A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: BRAZIL

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Brief Historical Overview of Brazil:

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Significant Protestant Beginnings:

Pre-1900 Period

1555-1566 - *French Huguenot colony (Calvinists) established under French commander Nicolas Durand de Villegaignon; the first Protestant worship service was held in Brazil on 10 March 1557; the French were expelled by the Portuguese in 1566.
1624-1654 - *Dutch colony (Calvinists) and mission efforts on Northeast coast at Recife; the Dutch were expelled by the Portuguese in 1654.
1816 - *First Anglican chaplain arrived in Brazil at Rio de Janeiro; Robert C. Crane.
1817 - *British and Foreign Bible Society colporteurs
1822 - *First Anglican chapel was dedicated on 26 May in Rio de Janeiro to serve the expatriate community of mostly British citizens.
1824 - First German Lutheran immigrants arrived in the Southern Region at São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, and Blumenan, Santa Catarina; first Lutheran Church was established at Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro.
1835 - Methodist Episcopal Church of USA (permanent work 1874) begins work: Rev. Justin Spaulding and Rev. Daniel Parish Kidder with their respective families.
1854 - American Bible Society Agency established (1876)
1856 - An encyclopedia of global Protestant missionary work, published in 1856, reported that the American Seaman's Friend Society, based in New York City, had established several chapels on the coast of southern Brazil, which targeted transitory merchant sailors rather than native Brazilians.
1858 - Independent Congregational Church established by Scottish missionary doctor Robert Reid Kelley and his wife Sarah Poultón Kelley – Igreja Evangélica Fluminense; today this church is known as the Union of Congregational Churches of Brazil.
1859 - Presbyterian Church USA (Northern), missionary Ashbel Green Simonton; established the first Brazilian Presbyterian Church in the city of Rio de Janeiro in 1862.
1861 - *Basel Missionary Society among German immigrants
1864 – German-speaking Lutheran parishes of São Leopoldo (1864-1870) in Rio Grande do Sul and Nova Friburgo in Rio de Janeiro were supported by the Evangelical Church (Lutheran) of Prussia, the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society (Pietist, Lutherans and Reformed, founded in 1815 in Basel, Switzerland), and the Evangelical Society for Protestant Germans in America (Barmen, Germany).
1865 - The Rev. José Manoel de Conceição, a former Roman Catholic priest, became the first Brazilian Presbyterian pastor for the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.
1867 - Methodist pastor Junius Estaham Newman arrived in Rio de Janeiro and later relocated to Santa Bárbara d'Oeste, São Paulo state, where missionary Martha Watts founded the “Newman School” that later became Colégio Piracicabano in 1881, and formed the basis for the Universidade Metodista de Piracicaba in 1975.
1869 - Presbyterian Church (South) begins work in Campinas among immigrants from the Southern U.S. states after the Civil War.
1870 - Southern Baptist Convention (1881 permanent work), Foreign Mission Board, now under the International Mission Board; the first Baptist church was established in Santa Bárbara d'Oeste, São Paulo state, among Southerners from the USA.
1871 - *South American Missionary Society (SAMS-Anglican tradition)
1871 - Methodist pastor Junius E. Newman established the first Methodist Church in Saltinho, São Paulo state, which was the beginning of the Methodist Church of Brazil.
1876 - Methodist Episcopal Church (South) begins missionary work in Brazil
1878 - Plymouth Brethren laymen establish the first “House of Prayer – Casa de Oração” in the city of Rio de Janeiro.
1879 - The Brazilian Evangelical Church was established by dissident members of the Presbyterian Church in Rio de Janeiro, with Miguel Vieira Ferreira as its pastor.
1880 - Methodist Episcopal Church (North) begins missionary work in Brazil.
1882 - The first Baptist church was organized in the city of Salvador, BA, with Zacarias C. Taylor as its pastor; this church became the cornerstone for the founding of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in 1907 among Brazilians.
1885 - Bernardo de Miranda is ordained as the first Brazilian Methodist pastor.
1886 – *The Lutheran Synod of Rio Grandense in San Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul (German-speaking Lutherans), was founded; merged with other Lutheran synods in Brazil in 1949 and later formed the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in 1968.
1889 - Protestant Episcopal Church established with the arrival of missionaries Lucien L. Kinsolving and James W. Morris in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul; this was the beginning of the Anglican-Episcopal Church of Brazil.
1889 - Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil founded, which was independent of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches.
1892 - *Help for Brazil Mission, founded by Mrs. Robert Reid Kalley in Edinburgh, Scotland, begins work; became part of the Evangelical Union of South America (EUSA) in 1913.
1892 - João Batista Pinheiro begins work in Barra do Corda, Maranhão state, in the northeastern region; this was the beginning of the Alliance of Evangelical Christian Churches of Brazil / Aliança das Igrejas Cristas Evangelicas do Brasil (AICEB).

