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## How HCM works to solve a persistent problem- leadership

**A**t the conclusion of the first Galilean ministry tour, Jesus places a unique request before his disciples, “ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into the harvest field.”

The Hispotic Christian Mission is working diligently to comply with Christ’s command. There is a continual effort to find, recruit, train and deploy workers. Recent events and activities illustrate how this is taking place.



### Pastors & Leaders New Church Planting Conference

This event drew together 60 leaders and potential leaders for a three day conference at Warwick, NY in April. Lectures, worship services and displays highlighted the need for new churches and evangelists to lead them. Eleven persons responded to an appeal for Christian service at the conference’s closing.

Samuel and Marli Jorge, a young couple from Marlboro, Massachusetts attended the conference. At the conference they sensed God’s calling to be church planters. After several meetings with Wayne Long, HCM’s Executive Director, they decided to launch a new church in Woonsocket, RI. They now travel twice a week to Rhode Island to visit and conduct an English class. They are looking for a place where they can begin regular worship services.



### 2004 Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Effective missions require boards of directors to lead their organizations at the policy level. HCM’s Board made a critical decision in 2000 to be a pro-active Board. In their meetings in subsequent years they studied John Carver’s Book Basic Principles of Policy Governance. The group met in an extraordinary retreat session with Randy Richards for study, prayer and critical discussions. They began writing a Manual of Policies and Procedures.

Now, the Manual is 90% completed. The Board sets the tone and direction for the Mission. The Board is directing the effort to place an Acts 2:42 church in every community in America and beyond. Tom Banks, a lawyer from Elizabethton, Tennessee and current Board Chairman led the Board to complete drafts for yet unfinished articles. Among this year’s work was a “Succession Article” which details how future Executive Directors will be hired. Nelci Rodrigues, pastor of Bethel Christian Church in Leominster, MA was elected to the Board.



**Ordinations.** Ordination is a formal recognition of leadership capabilities. A candidate’s character, preparation, competence, and work history are reviewed. If the examining commission deems the applicant worthy, he or she is recommended to an ordaining body and the ceremony is scheduled.

May 23, 2004, Johnson and Lizandra Costa were ordained by the Mt. Zion Christian Church, Worcester, MA. where Eduardo and Dircea Braga are Pastors. The

Costa’s have led Mt. Zion Christian Church in East Providence, RI, since 2001. Under their leadership the group has steadily grown, many have been baptized and much needed equipment has been purchased.

June 20, 2004 Jose Carlos and Celia Nogueira were ordained in Taunton, MA. The Nogueira’s led a small congregation in Brazil and started a congregation in Taunton. When the church in Taunton called Silas Pessoa, an HCM Affiliated evangelist, to lead their church he accepted the challenge. Silas recognized the Nogueira’s leadership and recommended ordination. The Church’s Board concurred, and the event took place June 20. The Nogueira’s will continue to work in Taunton, but have expressed interest in frontier missions.



Marcelo, wife Vera & daughter Raiane.  
Son Roger is not pictured

## Astoria Project

Marcelo de Lima accepted Christ shortly after arriving in America from Brazil. Claudio Divino baptized him into Christ at the Antioch Christian Church, meeting at New Rochelle, NY. Marcelo's baptism was literally his "call to the Christian ministry."

When the church offered a course, Marcelo took it. When there was a job to be done, he did it. The church took notice and elected him a Deacon. He continued to take every course available and went to Colegio Biblico in Mexico for pastoral studies. Soon the church ordained him as an Evangelist and recently as a Pastor.

Hearing about the need for an evangelist to begin a new church in Astoria, Queens, NY, Marcelo applied for the position. June 24, the Astoria Project Executive Committee called Marcelo to be the evangelist for the new church start in New York City.

HCM works with Marcelo to develop a strategy, provide counsel and support, raise funds and locate a meeting place. He will also get on-the-job training to develop his many skills and God-given talents. Marcelo will be visiting the churches in New York to share his vision of the ministry.



Northwest Christian College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree on Wayne A. Long at its 2004 commencement service. This was a wonderful acknowledgement of 37 years of ministry and missionary service as well as the accomplishments of leadership in church planting with the Hisportic Christian Mission. (Photo – Dr. James Womack, President of NCC, Wayne Long and Oregon State Senator Frank Morris).



Please pray for ~

Please pray for The World Convention of Churches of Christ, Brighton, England, UK. Especially HCM's participation in:

**Seminar** "Urbanization: Mission in the Mega City"  
Wayne Long presenter

**Hisportic World Banquet.** This dinner will focus on Hisportic (Portuguese-speaking) communities around the world. Attendees will be asked to:

- Adopt those countries which do not currently have a church established in them. And
- A special offering will also be taken to purchase an Electric Generator, Digital projector and Laptop computer for Luciano Rodrigues working in Cacheu, Guinea-Bissau.

## calendar

### July 28 – August 1, 2004 -

World Convention of the Churches of Christ,  
Brighton, England UK  
Seminar: World Urbanization: Mission in the Mega cities  
Hisportic World Banquet

**September 20 – 23** - National church Planters Retreat  
Ariosvaldo da Silva, Julio Dias and Wayne Long to lead a seminar on Evangelizing Ethnic Populations in the US

**September 24 – 25** - Florida Christian Convention  
Booth  
Hisportic Luncheon  
Portuguese Encounter com Deus

**October 1 – 3** - National Missionary convention  
HCM Luncheon  
Sponsored Coffee Break  
Booth

### 20th Anniversary Events have been celebrated in the following areas:

Indio, CA  
Fresno, CA -Christian Women's Fellowship  
Sanger, CA- Community Church  
Bellflower, CA  
Mountain City, TN  
Johnson City, TN  
Springfield, OR  
Watch for one in your church or town.!

