

We hope that you enjoyed your visit to Bethel. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work that Jehovah's Witnesses are doing to assist people who are searching for a better future through God's Kingdom. May your visit with us encourage you to continue learning more about our loving Creator and to live by his righteous standards.

Visitors are welcome to take a guided tour of the branch facilities. Tours are available at the times shown on the schedule below.

Tour times: Monday through Friday; mornings: 8:15, 9:15, 10:15 a.m.; afternoons: 1:15, 2:15, 3:15 p.m.



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Welcome to the
Brazil Branch Office of
Jehovah's Witnesses

Audio/Video Department

At this Regional Audio/Video Center, recordings in Portuguese and Brazilian Sign Language are made for the songbook, magazines, books, and Bible dramas. These recordings are produced as CDs and DVDs or as electronic files for the Internet. This department also produces audio/video recordings for other countries and in various indigenous languages spoken in South America.

Printery



Prepress

Before printing can start, artwork and composed text are combined to form a set of electronic files. Then this information is inscribed by laser onto metal plates. The entire process for reproducing printing plates is computerized. This department also verifies that the printing meets our high quality control standards.



Pressroom

The Man Roland Lithoman press can produce up to 90,000 magazines per hour, or the equivalent of 25 magazines or brochures per second. Press operators monitor production by means of several computer controls so that quality is ensured throughout the various phases of the printing process.



Braille

Publications for the visually impaired are prepared here. The complete Bible as well as *The Watchtower* and *Our Kingdom Ministry* are available in Portuguese Braille. Braille publications are also sent to other countries.



Job Press

Book covers are printed on sheet-fed presses and then laminated. Convention and assembly programs and various forms are also printed here.



Bindery

In the bindery, printed pages are bound with either soft or hard covers. Books that are produced on the softcover bindery line are packed as soon as they come off the production line. To produce hardcover books, the printed pages are first sewn together into single volumes. Then titles are embossed onto hard covers and finally the books are bound with the covers.

Shipping

Congregation literature requests are processed with the help of a computer-controlled system that indicates which items need to be packed. This system allows requests to be filled quickly and efficiently.



Maintenance Shops

All of the electrical and mechanical systems as well as machines and vehicles used at Bethel are maintained by well-trained maintenance crews. There are also welding and machine shops that care for the production of parts needed to maintain branch equipment.