1893 - First German Baptist church established in Rio Grande do Sul among German immigrants; Frederick Leimann and Herman Gertner became well-known early leaders of this Baptist community, which was assisted by missionaries sent both from German Baptists in Germany and from German Baptists in the USA.

1894 – The Seventh-day Adventist Church begins missionary work in the city of São Paulo, SP, with missionary Albert B. Stauffer; the first Adventist church in Brazil was founded in the city of Gaspar Alto, Santa Catarina state, in June 1895.

1895 - The Lutheran Church in Brazil was founded.

1898 - German Baptist Church established in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul: the Deutsche Evangelische Baptistengemeinde / German Evangelical Baptist Community was organized, based on the Hamburg Confession of Faith.

1900-1919 Period

1900 - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod begins missionary work; the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil was founded in 1904 in São Pedro do Sul, RS.

1900 - United Presbyterian Church established in São Paulo, which later became part of the United Presbyterian Church in Brazil in 1978.

1901 - Canadian missionary Reginald Young begins work in the city of São Paulo, which is the beginning of the Evangelical Christian Church of Brazil / Igreja Cristã Evangélica do Brasil (ICEB).

1903 - The Presbyterian Church of Brazil became divided and a new denomination was formed: the Independent Presbyterian Church / Igreja Presbiteriana Independente do Brasil (IPIB) under the leadership of the Rev. Eduardo Carlos Pereira.

1904 - The Baptist Convention of São Paulo State was organized among Brazilians.

1905 – Dutch Reformed Church established in Colombo, Paraná state.

1907 - The Brazilian Baptist Convention was founded in the city of Salvador, Bahia state, by 32 delegates from 39 organized Baptist churches among Brazilians.

1907 - *Christian Missions in Many Lands (Plymouth Brethren) sent its first missionaries.

1910 - Italian Pentecost missionary Louis Francesconi, from Chicago, Illinois, begins work in Santo Antônio da Platina, Paraná state, on 20 April; this becomes the foundation for the establishment of the Christian Congregation of Brazil / Congregação Cristã no Brasil (CCB), which was the first Pentecostal denomination founded in Brazil.

1910 - Swedish Pentecostal missionaries Gunnar Vingren and Daniel Berg from South Bend, Indiana, begin work in the city of Belém, Pará state, near the mouth of the Amazon River, on 19 November; this becomes the foundation for the formal establishment of the Evangelical Assemblies of God Church of Brazil / Igreja Evangélica Assembleia de Deus (IEAD) in 1918; the U.S. based Assemblies of God General Conference did not begin its work in Brazil until 1925.

1911 - Gospel Missionary Union (GMU)

1911 - Evangelical Reformed Churches of Brazil (Dutch immigrants)

1911 - The Evangelical Union of South America (EUSA) was formed in 1911 in Liverpool, England, from two existing missions operating in South America: the sections of Regions Beyond Missionary Union (founded in 1873 in London, England) working in Argentina and Peru; and the South American Evangelical Mission (founded in 1895 in Toronto, Canada) working in Argentina and Brazil. The Help for Brazil Mission joined the EUSA in 1913.
1912 - Swedish missionary Erik Jansson begins work among Swedish immigrants in Guarani das Missões, Rio Grande do Sul, which became the origin of the Convention of Independent Baptist Churches / Convenção das Igrejas Batistas Independentes (CIBI).

1913 - South America Indian Mission (now, South America Mission), also the Canadian South American Mission, began missionary work.

1913 - British missionary Oliver Walkey began his ministry in Manaus, Amazonas, until 1921; he founded the West Amazon Mission in 1951 and returned to Brazil at age 71.

1913 - Thirteen local churches that originated from the missionary work of Dr. Kalley met to establish the Union of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil / União das Igrejas Evangélicas Congregacionais do Brasil (UIECB).

