



# Prayer Update

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## ATLANTA PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Large strides have been taken in the past few weeks to see the Atlanta Project begin. Atlanta, Georgia's capital and largest city, along with its suburbs, is home to at least 35,000 Portuguese-speaking people.

On June 2 a meeting was held between the Hisportic Christian Mission and the leaders of the Lifepoint Christian Church in Alpharetta, GA. Those present included Chris Stovall, the lead pastor of Lifepoint Christian Church; the elders of the church; David Chapman of Church Development Fund; Sérgio and Márcia Santos, the church planters; and Carl Bookout, HCM Executive Director. A decision was made to create a partnership between HCM and Lifepoint. The new Portuguese-speaking church will meet in the Lifepoint facility on Sunday evenings, beginning in 2009. Lifepoint worships in the morning. They also host a Korean church which meets in the afternoon. The vision is that there will be one body, worshipping in multiple languages. The desire is that a worship service can be held quarterly where people from all three services will sing together in all three languages, messages will be translated for all to understand, and fellowship meals will be shared to bring the people together as one.



Sérgio and Márcia Santos arrived in the United States from Brazil on April 23. Sérgio was invited to come at this time by Pastors Evaldo Fernandes and Elias Pereira of the new church begun in New Rochelle, NY, by The Orchard Group. Sérgio is helping this new church meet the needs of the Brazilian immigrants and bring them to Christ.



Carl, Sérgio, and Márcia spent 12 days together visiting churches in Tennessee and Georgia. Sérgio preached at First Christian Church, Mountain City, TN, as a part of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Vitor Silveira, a Brazilian student at Emmanuel School of Religion, translated for him. (The church supports the Atlanta Project financially, and the pastor, Dwayne Dickson, is a member of the Hisportic Christian Mission Board of Directors.) Sérgio also spoke at Hopwood Memorial Christian Church, Milligan College, TN, and met with numerous pastors and mission committees.



During the time in Atlanta, a number of Brazilian families were visited, and some of these intend to be a part of the new ministry.

This fall Sérgio and Márcia will be going to Youth With A Mission's University of the Nations in Richmond, VA, for an intense three-month course in English. This will improve their ability to communicate with the English-speaking leadership and members of Lifepoint.

The plans are that Sérgio and Márcia will move to Atlanta in January, 2009, and begin to hold small group meetings and outreach events, developing a nucleus for the newly established church.

Sérgio is well qualified to be the Church Planter and Lead Pastor of the church plant in Atlanta. He is a committed Christian, well acquainted with the Restoration Movement Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in Brazil and the United States. He has two Masters Degrees: in Biblical Theology and Family Therapy. An experienced church planter, he has established three churches in Brazil. He also taught at the Christian Theological School, maintained a family therapy and clinical psychology practice, and has traveled several times to Africa and Europe doing missionary work.

The projected budget calls for \$300,000 to be used over a four-year period. This includes monies for salaries, rent, church programs, and promotion in the community. Pray that churches and individuals will be led by God to partner in this project and to commit these funds.

# Hisportic Expo and Banquet

to be held at the



**Together in Christ**  
17TH WORLD CONVENTION  
**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE USA**  
**JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2008**

## Banquet: Italian Buffet

Friday, August 1, 5:00 p.m.

Convention Center

Cost: \$25

Speaker: Victor Hugo Queirez

President of the Brazilian Council  
of the Churches of Christ

Pastor in Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil

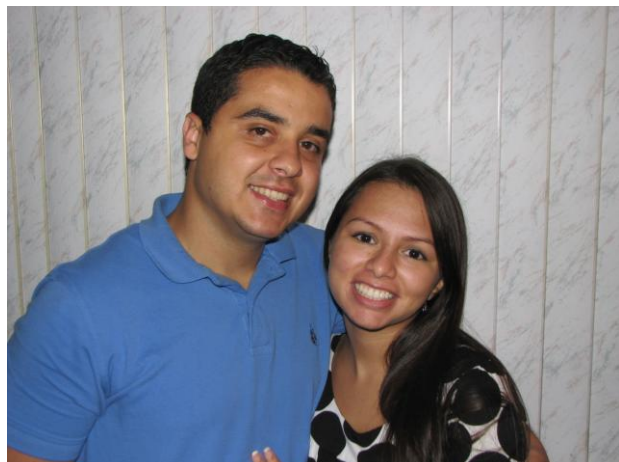
## Hisportic Expo

The display area at the Convention will bring together many of the Missions to the Portuguese-speaking people around the world.

For reservations or more information, contact the HCM office at the address and phone number below.

## Wedding

Congratulations go to Andre Gerde DaSilva and Gabriela Leonarda Ludena who were married Saturday, June 7, in Milford, New Hampshire. Andre ministers with his father, Ariosvaldo DaSilva, at the Moriah Christian Church in Nashua, New Hampshire.



## Virginia Christian Celebration

The Hisportic Christian Mission will be participating in the Virginia Christian Celebration to be held August 7-8 at the Fairmount Christian Church in Mechanicsville, VA. The theme is "Leading Through the Church," and Bob Russell is the main speaker. The Mission will host a Brazilian breakfast for those attending the convention on Saturday morning

## New Look For Website

[www.hcm.org](http://www.hcm.org)

Around July 1, the Hisportic Christian Mission website will be taking on a new look. There will be current articles, updated information, and, soon, new pictures concerning the events of the Mission and of the Portuguese-speaking churches. Be sure to take a look at it. Let us know how we can make it more informative.

## Prayer Needs

- Julio Dias, Pastor of the Missionary Christian Church, Rockville, MD, still waiting for surgery
- Luciano and Andréia Rodrigues, that God will provide funding for their training in English at YWAM and at St. Louis Christian College, as they prepare for further ministry in Guinea-Bissau
- For finances to be raised and partnerships developed for the new HCM Projects in Atlanta, GA, and Toronto, Canada
- For finances to be raised to help our existing churches (Rental costs and other expenses continue to escalate.)
- For the continued outreach of the HCM churches

## E-mail Information

In order to communicate faster with those who support the ministry of Hisportic Christian Mission and also to save money from postage expenses, we would like to send this newsletter and other correspondence by e-mail to as many as possible.

If you would be willing to participate, please send your e-mail address to us, either by mail to the Mission office address or by e-mail to [cbookout@hcm.org](mailto:cbookout@hcm.org).

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