1. Miguel Silva

- He was born in 1933 in São Paulo.
- He is a second-generation Latter-day Saint. His parents were baptized in 1927, making them two of the earliest Church members in Brazil.
- He has always been active in the Church, serving as a branch president, the first president of the first local stake, and a patriarch.
- He has a sharp mind and is in great health.
- He says he has always been too busy to keep a journal or other records.
2. Davi Santos

- He was born in 1927 in Rio de Janeiro.
- He was baptized in 1936 in Novo Hamburgo and is among the first generation of Latter-day Saints in Brazil.
- He has always been active in the Church.
- He was one of the first native Brazilians to serve a full-time mission.
- He translated for President Spencer W. Kimball when the prophet visited Brazil in the 1970s.
- He worked as a translator for the Church.
- He served in the first São Paulo Temple presidency.
- He has always kept great personal records (his journal) from the time he was baptized and has written an autobiography.
3. Gabriel Souza

- He was born in 1940 in Manaus and moved to the Mormon enclave in Joinville with his parents in 1943. He was baptized there in 1948.
- Because of persecution, he and his family left the Church in 1949.
- He smokes and drinks alcohol regularly.
- He says he is a Mormon when the missionaries come to his door but goes to the Pentecostal church every other Sunday with his wife.
- He has his family's photo album and a few books from “the good old days” in Joinville.
4. Arthur Costa

• He was born in 1946 in Picada.
• Has German ancestry—and it shows in his appearance.
• He was baptized when he was 30 years old in 1976.
• He was one of the first men in Brazil to serve in a temple presidency.
• He had a stroke last year and can hardly talk.
5. Lucas Carvahlo

• He was born in Salvador in 1950 to parents who were baptized in 1948.

• In 1968, he was drafted into the Brazilian army and began a career as a professional soldier. He became an officer and rose quickly through the ranks to become the highest-ranking Latter-day Saint in Brazil.

• He has always been active in the Church. He married in the temple but has had no leadership callings because he moved around so much due to his military career.

• After retiring in 2005, he and his wife were the first Brazilians to serve in Brazil’s bishops’ storehouse and employment resource center.
6. Matheus Martins

- He was born in Belo Horizonte in 1960 and was raised as an atheist by communist-leaning parents.
- He was active in antigovernment political activities in the late 1970s and was imprisoned as a result.
- While in prison, he met an LDS inmate who taught him the gospel and gave him a copy of the Book of Mormon. He experienced a miraculous conversion based on what he read.
- After being released from prison and completing his probation, he was baptized, and a year later he was called to serve a mission to Russia, making him the first Brazilian to serve in that country.
- Since completing his mission, he has served faithfully in many callings, including as a bishop and a member of the high council.
7. Pedro Rocha

- He was born in 1970 in Belém to a very poor family. His family joined the Church in 1984.
- He fulfilled an honorable mission in 1989 but afterward returned to abject poverty.
- In March 2001, Gordon B. Hinckley announced the Perpetual Education Fund. Pedro was the first person in Brazil to apply for a Perpetual Education Fund loan.
- He learned to be a brick mason, paid back his Perpetual Education Fund loan, and was an apprentice to the best mason in Belém. Pedro taught him the gospel and baptized him and his family.
- Pedro finally began his own business and became very wealthy because of his good work ethic, honesty, and Perpetual Education Fund training.
8. Guilherme Alves

- He was born in 1990 in Natal to LDS parents.
- He is a sixth-generation Mormon; his ancestors joined the Church in Germany and came to Brazil in 1913.
- He has collected family stories his whole life and compiled these into several volumes; however, he has never told his own story or what it means to him to descend from some of the first Latter-day Saints in Brazil.
- Due to a traffic accident, Guilherme is now paralyzed and cannot write or type.
9. Gustavo Pereira

• Gustavo was born in Nova Iguaçu in 1985 to a very poor family.
• His family joined the Church in 1996.
• Gustavo was very active following his family’s conversion.
• He served a mission in Brazil and was supported by his stake.
• He returned and used the Perpetual Education Fund to become a welder.
• He is married and has a family and serves as the elders quorum president in his ward.
10. Rafael Alves

- He was born in 1994 in Campinas to an active LDS family.
- In 2006, he got mixed up in gang activity and was sent to juvenile detention.
- He was released from juvenile detention in 2009 as a hardened criminal with no interest in the Church. Now a drug dealer, he has tattoos and problems with the Word of Wisdom.
- His family hopes that involvement in Church history will help rescue Rafael. They are putting a lot of pressure on the Church history area adviser to record an interview with him.
11. Júlia Goncalves