1913 - The Seventh-day Baptist Church was founded in Paraná state, among former members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

1915 - Holiness missionary Takeo Monobe from Japan began work among Japanese immigrants in São Paulo state, sponsored by the Japan Holiness Church; this work became independent of Japan in 1934 as the Evangelical Holiness Mission of Brazil.

1918 - The formal establishment of the Evangelical Assemblies of God Church (IEAD), under the leadership of Swedish Pentecostal missionary Gunnar Vingren.

1920 - Missionaries of the Evangelical Congregation Church of Argentina arrived to begin work in Brazil; the formal establishment of this denomination, the Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil, took place in 1942 under the leadership of Pastor Karl Spittler, among others.

1920-1929 Period

1922 - *The Salvation Army, UK
1922 - United Church Board for World Ministry
1923 - Church of God (Anderson, IN)
1923 - Baptist Faith Missions
1925 - The General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA, begins missionary work in coordination with the Evangelical Assemblies of God of Brazil, founded in 1910 and legally incorporated in 1918, under the leadership of Swedish Pentecostals.
1925 - *Pentecostal Missionary Union of the UK and Ireland (UK)
1927 - Central Armenian Evangelical Church of São Paulo (Armenian immigrants)
1927 - Independent “church of Christ” (non-instrumental = a capella) missionaries Orlando and Ethel Boyers and Virgil Smith arrived in the State of Pernambuco.
1928 – Japanese immigrants established the first Free Methodist churches, and in 1936 the Free Methodist Church Mission Board in the U.S. sent its first missionaries.
1928 – The Caiuá Evangelical Mission formed by North American missionaries Albert Sidney and Mabel Maxwell to reach the Amerindian peoples.
1930-1939 Period

1930 - The churches established by Swedish Pentecostal missionaries, beginning in 1910, were organized into an autonomous fellowship of churches, named the Assemblies of God of Brazil / Assembleias de Deus no Brasil, based on the Swedish model.

1930 - The Methodist Church of Brazil was formally organized, with missionary John W. Tarboux as its first Bishop; it becomes autonomous from the Methodist Church in the USA.

1930 - The first German-speaking Mennonite refugees arrive from Russia and establish congregations of the Mennonite Brethren Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church in Santa Catarina state.

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1931 - Unevangelized Fields Mission, now UFM International: a group of 36 independent mission workers serving in Brazil and the Belgium Congo formed this new mission service agency with headquarters in London, UK.

1932 - Dissident members of the Evangelical Assemblies of God Church left to organize the Church of Christ of Brazil / Igreja de Cristo no Brasil (ICB), under the leadership of Pastor Manoel Higino de Souza in the city of Mossoró, Rio Grande do Norte.

1932 - The Adventist Church of Promise / Igreja Adventista da Promessa (IAP) was founded in the city of Recife, Pernambuco state, in the northeastern region; it was formed by Adventists who had become Pentecostals and left the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

1932 - The Christian Reformed Church of Brazil (ICRB) established among Hungarian immigrants.

1933 - The Reformed Evangelical Churches in Brazil (IERB) formed among Dutch immigrants.

1934 - The Evangelical Holiness Church (Japanese immigrants and their descendants).

1934 - The Evangelical Confederation of Brazil was established.

1934 - The Calvary Pentecostal Church (CPC) entered Brazil in 1934; however, in 1955, CPC (organized in Olympia, Washington, by former Assemblies of God ministers in 1931) and its affiliated churches in Brazil merged with the Church of God (Cleveland, TN = COGCT).

1934 - The Orthodox Methodist Church was founded by Pastor José Henríquez da Matta in the city of Belo Horizonte, Mato Grosso do Sul, among dissidents from the Methodist Church of Brazil.

1935 - U.S. missionary Horace S. Ward arrived in the city of Rio de Janeiro; he established the first congregation of the Pentecostal Church of Christ / Igreja de Cristo Pentecostal no Brasil (ICPB) in the city of Serra Talhada, Pernambuco state.

1935 - Norwegian Pentecostal pastor C. Leonard Pettersen was appointed a missionary to Brazil under the sponsorship of the Filadelfia Church Mission, with financial support from a church in Arvika, Sweden, funneled through the Stockholm Filadelfia Church, and the Norwegian Pentecostal Church “Salen” in Ski.

