

NAME AND ICP CODE OF MOTHER CHURCH: Igreja Batista Independente Betel em Campina Grande

NAME OF PROPOSED DAUGHTER CHURCH: Igreja Batista Independente Betel em Patos

1. Denomination/ICP.

a. What is your denomination? Independent Baptist (CIBI).

b. What are your key beliefs?

The main beliefs are:

- In the Bible as the word of God written by God-trained men who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, expressed the divine message that can be transmitted to people of every race and culture;
- In one Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), Creator of all things, governor of the universe, who is just and loving to all;
- That the human being was created in the image and likeness of God, becoming a sinner, so that the image of God in him was mutilated;
- That God sent his son Jesus Christ to this world as a savior, who became a physical body, similar to man, died on the cross and physically resurrected and ordered his disciples to preach his Gospel to every creature. Having been subject to heaven at the right hand of God the Father, he will return to establish the kingdom of God and judgment of the world;
- That the human being can only be forgiven and saved from sin and its eternal consequences, believing in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross, through repentance by the Holy Spirit in him;
- That salvation is by the grace of God, without merit on the part of the human being. However, salvation by grace translates into works of goodness practiced by the Christian;
- That the Church, instituted by Jesus Christ and composed of persons converted and baptized according to the ordinance of the Lord, has the task of proclaiming the good news for the salvation of sinful man, announcing and showing the practice of justice among men, denouncing All sorts of individual and social iniquity, as well as all sorts of oppression that degrade the human being
- * That the true believer receives the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies and enables him with the specific gifts to exercise divine service among human beings;
- That the full manifestation of the kingdom of God will only take place through divine intervention by the personal coming of Christ to this world; and
- In the resurrection of the dead and in the final and eternal state of the saved with God, and in the separation from those who obstinately remained in the practice of evil.

c. What is your mode of baptism?

The mode of baptism by immersion, only of believers, in a condition to discern and publish their faith in Jesus Christ.

d. How often do you celebrate communion? We celebrate once at the beginning of each month.

e. How large is your group/denomination? There are 805 Churches / Congregations; 68,150 members.

f. How many affiliated churches in your country?

There are 805 churches / congregations

g. How long has your denomination/group worked with Compassion in your country?

In Brazil our Convention has been working with Compassion for 31 years.

h. How many active projects does your denomination/group have with Compassion in your country? Four (4)

i. Please list most recently established opened ICPs (up to 3):

BR450

BR553

BR562

2. Daughter Church Location and Need.

- a. What is the name of the community where the Daughter Church will be located? (Please indicate community and specific neighborhood name, if applicable.)

This is a recent community that has emerged from federal housing programs for the needy population. Located on the banks of the highway BR361 at the exit of Patos to Piancó. Some of the residents with whom we worked with the children were contemplated with houses in Itatiunga. That's why the church has implemented the activities and now holds worship services in homes, community meetings, etc. Because of our knowledge of the community, and because it is an area without effective churches and with deep social vulnerabilities, we have seen the need and launched the proposal to build our church there.

- b. What is the approximate distance (km) from the Mother Church to the proposed Daughter Church location? 186 km*

- c. What percentage of the community population are children?

Approximately 40% of Itatiunga's population is children.

- d. What type of work is available for people to make a living?

The main source of income in this poor community comes from the Income Distribution Program of the Federal Government - Bolsa Familia. These resources are insufficient, and here in the Sertão Paraibano Region many work in informal commerce; There is a huge unemployment rate.

- e. What does a typical home look like here?

They are houses of popular housing set donated by the Federal Government in partnership with the city council through the program 'Minha Casa, Minha vida'. They are conjugated masonry houses, composed of five environments, being: living room, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms.

- f. What assets and strengths does this community have?

We can register as strengths of the Itatiunga Community:

1. The population of this community are fearless people at work.
2. The community is open to dialogue and the church can work in a preventive way regarding the effects of vulnerability / social problems, such as: drugs, sexual exploitation and lack of professionalization.
3. The availability of families in this community to participate in initiatives that can contribute to the improvement of their quality of life.