- She was born in 1927 in Hamburg Velho.
- Her family hosted the first missionaries to serve in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in 1928.
- Her family was converted shortly after the missionaries arrived, and she has always been active in the Church.
- Her family records were destroyed in a tragic house fire in 2007.
- She lives in a convalescent home and is in a wheelchair, but her mind is sound and she is articulate.
12. Sophia Castro

- She was born in São José dos Campos in 1935. She became an orphan at age 4 and was placed in a Catholic orphanage until age 18.
- At age 18, she became a nun and was assigned to a remote outpost in the Amazon jungle, where she worked with indigenous people for the next 50 years.
- In 2003, she left the jungle and returned to Rio de Janeiro, where she had a crisis of faith and left the Catholic church.
- In 2009, she was taught by two sister missionaries and was baptized after only three weeks.
- She read President Henry B. Eyring’s talk titled “O Remember, Remember” and was inspired to write her life’s story, which included her conversion experience.
13. Isabella Costa

- She was born in 1948 to a family that has African ancestry.
- She was baptized with her husband in 1976, two years before the revelation on the priesthood.
- Isabella has always been active and was the first African-Brazilian Relief Society president in the Porto Alegre 22nd Ward.
- She is healthy and has a good mind and memory.
- She has never kept records in her life, other than a photo from the day she was baptized.
14. Maria Eduarda

• She was born in Recife in 1953.
• Her family was baptized in 1963.
• She served as one of the first Brazilian sister missionaries from 1974 to 1975 and helped to open Portugal to missionary work.
• She married in 1977 and had 7 children.
• She has always been active in the Church.
• In 2007, her husband was called to serve as a mission president in Portugal.
• She says she has always been too busy to keep personal records.
15. Manuela Martins

- She was born in Brasilia on 22 April 1960, the day Brasilia was officially made the nation’s capital.
- Her father was the first branch president in Brasilia, having been converted to the Church in 1954.
- Her mother was the minister of culture and education in the national government from 1962 to 1968.
- She married in 1981 and has served faithfully in Young Women, Primary, and Relief Society.
- In 2013, she was diagnosed with incurable cancer and was given six months to live.
16. Giovanna Fernandes

- She was born in Curitiba in 1972 into a family with African heritage and living in dire poverty.
- Her family joined the Church in 1978.
- Giovanna is brilliant. Her teacher noticed her intelligence and helped her get a scholarship at a prestigious university in Brazil.
- She earned her PhD in 1999, but because of school and lifestyle choices, she has strayed from the Church and is embarrassed to mention her membership, thinking it is a liability to her career.
- Her family is heartbroken and hopes that the Church history workers can help rescue their daughter.
17. Alice Gomes

- Alice was born in 1971 into an active LDS family living in Porto Alegre.
- She is very beautiful and has entered and won beauty pageants.
- In 1988, she was crowned Miss Brazil, making her the only LDS woman to ever achieve that status.
- She became an advocate for environmental issues and traditional family values, focusing on complete chastity before marriage.
- She became the target of scorn in the Brazilian media for her “old-fashioned” ideas, but she never relented.
- She married in the temple and raised a large family.
18. Laura Lima

- She was born in 1987 in São Luís.
- She and her family were active in the Pentecostal faith.
- She joined the Church at age 17 in 2004 and was ostracized by her family, so she had to live with members of the Church across town.
- She served a mission, where she found and taught Sophia Castro, a former nun who lived in the jungle for 50 years.
- After her mission, she used the Perpetual Education Fund to become a nurse and successfully paid back her loan.
- She married in the temple and is active in the Church.
19. Luiza Pinto

• She was born in 1990 in São João de Meriti.

• She is a fourth-generation Latter-day Saint and has always been active in the Church.

• She graduated from college before being called to serve as the first sister missionary in Angola, just after the country opened up for missionary work.

• Her missionary journal was stolen on her flight home, but she still has some photographs of her mission in her camera.
20. Beatriz Barbosa

- She was born in 1994 in Ribeirão Preto into an active LDS family.
- She attended Primary, Young Women, and seminary and has been active in the Church for her whole life.
- She was the first young woman in her stake to apply to be a missionary after President Monson announced the lowered missionary age.
- She was called to serve in Mozambique.