1935 - Baptist Mid-Missions begins work.

1936 - The Free Methodist Church was established in the city of São Paulo by missionaries Daniel Masayoshi Nishizumi and Hiroyuki Hayashi from the Free Methodist Church of Japan.

1939 - Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission

1939 - U.S. missionaries Harland and Hazel Graham arrived in Manaus, Amazonas, where later they established the Evangelical Pentecostal Mission of Brazil / Missão Evangélica Pentecostal do Brasil (MEPB).

1939 - Association of Baptists for World Evangelization (ABWE)
1940-1949 Period

1940s - General Association of Regular Baptists (GARB)
1940s - Gospel Missionary Union (GMU, with headquarters in Kansas City, MO) began work in the Northeastern region.
1940 - Conservative Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPCB) founded by Pastor Bento Ferraz in São Paulo as a split from the Independent Presbyterian Church (IPI).
1941 - Child Evangelism Fellowship
1942 - The Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil was formally organized by missionaries of the same denomination in Argentina.
1944 - Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services
1945 - Brazilian Gospel Fellowship Mission (BGFM, with headquarters in Springfield, IL).
1945 - International Church of the Foursquare Gospel begins work.
1946 - Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, now CBInternational
1946 - *Elim Evangelical Pentecostal Church / Igreja Evangélica Pentecostal Elim do Brasil (IEPE) begins work with missionaries Henry and Edith Jeffery from the UK.
1947 - Pastors Mário Roberto Lindstrom, Oswaldo Fuentes and Alídio Flora Agostinho organized the Evangelical Church of Biblical Revival / Igreja Evangélica de Avivamento Bíblico (IEAB) after leaving the Methodist Church of Brazil because of their Pentecostal beliefs and practices, which began to form in September 1946 in the courtyard of the Methodist Seminary in São Bernardo do Campo, São Paulo state.
1948 - Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions (IBPFM) begins work.
1948 - The Brazil Christian Mission (BCM) is affiliated with the Christian Church and Churches of Christ (instrumental): missionaries Lloyd David and Ruth Sanders arrived in the city of Rio de Janeiro to begin work; the first Church of Christ was founded in the city of Goiânia, Goiás state, in 1949.
1949 - Grace Brethren International Missions
1949 - The Brazilian Christian Convention / Convenção Igrejas de Cristo no Brasil and is supported by the Christian Churches / Churches of Christ in the USA.
1949 - The Amazon Valley Christian Mission was founded in 1949 and is supported by the Christian Churches / Churches of Christ in the USA.
1949 - *Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession was formed as a merger of several German-speaking Lutheran synods.

1950-1959 Period

1950 - Youth For Christ, USA
1951 - *British missionary Oliver Walkey founded the West Amazon Mission in 1951 and returned to Brazil at age 71; previously he served in the Amazon region (Manaus, Amazonas), from 1919-1921.
1951 - The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel: missionary Harold Edwin Williams from the USA and Peruvian Pastor Jesus Hermírio Vásquez Ramos began their work in the city of São João da Boa Vista, São Paulo state.
1951 - The Church of God (Cleveland, TN = COGCT) / Igreja de Deus no Brasil (IDB) officially began its ministry in Brazil in 1951 after an independent Swiss missionary, Albert J. Widmer, joined this denomination.
1952 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
1952 - During the 1950s, Brazil experienced significant Pentecostal growth and expansion, mainly due a “spiritual revival movement” that began at a local congregation of the Independent Presbyterian Church in the Cambuci district of São Paulo, where
Pentecostal missionaries Harold Williams and Raymond Boatright held an evangelistic crusade with supernatural manifestations, such as the “baptism in the Holy Spirit,” “speaking in tongues,” miraculous healings, and other “signs and wonders.”


1953 - *Baptist Missionary Association of America* (BMAA) begins work.

1953-1954 – Pentecostal missionaries Harold Williams and Raymond Boatright led the *Cruzada Nacional de Evangelização / National Evangelization Crusade*, which had its beginning in the city of São Paulo and spread throughout the entire nation; “the movement grew in a continuous wave and wherever they held a tent crusade a new group was formed, which later would become a new Pentecostal church.”

1953 - *Voice of Truth Ministry* was founded by former Methodist Pastor Fued Moysés in the city of São Paulo.

