



*The Roofs*  
*Biographical Sketch*  
*Serving the Lord with OMS*  
*In*  
*Londrina - Paraná - Brazil*

Both David & Conce accepted Jesus as their Savior as children. David at an evening church service when he was five and Conce at a home church meeting when she was eight.

Through the adolescent years into their teens both were involved in their local churches and grew in their walk with the Lord.



*David, Conce & Andrew Roof*

The year of 1987 was a pivot point in both their lives. David in the United States and Conce in Brazil would be brought together for the first time through each one's desire to serve the Lord. During the months of June, July and August they had committed to a short term mission project of producing an evangelical film. The project was with Teen Missions International. David was part of an American team going to Brazil to produce the film. Conce had auditioned with other young people from local churches in Brazil for a role in the film. During this three month period the film *Em Busca do Ouro* (In Search of Gold) was filmed. David & Conce had met and the Lord was unveiling a call on their lives never before imagined.

Conce was already enrolled in Grace Seminary in Belém Brazil during the filming. Upon David's return to the United States he enrolled in Teen Mission's Bible & Missionary Training School in Merritt Island Florida. Upon David's graduation he returned to Brazil in 1991 to serve a one year internship with Teen Missions. Conce and David were married in March of that same year and served the internship together. They worked with film evangelism, taking evangelical films into the interior villages of Belém and sharing the Gospel with many for the first time. God confirmed in their hearts through this work that He was indeed calling them into full time service in Brazil. Upon completion of their commitment with Teen Missions in June of 1992 the Roofs came to the United States for Conce to meet David's family and seek God's further direction for their lives.

While waiting for the Lord to open the door to return to Brazil David worked first as a carpenter and later as a prison guard. Conce worked at the EC Retirement Village in the kitchen and later at another retirement home in housekeeping. In 1995 God blessed them with their son Andrew

and Conce became a full time mom staying at home with him. The search for how and when to return to Brazil had been on for several years. Several mission agencies had been contacted about service in Brazil. Finally in 1996 at the suggestion of Dr. Ragsdale, OMS was contacted. After a visit to the field in October of 1997 the Roofs knew that the Lord had prepared them for this work. For the next 2+ years the Roofs traveled extensively in deputation sharing the vision that the Lord had given them for the fields of harvest in Brazil. On February 16, 2000, more than a decade after God's first hint of a calling on their lives, the Roofs returned to Brazil to serve with OMS International.

Currently they are involved in the *Jardim Veneza* church planting project with the Missionary Church (OMS related denomination) in Londrina Paraná, Brazil. The Roofs have been privileged to be part of the work since ground zero - seeing God build up His church through evangelism, cell groups and weekly services. Weekly attendance currently averages 150 (90 adults 60 youth & children).

#### **Responsibilities in the church:**

David preaches about every six weeks. He meets with the pastoral team weekly for prayer and vision casting. Teaches courses: Basic Truths, English, Bible studies

Conce heads up the women's ministries using crafts, Bible studies, home gatherings and organizing special events.

David & Conce both organize and train leadership for annual youth camp.

#### **Other areas of responsibility:**

**The Roofs** are involved in the OMS Christian camp Acampamento Shalom. It is situated 15 kilometers from Londrina. In 2003 they spent the year there as interim directors while another OMS missionary couple was on furlough. That couple has since retired. David and Conce now serve as heads of the camp committee which oversees the camp's operation while the field is transitioning to having a Brazilian camp director.

David serves as a Brazil Field committee member and often is involved in construction and remodeling at the church and OMS properties.

#### **Future Vision:**

The Roofs' future vision is to take the Missionary church up to Northern Brazil. Conversation has been ongoing for several years with OMS and Missionary church leadership about this possibility. The plan currently formulating looks like this.

**January 2005 to June 2006:** wrap-up current ministries in Londrina

**June 2006 to July 2007:** furlough –Andrew will experience 5<sup>th</sup> grade in an American school solidifying his English.

**August 2007 to December 2008:** Return to Brazil. Move to Belém, Pará. Get situated and make preparations for a church planting team to come and help start the work. Andrew will start Jr. High possibly at Amazon Valley Academy (A missionary boarding school in Belém).

**January 2009 to ?:** Plant the first Missionary Church in the Belém area.