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## PLANTING HISPORTIC CHURCHES IN AMERICA & BEYOND



L to R Robert Fife (Portugal),  
Osório Gonçalves (Brazil), Robert Wetzell (USA),  
Victor Hugo Queiroz (Brazil), Wayne Long (USA)



Robert Fife (Portugal) Valdecy da Silva (Spain),

Brighton, England. Fifteen hundred persons gathered July 29 – August 1 for five days of meetings, seminars, and worship services. The event was the World Convention of Restoration Movement Churches known locally as Churches of Christ, Christian Churches and Disciples of Christ. This year's meeting gathered more non-English-speaking peoples than in previous conventions. Wayne and Gail Long represented HCM at the meeting.

HCM's Vision is to plant Portuguese-speaking churches in America and beyond. The World Convention provided the venue for the "beyond."

### SEMINAR AT THE WORLD CONVENTION

Wayne Long presented a seminar entitled, "Urbanization: Mission in Megacities." He pointed out that in 2007, there will be as many people living in cities as rural areas. The presentation focused on urban growth, issues and strategies for ministry. Convention President, David Thompson, commented on the subject saying, "This is a particularly interesting topic for many at the present time."

The World Convention provided a concrete opportunity for HCM to develop its unique ministry to Hisportic peoples wherever they live in the world

### HISPORTIC WORLD BANQUET

Forty Christian leaders from 8 countries attended the Hisportic World Banquet July 31 in Brighton, England. The banquet was part of the World Convention, a gathering of Christians from countries across the world related to the Restoration Movement.

The Hisportic World Banquet was organized by HCM with a goal of gathering together Christians to focus attention on those countries and areas currently without a Restoration movement witness. Wayne Long, HCM's Executive Director and Osorio Gonçalves were masters of ceremony for the bi-lingual program. Robert Fife, Portugal Christian Mission and Valdecy da Silva, Colegio Biblico, USA, highlighted the spreading of Portugal's language, culture and catholic faith around the globe. They challenged those present to pray and send workers to areas in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America where there is no Christian Church/Church of Christ or Disciple witness.

Luciano Rodrigues, missionary to Guinea-Bissau from Brazil, followed the Fife-da Silva presentation. He pointed out difficulties he and his family faced in the initial phase of the mission, battling financial burdens & physical sickness. He testified to God's grace in first baptisms, teaching people to read and building a church. One man, Infamara, came to Christ at great personal cost over the objections of his tribe, epitomized God's victory. Luciano shared an opportunity and a dream to build a church in Bissau and extend the ministry to the capital city.

Long and Gonçalves presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lyndsay and Lorraine Jacobs, the Convention's Secretaries, citing their contribution to the World Convention. The group also celebrated the Mission's 20th Anniversary by singing "Happy Birthday" in English and Portuguese.

At the conclusion of the evening an opportunity was extended to adopt unreached countries and make a financial contribution to build the new church in Bissau. Six countries (East Timor, India (Goa), Angola, Sudan, Minneapolis, MN) were adopted and \$540.00 was raised for the new church in Bissau.

## ASTORIA PROJECT NEWS



• **August 24:** prostate surgery for Carl Bookout, in Houston, TX. Carl served as the HCM Board Chairman for seven years.

• **Eduardo Braga & James Maher Missing**

La Ceiba, Honduras. Eduardo Braga, son of Eduardo and Dircea Braga, pastors at Mt. Zion Christian Church, Worcester, MA, a commercial pilot went missing August 4. Braga was flying Mr. James Maher from Honduras to Costa Rica. Eduardo and Dircea are in LaCeiba now awaiting news from the twenty man search squad going through the jungle area.

### Evangelist de Lima moves to Astoria!

Marcelo de Lima and family rented an apartment in Astoria. Their address is 25-68 23rd street Astoria, NY 11105. Wasting no time, he's getting acquainted with the community. The contacts uncovered by the Discovery Day Survey Project help out tremendously. According to Marcelo everyone asks, "Where is your church meeting?" He's looking for a meeting location to announce to the Hispanic community.

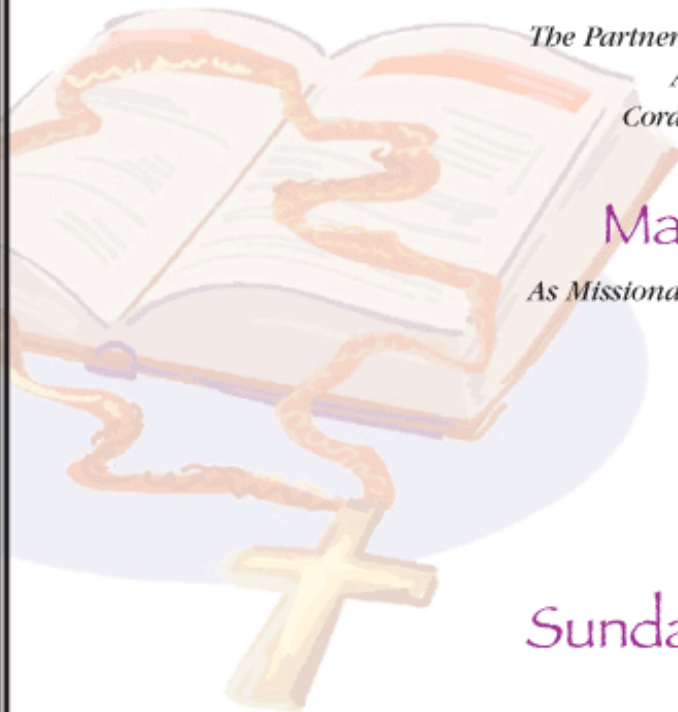
### Church Visitation Announced

Marcelo and family plan to visit all the churches cooperating in the church plant. These visits are to introduce themselves, get acquainted with the churches, promote the project and raise funds. Virgil Vernon, a member of the Project Executive Committee is serving as Visitation Coordinator.

### Fund Raising Dinner Scheduled for November 20

A Fund Raising Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 at the Evangel Church, Astoria, NY. Banquet Chairperson, Amelia Dooley is organizing a guest-host kick off and orientation meeting Friday, September 10 at the Avalon Hotel in Manhattan. Persons interested in helping out are invited to attend. The Avalon is located at 16 east 32nd street, New York. It's just around the corner from the Empire State Building.

## INVITATION TO INSTALLATION



*The Partnership of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ  
And the Hispanic Christian Mission  
Cordially Invite You and your congregation  
To the Installation of*

**Marcelo Xavier de Lima**

*As Missionary Pastor Light for the World Christian Church  
Astoria, New York*

*The Service will be held at the  
Greenpoint Church of Christ  
199 N. Henry Street  
Brooklyn, New York*

**Sunday, September 12, 2004  
3:00 pm.**