1953 - *The Christian Renewal Church / Igreja Renovadora Cristã* (IRC) founded in the city of São Paulo by Aldo Ferretti, formerly with the Christian Congregation of Brazil.

1953 - *New Tribes Mission of Brazil* (NTM) began its ministry in Goiânia (GO).

1954 - *Arabic Evangelical Church of São Paulo* among Lebanese immigrants.

1954 - *Free Will Baptist Association*

1954 - *Missionary Fred Orr arrived in Boca do Acre, Amazonas, from Belfast, Ireland, to begin work under the Acre Gospel Mission (now Acre International), a nondenominational mission agency founded in Ireland in 1937."

1954 - *The Mennonite Church / Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities* begins work in São Paulo state; the *Aliança Evangélica Menonita*, Brazil (AEM), Evangelical Mennonite Alliance, is the Portuguese-speaking conference of Mennonites in Brazil.

1955 - *Brethren who left the Cambuci Independent Presbyterian Church held a General Assembly that established the First Evangelical Church of Cambuci*, which later founded several other churches that over the years became independent Pentecostals.

1955 - *Evangelical Pentecostal Church “Brazil for Christ” / Igreja Evangélica Pentecostal “O Brasil Para Cristo” (OBPC)* was founded in São Paulo by Manuel de Melo, formerly a pastor with the Foursquare Gospel Church.

1956 - *Amazon Valley Indian Mission* (Mennonite)

1956 - *Wycliffe Bible Translators / Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL)*

1956 - *United Pentecostal Church International* (Oneness) began its work in the city of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, under the leadership of missionary Samuel Baker.

1956 - *Fundamentalist Presbyterian Church* (led by Dr. Israel Gueiros, northeastern region)

1957 - *CMF International*

1957 - *West Indies Mission* (now WorldTeam), a non-denominational mission agency, began work in Dourados, Mato Grosso, with the arrival of Lowell and Katherine Bailey who collaborated with the *Missão Evangélica Caiuá / Caiuá Evangelical Mission*, the only Brazilian mission working with the Amazonian Native American Indians at that time.
1957 - WEC International
1957 - Grace Ministries International
1957 - The Pentecostal Christian Church of Evangelization and Divine Healing / Igreja Cristã Pentecostal de Evangelização e Cura Divina was officially founded by Pastor Leonel da Silva (1910-2013) on 26 May 1957. The church was installed at the top of Vila Maria in a rented hall in the city of São Paulo, where the pastor began “a ministry of evangelization and divine healing.” This church grew and prospered in that place, and on 13 May 1958, the title "Wonders of Jesus" was added to its name. In 1960 there was a division in the ministry and the discontented pastor Leonel Silva called a General Assembly for 28 February 1960, where a majority of the members who attended decide leave and organize the "Marvels of Jesus Independent Pentecostal Christian Church" / Igreja Cristã Pentecostal Independente Maravilhas de Jesus. It was in this church on 6 July 1958, that the Rev. David Martins Miranda (1936-2015), later founder of the Pentecostal Church God is Love (IPDA), was first converted.

1957 - Missionary Aviation Fellowship, known in Brazil as Wings of Relief / Asas de Socorro.
1957 - Independent “church of Christ” (non-instrumental = a capella) mission work began in the São Paulo metropolitan area with the arrival of Arlie and Alma Smith; a group of 15 missionary families arrived three years later, in 1960, that had a large impact on church planting in São Paulo.