- g. In two sentences or more, please describe why a church is needed here:

The Itatiunga community has a need for a church that develops a work within the perspective of an integral gospel, because there are in the community only sporadic visits of some churches that are not engaged in discipleship and integral evangelism.

- h. Are there any other active ministries sharing the gospel or evangelizing in this area?

They exist, but they are sporadic and do not bother to disciple or with the integral gospel.

3. Capacity.

a. How many churches has your denomination/group planted before? They exist, but they are sporadic and

i. How many churches has the Mother Church ICP planted previously?

Four - in different regions of the state.

Please list any existing Daughter Churches that are Compassion ICPs.

(BR450)

(BR553)

(BR562)

(BR117)

b. What is your church planting vision for the future?

Planting church as a priority in the walk of our community, within a specific and sovereign direction of God for our church. Establishing thus theologically sound and well founded churches, committed to the kingdom of God.

c. How does your group provide support, encouragement, and accountability for the new Daughter Church and her planter?

The Bethlehem Baptist Church in Campina Grande brings support to this work, as well as the IBI convention, by sending a Pastor to this field. Through reports, visits and financial resources raised, logistical support to the field and the missionary. There was a denominational dream of planting a church in this area of Patos. Having started the work in the Pastoral house, a work with children was developed in the "middle street", a peripheral and vulnerable place of the city. Soon after, an annex was opened with Bethel in Campina Grande, with the existing work with Compassion. Residents of the "middle street", were contemplated with houses in the Itatiunga complex, and in this way the work was extended to this community. Being our desire to plant the church in Itatiunga to expand and solidify the work with these families.

d. Name of planter/pastor of the new Daughter Church? Lavoisier Marinho Costa

e. Name of pastor of the Mother Church? Gilberto Abrantes

f. What type of oversight will you implement with the new Daughter Church?

During all phases of development of this work, the Matriz Church, together with its convention, will supervise and support the church in formation.

- g. Please include a brief (5-10 sentences) biography on the Daughter Church pastor. (For example, do they have a family? What is their testimony? Why do they feel called to minister here?)

Lavoisier Marinho Costa is from Itabaiana, in the state of Paraíba, born on 09/01/67. Married to Maria Dalva Medeiros Costa, she is currently director of BR117 in Patos. The couple has three children, João Marcos Medeiros Costa, 23, married, Caio Fábio Medeiros Costa, 20, and Pedro Henrique Medeiros Costa, 19 years old. Converted as a teenager, this pastor has always developed works in this church. Helping Pastor, assuming ministries, youth leaders, etc. To work with missions, he studied at the interdenominational congregational seminary in Campina Grande. Still as a seminarian, he worked in pastoral care in his church and with congregations. He developed a work with couples, forming a team that held seminars of couples in various denominations. Participated in the meeting for Christian conscience in Campina Grande, heard lectures on church planting. After these lectures, he felt captivated to develop ministry for church planting. Then he was invited by his church and denomination to participate in the project of planting a church in the Patos region. Having been ordained to the pastoral ministry in September 2013, the same month and year, he went with his family to Patos to develop this work. He has now developed a good relationship with the community in general. In addition to the church planting work, he has lectured for couples in other churches, among other topics. He teaches systematic theology at the evangelical seminary of Patos, and has punctuated with his local church the development of a serious, Biblical church, confronting the current challenges of being a church, in an integral, biblical and welcoming way.

4. Daughter Church Pastoral Support.

- a. How far from the new Daughter Church site will the pastor live?

The pastor will live 3km away.

- b. How will the planter/pastor earn a living?

Pastoral income comes from the convention and assistance of the church headquarters.

- i. If the Pastor will earn income outside of support from the church, please indicate how:

N/A

- c. Will there be financial support from the denomination? Yes.