, and mentoring in 18 countries

DiasporaBR Project
Brazilian professionals abroad joining God's mission

Casa Sepal
Missionary Care Weeks

Gatherings for pastors and leaders
São Paulo, Angola, and Japan

Sepal Digital
Care and mentoring, tracked month by month

BRAZILIAN EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Churches serving churches

Aliança pela Vida
Disaster relief, rebuilding, and preparedness

At the Table Gatherings
Unity among churches, ministry organizations, and denominations

Public witness
Public statements and letters to the Church

Global partnerships
Latin American and World Evangelical Alliances

Aliança LAB
Research and mission data

ON THE GROUND
Missionaries' ministries in 18 countries

ON THE GROUND
Families served by local churches after disasters

ON THE GROUND
Pastors and leaders cared for and connected

SEPAL · 2026 SNAPSHOT

A platform that serves the Church in reaching the nations

135

Sepal missionaries

77 in Brazil — **58** in other countries

18 countries, 5 continents

as of May 2026

AMERICAS	Brazil · Chile · Ecuador · Belize · USA
EUROPE	Portugal · Spain · Italy · Germany · Scotland · Romania
AFRICA	South Africa · Mozambique
ASIA	South Korea · China · Cambodia · Thailand

Since then: 14 new missionaries and new fields in Angola and Japan.

> **Sepal is part of the OC Global Alliance, present in 111 countries. In 2025, Sepal Brazil accounted for one-third of all the leaders trained across the entire network.**

Sources: Sepal Brazil overview (May 2026); OCGA Annual Ministry Report 2025



CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE

Casa Sepal in Atibaia: a place where missionaries are cared for

During our **Missionary Care Weeks**, each group receives a full week of rest, listening, and personal care — at no cost to them.

8–10
missionary households per week

1
full week of spiritual, emotional, and physical care

100%
funded by Sepal

Care that continues

Through Sepal Digital: monthly check-ins, a dedicated mentor, and early alerts at signs of crisis.

Care that goes to the field

Every trip includes visits to missionaries where they serve.

2026 FIELD TRIPS

Two trips, two continents, open doors



Angola · July 2026

SOUTH AFRICA · MOZAMBIQUE · ANGOLA

Africa

In Angola we held the **first Sepal Pastors and Leaders Gathering**, July 9–11. The response was so strong that a **second Gathering is already scheduled** for 2027.

We also built relationships with leaders in Mozambique and South Africa — groundwork for taking the Gathering to other Portuguese-speaking countries.



Japan · October 8–19, 2026

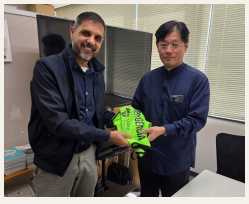
BRAZILIAN DIASPORA

Japan

We just returned from the **first Sepal Gathering for Brazilian pastors and leaders** in Japan, home to one of the largest Brazilian communities abroad.

30
couples in DiasporaBR

2
new missionary units being recruited



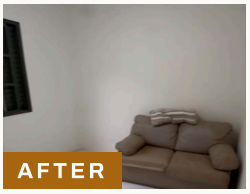
On behalf of the Alliance, I met with **Rev. Hiroo Kambe** of the Japan Evangelical Association, together with Pastor Victor Fontana.



Churches serving churches — from Brazil to Venezuela







A STORY FROM MINAS GERAIS

A home for Dona Maria and Dona Georgina

The sisters grew up in this house in Matias Barbosa, Minas Gerais, and cared for their parents there to the end. Then the flood destroyed everything. We cleared the mud, rebuilt floors and roof, replaced the furniture, and in May handed back a home better than before.

The rebuild grew into a relationship: Conexão Presbyterian Church in Juiz de Fora took the sisters under its care, stayed with Dona Georgina until she passed away weeks later, and still walks with Dona Maria.

ALSO IN 2026

Venezuela: largest response abroad
We'd served abroad before; this time with large volunteer teams, 10 church shelters, and 3 industrial kitchens.

Preparedness
Launch of Brigadistas pela Vida / Igrejas Seguras (Safe Churches).

Public witness
Policy brief on sports betting; open letter "Hope in the Midst of Chaos."

Rebuilding in southern Brazil
AgroVida housing community on 17 acres in Cruzeiro do Sul, the area hardest hit by the 2024 floods.

Unity
Third At the Table Gathering in Limeira (São Paulo); Conversations of Hope series completed.

Partnerships and accountability
Religions and Democracy Initiative; independent external audit.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

6 field trips to meet with pastors, care for missionaries, and grow DiasporaBR

01 Portuguese-speaking Africa
Second Gathering in Angola and a local Sepal team

02 Asia
Japan, South Korea, and, if possible, China

03 Málaga, Spain
Retreat for our cross-cultural missionaries

04–06 Fortaleza · Rio · São Paulo
Sepal Gatherings and care visits

Want to know the costs and how you can help? **Get in touch.**

NEW · THE NEXO SYSTEM

powered by Conectando Gente

Matching those who give with those in need — no middlemen

In a disaster, aid piles up in one place while another goes without. NEXO connects churches and organizations that have resources with those that need them, **free of charge**, and tracks every step from request to final report.



Official alerts
Live feed from Brazil's national disaster alert center

Tracking
Every shipment followed to its destination

No borders
In Portuguese and Spanish, for any country



WALK WITH US

Three ways to be part of 2027

Pray

- The second Gathering in Angola and a local Sepal team
- DiasporaBR couples and new missionary units in Japan
- Missionaries serving outside Brazil
- El Niño relief and churches ready to serve
- Unity in the Church in Brazil

Give

A one-time or monthly gift toward the six 2027 field trips. Contact us or Sepal's donor care team:

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Connect

Introduce us to Brazilian Christians living outside Brazil.

We're looking for mentors: mature Christians with professional and international experience to walk alongside DiasporaBR participants.

> *Thank you for standing behind this calling. Every missionary cared for, every pastor encouraged, and every family served in 2026 is part of your story, too.*
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