1957 - The Christian Missionary Fellowship was founded in 1949 and is supported by the Christian Churches / Churches of Christ in the USA.
1958 - Swiss Evangelical Church formed among Swiss Reformed immigrants in Sao Paulo.
1958 – The Church of the Nazarene / Igreja Nazarena no Brasil (INB) was founded by missionaries Earl and Gladys Mosteller in the city of Campinas, SP.
1958 - The Christian Apostolic Church / Igreja Apostólica Cristã (IAC) was founded by Pastor Adonias Roque de Souza in Rio de Janeiro, who formerly was associated with the Foursquare Gospel Church.
1958 - Wesleyan World Missions / The Wesleyan Church
1958 - Evangelical Lutheran Church (USA)
1958 - Things To Come Mission, Inc.
1958 - The interdenominational Brazil Inland Mission (BIM), founded in Illinois, USA, in 1955, was incorporated in Brazil as “A Missão Interior do Brasil,” with work in the southern and central regions.
1958 - The National Convention of the Assemblies of God Madureira / Convenção Nacional das Assembleias de Deus Madureira (CONAMAD) was founded under the leadership of Pastor Paul Leivas Macalão (1958-1982), with headquarters in the Madureira neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, as an autonomous Ministério jurisdiction of the General Convention of the Assemblies of God of Brazil / Convenção Geral das Assembleias de Deus no Brasil (CGADB), the largest Protestant denomination in Brazil.
1959 - The Victory in Christ Assemblies of God / Assembleias de Deus Vitória em Cristo (ADVC) was founded by Pastor José Pimentel de Carvalho in the Penha district of Rio de Janeiro; in 2010, this Ministério (with 15,000 members in 89 affiliated churches, missions and preaching points) split from the CGADB under the leadership of Pastor Silas Lima Malafaia.

1960-1969 Period

1960 - Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Bahia among Japanese immigrants; affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Koza, Japan.
1960 - Apostolic Christian Church (Anabaptist)
1960 - Local Church movement of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee; Dong Yu Lan arrived in Brazil from Taiwan in 1960 and began his ministry in the city of São Paulo among the Chinese population, where he established the first “local church” groups.

1960 - Christians in Action

1960 - World Baptist Fellowship Mission

1961 - Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society

1961 - Work of Restoration Militant Churches / Igrejas Militantes na Obra de Restauração (MOR) was founded by Pentecostal Pastor Magno Guanais Simões in Rio de Janeiro; he formerly served with the Brazilian Baptist Convention and pastored the Monte Carmelo Baptist Church in the Bonsucesso neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, where a “great movement of spiritual restoration” began in 1958.


1961 - World-Wide Missions

1962 - Central Presbyterian Church of Formosa in Brazil among Taiwanese immigrants; has ties with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.

1962 - Go Ye Fellowship

1962 - Baptist International Missions (BIM)

1962 - Evangelical Reformed Churches of Brazil (IER), separated from the IERB (established in 1933)

1962 – The ultra-conservative, legalistic God Is Love Pentecostal Church / Igreja Pentecostal Deus é Amor (IPDA) was founded by David M. Miranda in São Paulo, the brother-in-law of Pastor Manoel de Mello e Silva, who founded the Evangelical Pentecostal Church “Brazil for Christ” / Igreja Evangélica Pentecostal “O Brasil Para Cristo” (IEPBPC) in 1955.

1963 - Bethany Fellowship Missions

1963 - The Navigators

1963 - Every Home for Christ

1963 - The United Church and Brazilian United Convention / Convenção Unida Brasileira e Igreja Unida (CUBIU) was formed by a merger of the following Pentecostal groups: Igreja Cristã Pentecostal de Evangelização e Cura Divina “Maravilha de Jesus,” led by Pastor Samuel Spazzapan; Igreja Evangélica do Povo, led by Pastor José Spassapan; and Igreja Cristã Evangélica Unida, under the leadership of Pastor Francisco Cardoso. The founder and first president of the new denomination was Pastor Luiz Schilliró in São Paulo.

1963 - OC International, Inc. (formerly known as Overseas Crusades) - SEPAL

1964 - Fellowship International Mission

1964 - Korean United Presbyterian Church of Sao Paulo (Korean immigrants, linked to the Presbyterian Church of South Korea)

1964 - Alliance of New Life Christian Churches / Aliança das Igrejas Cristãs Nova Vida (AICNV) was founded in Rio de Janeiro by Canadian Pentecostal missionary Walter Robert McAlister (1931–1993), who first arrived in Brazil in 1960 and had historical ties to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC), which is the largest Pentecostal denomination in Canada today.

1964 - Gospel Tabernacle of Jesus Church “House of Blessing” / Igreja Tabernáculo Evangélico de Jesus “Casa da Bênção” (ITEJ-CB) was founded in Belo Horizonte, MG, by Pastor Doriel de Oliveira, formerly with Evangelical Pentecostal Church “Brazil for Christ” with headquarters in the Cathedral of Blessing in Taguatinga, DF.

