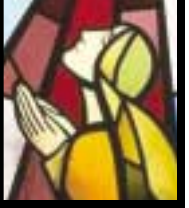


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At Christmas, one message comes through "loud and clear," **GOD IS ABLE!**

Startled by the angel's announcement, "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus," Mary asks, "How can this be?" The angel answers, "Nothing is impossible with God." God makes impossible things happen!

Elizabeth gives birth to John in her old age. Mary, a virgin, gives birth to Jesus Christ.

Today, an impossible thing is taking place. HCM and partnering churches are launching a new church in Astoria, NY, without a leader. A Visa granting permission for Gilmar Salgado de Jesus the evangelist to come to the US has not been granted.

In the face of this obstacle, the project's leaders are pressing on— legal efforts to secure a Visa for Gilmar will continue, small group discipleship leaders will be recruited and monthly celebration services will be conducted. Nothing is impossible for God.

The next step is to recruit and train 21 persons to conduct discipleship home meetings. To recruit and train 21 persons to lead discipleship groups is a daunting—but not impossible—task. But, God does impossible things.

Sunday, November 23, Wayne Long, HCM's Executive Director, preached at Mt. Zion Christian Church, East Providence, RI. The message, based on Matthew 9:35-38, focused on ministry and the necessity of men and women to enter the Lord's harvest field. At the conclusion of the message he issued a call for workers. No one responded!

Following the service, Leonardo Castelano (who was pictured in the November Prayer Update with David Dooley) and Neucimar Botelho motioned Wayne into an adjacent room. Each sensed the Holy Spirit urging them to respond, but had unanswered questions.

Leonardo volunteered to accept the challenge of leading a discipleship Bible study.

This month, Wayne will travel to Baldwin, Mamaroneck, New York, NY as well as Newark, NJ, to recruit leaders to help in New York.

Your prayers are needed to ask the Lord of the Harvest for 21 workers. As you pray, God will make impossible things happen. Gilmar Salgado will be granted a Visa. Twenty-one discipleship group leaders will be recruited and trained. As these impossible things begin to happen, many like Mary, will sing...

*My soul magnifies the Lord and
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

Luke 1:47

MERRY CHRISTMAS from Wayne & Gail Long, Joan Feola, Secretary, Carol Cerreto, Treasurer, the Board of Directors and HCM Pastors

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Please Remember in Prayer

Centreville, VA. Leomar Silva, HCM evangelist who fell more than 24 feet is slowly recovering. He's recovered 30% of the usage of his left hand. Oral surgeons expect his teeth implantation work to be complete by August 2004.

Hershey, PA. The 2003 Eastern Christian Convention provided the Mission with many networking and promotion opportunities. Letters highlighting the Keystone and Astoria Projects were distributed to area churches. Forty persons attended a reception spotlighting Antonio T. Lima and the Community Christian Church, Scranton, PA, and Julio Dias and the Missionary Christian Church, Rockville, MD. An offering of \$440 was given for the Mission's General Fund. The Mission was also the recipient of a portion of the Convention's general offerings.

Taunton, MA. Irineia Pessoa, wife of missionary-pastor Silas Pessoa, is now at home recovering from gall bladder surgery.

