



SEND Network

# Coquitlam British Columbia



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**BELIEVE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### About the Family

I was privileged to marry my precious wife, Aline, in 2009. Our first conversation revolved around missions and seminary, however, because of my secular work we moved to China and lived in Shenzhen for one year. While there, we shared the gospel with many work contacts, distributing Bibles on taxi runs and other opportunities. As soon as we moved back to Brazil, we decided to drop everything and start seminary in Texas.

In 2012, we had the joy of becoming the parents of Daniel, and in 2014, we welcomed Matheus. After completing our studies, we went back to Brazil to prepare for our next challenge.

We had a great time working full-time as pastor of a church in Porto Alegre, and after five years God finally fulfilled our dream of allowing us to come to Metro Vancouver to serve as missionaries planting a church.

### About My Church Plant

We are planting a church in Coquitlam, British Columbia. This is a very friendly and family-oriented city. We have met many families, and there is a quiet yet modern vibe in the city. Statistics show that almost half of the households are married couples with one child and that 44% of the population were born overseas.

Similar to all of British Columbia, Coquitlam has a very secular population with half considering themselves irreligious. We see a great disconnection among the population, many living isolated from the community. We have met many immigrants who have neither family nor friends in the city. We have befriended a family who has lived here for around 20 years, and we are their first friends.

Our desire is to be light in the darkness that we see and feel and to be family to the lonely and to serve the community.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

#### **PRAY.**

Pray for our family as we work together in ministry.  
Pray the church will be established and will faithfully work to plant in other communities, too.  
Pray the Lord brings leaders who can help within the church.  
Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

#### **PARTICIPATE**

Build relationships with a church planter, team members and their families.  
Send notes of encouragement.  
Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

#### **PROVIDE**

Learn the church plant, its strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.  
Support a church planter financially.