1964 - Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

1965 - Church of God of Prophecy

1965 - Pocket Testament League
1965 - Evangelical Mennonite Church Conference
1966 - North American Baptist Conference (originally German-speaking)
1966 - United World Mission (UWM)
1966 - Mennonite Evangelical Association
1966 - Church of God in Christ Mennonite (CGCM)
1966 - Convention of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Brazil / Convenção das Igrejas Irmãos Menonitas do Brasil (CII MB), Portuguese-speaking
1967 - Evangelical Church of São Paulo (Japanese immigrants)
1967 - Berean Mission, Inc.
1967 - Wesleyan Methodist Church / Igreja Metodista Wesleyana (IMW) was formed by a group of pastors and members of the Methodist Church of Brazil who had become involved with the Charismatic Renewal movement; the IMW headquarters are in Nova Friburgo, RJ.
1967 - The Alliance of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil / Aliança das Igrejas Evangélicas Congregacionais do Brasil (AIECB) was formed by a group of Charismatic pastors, beginning in 1959, formerly associated with the Union of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil (UIECB); headquarters are in João Pessoa, Paraíba state.
1967 - The National Baptist Convention / Convenção Batista Nacional (CBN) was officially founded on 16 September 1967, by a group of 52 Baptist churches that had become Charismatic; 32 of these churches had been expelled from the Brazilian Baptist Convention because of their Charismatic beliefs.
1967 - Nineteen churches associated with Evangelical Missionary Action / Ação Missionária Evangélica (AME) joined the National Baptist Convention (Charismatic).
1967 - Maranatha Christian Church / Igreja Cristã Maranata (ICM), originally called “The Door,” was founded by Pastor Gedelmi Victalino Gueiros in Vila Velha, Espiritu Santo state, among Charismatic members of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil; in January 1980, the organization was renamed “Maranatha Christian Church.”
1967 - The Remnant Christian Church / Igreja Cristã Remanescente (ICR) was founded by Pastor Nilson Santos in the city of Telêmaco Borba, Paraná state, among Charismatic members of the Christian Congregation of Brazil.
1968 - Campus Crusade for Christ
1968 - Four synods of partly Lutheran, partly United and Reformed traditions, merged into a nationwide church body with a central administration, under the name Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession of Brazil / Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil (IECLB).
1968 - Mennonite Central Committee
1968 - The Conservative Adventist Church of Promise / Igreja Adventista da Promessa Conservadora (IAPC) was founded in the City of São Paulo under the leadership of Pastor Amaury Ferreira da Silva; it is a split from the Adventist Church of Promise / Igreja Adventista da Promessa (IAP) in São Paulo state.
1968 - The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA and Canada initially became involved in mission work in Brazil in 1968.
1968 - Christian Presbyterian Church
1968 - The Signs and Wonders Evangelical Church / Igreja Evangélica Sinais e Prodígios (IESP) was founded by Pastor Leny Azevedo Brandão in the city of São Gonçalo, RJ, among dissidents from the Brazilian Baptist Convention.
1969 - Maranatha Baptist Mission
1969 - **Korean Presbyterian Church of Brazil** (Korean immigrants, has ties to the Presbyterian Church Hapdong of South Korea)
1969 - Partners International

