



HISPORTIC CHRISTIAN MISSION UPDATE MARCH 2007

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The need to plant churches among the ethnic people in the United States is greater than ever before.

For many years the churches in America have sent missionaries overseas. Now the world is coming to us. The Ethnic America Network newsletter reports that one in eight people living in the U. S. is foreign born. One in five persons, 5-years and older, speaks a language other than English at home. We must reach out to the new immigrant with the message of God's love. Hisportic Christian Mission is continuing to reach out to one specific people group, those who speak the Portuguese language.



Board orientation for Anna Seley



Brazilian churches are filled with young people like this group at Nashua, NH



Members of First Christian-Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID

João and Sabrina Altino celebrate the second anniversary of Moriah Christian Church, Lowell, MA



January and February have been busy months as Carl Bookout and Wayne Long transition the leadership of HCM.

They have been meeting with the HCM pastors in Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Carl has assured the pastors that the goal of the Mission, to plant churches among Portuguese-speaking people, continues to be the same. They have shared with him their successes and needs. Together they have discussed how the Mission can further support their local ministries.

HCM churches are experiencing growth. The building of the Moriah Christian Church in Lowell, MA, was packed on February 24 as the church celebrated its second anniversary. The local evangelist is João Altino. This church is a daughter church of the Moriah Christian Church in Nashua, NH, which is led by Ariosvaldo da Silva. Both of these churches are vibrant with young Brazilian congregations worshipping God and fellowshiping together.

El Shaddai Christian Church in Orlando, Fl, is making plans to conduct a sur-



The worship band at Lowell "jam" after the service

vey to find out the needs of the immigrant population in their community. People from Tomoka Christian Church in Ormand Beach continue to help them refurbish the house they have purchased for a meeting place. Jose Fernandes is the pastor.

Meetings with pastors in Atlanta, GA, and New York City have focused on the unchurched Brazilian populations in these communities. These churches are partnering with HCM to develop the strategies and raise the funds to plant a church in Atlanta and one in Astoria, Queens, NY. Sergio Santos and his wife, Marcia, are waiting for the call to come from Brazil to lead out in planting the church in Atlanta. Four churches in Brazil have given their support to the Atlanta Project.

Carl and his wife, Naomi, are preparing themselves for leading HCM. Since October, they have been studying Portuguese with a language instructor in Houston, TX. They are leaving March 15 for Brazil. For 10 weeks they will study with the Berlitz Language Institute in Brasilia, experience the culture, worship with at least nine local churches, and meet with over 30 pastors and leaders.

Wayne and Carl have been visiting supporting churches and individuals in Texas, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. They welcomed Anna Seley, from MacArthur Boulevard Christian Church in Vancouver, WA, to the HCM Board of Directors.

These are exciting days for the Hisportic Christian Mission. Opportunities are before us to impact our nation and the world for Christ. We thank you for your faithful support. Pray for us. We need God's direction and provision to be able to plant the needed churches. 