**1970-1979 Period**

1970 - Shield of Faith Mission International
1970 - **Apostolic Church of Brazil** / *Igreja Apostólica da Brasil* (IAB) was founded by Bishop J.B. Lambeth and his wife Wanda Louis Lambeth, with the support of the **Apostolic Ministers Fellowship (AMF)**, a Oneness Pentecostal organization, founded in 1968 in Baker, Louisiana; the Lambeths first arrived in Brazil on 20 April 1960 and resided in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, where they assisted the Samuel Baker family, who arrived in Brazil in 1956 under the auspices of the **United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI)**; however, in 1970, the Lambeths separated from the UPCI and founded the new organization.
1970 - Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
1970 - The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)
1971 - Macedonia World Baptist Missions
1972 - The Reverend L. M. and Beverly Reese came to Brazil as missionaries in the early 1970s, supported by the **Congregational Holiness Church**; their first local church was founded in 1972, and in 1976 it was legally registered as a denomination in Brazil, with only five churches and several missions stations.
1973 - Global Outreach Mission, USA & Canada
1973 - Mission to the World, **Presbyterian Church of America** (PCA)
1975 - **Renewed Presbyterian Church** / *Igreja Presbiteriana Renovada do Brasil* (IPRB) was formed as a merger of the Christian Presbyterian Church (founded in 1968) and the Independent Renewed Presbyterian Church (founded in 1972), which had been founded by Charismatic former members of the non-Charismatic **Presbyterian Church of Brazil** and **Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil**.
1975 - **Reformed Episcopal Church Board of Missions**
1975 - Janz Team Ministries
1975 - **National Convention of Churches in the Work of Restoration** / *Convenção Nacional de Igrejas em Obra de Restauração* (CNJOR) was founded in the City of Magé, Rio de Janeiro, by Charismatic Baptist **Pastor Cezosto Alvarenga Fontes**; in 2007, two years after his death in 2005, the CNIOR was reorganization administratively and renamed the **Association of Pastors, Workers and Churches in the Work of Restoration** / *Associação de Pastores, Obreiros e Igrejas em Obra de Restauração* (APOIORT) under the leadership of **Pastor Eliezer Falcão dos Santos**.
1975 - **Crusade of the Eternal Path** / *Cruzada do Caminho Eterno* was founded by Romildo Ribeiro Soares, Edir Macedo, and the brothers Samuel and Fidélis Coutinho.
1976 - PAZ International
1977 - **Universal Church of the Kingdom of God** / *Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus* (IURD) was founded in Rio de Janeiro by Bishops Edir Macedo and Romildo Ribeiro Soares; this church is also known as “Fervent Prayer to the Holy Spirit” and is considered by many Evangelical leaders to be a Christian sect because of its syncretistic tendencies with Afro-Brazilian animistic religions and its unethical practices.
1978 - **National Federation of Presbyterian Churches** was founded by dissidents from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil; now affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church USA; changed its name to the **United Presbyterian Church in Brazil** in 1983.
1979 - Baptist World Mission
**1980-1989 Period**

1980 – **The Christian Church of North America** (known as the Italian Christian Church of North America prior to 1968); the original parent Church (rooted in the Italian Pentecostal movement) was started in Chicago, IL, in 1907, as part of the larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the 20th century; in 2006, its name was changed to the **International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies (IFCA)**, with its headquarters in Transfer, Pennsylvania; this is a sister denomination of The Christian Congregation in Brazil / Congregação Cristã no Brasil, founded by the Italian-American missionary Luigi Francesconi after his arrival in 1910.

1980 - **International Church of the Grace of God** / *Igreja Internacional da Graça de Deus* (IIGD) was founded by Romildo Ribeiro Soares in downtown Rio de Janeiro; he was associated previously with the IURD as one of its founders.

1981 - **Bethesda Assembly of God** / *Assembleia de Deus Betesda* (ADB) was founded in 1981 with headquarters in Fortaleza, Ceará; in 2008, under the leadership of Pastor Ricardo Gondim Rodrigues, this Ministério and its affiliated churches severed their relationship with the General Convention of the Assemblies of God of Brazil (CGADB).

1981 - Emmanuel International, Canada

1981 - **United Wesleyan Church** / *Igreja Wesleyana Unida* (IWU) was founded by Pastors Hildebrando Barbosa Gomes and Luiz Bastos da Fonseca Filho in Suruí, Magé, RJ.


1984 - **Antioch Presbyterian Church** (Korean immigrants, has ties to the Presbyterian Church of Korea, TongHap, Korea).

1983 - **The Church of God Seventh-day** / *Igreja de Deus do Sétimo Dia* began mission work in Brazil, but a division occurred in 2004 with the separation of a group of churches that founded the rival **National Union of Churches of God (7th Day) in Brazil** / *União Nacional das Igrejas de Deus (7°Dia) no Brasil* (UNID).

1985 - ALM International

1985 - HCJB World Radio Missionary Fellowship

1985 - **The New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Spiritual Renewal** / *Igreja Batista em Renovação Espiritual Nova Jerusalém* (IBRENJ) was organized in a garage in a humble neighborhood in the city of Rio de Janeiro by Charismatic Baptist Pastor Manoel Silva.

1986 - **Evangelical Free Church of America**

1986 - **Reborn in Christ Apostolic Church** / *Igreja Apostólica Renascer em Cristo* (IARC) was founded by Apostle Estevam Hernandes and Bishop Sônia Hernandes in the City of São Paulo among dissidents from the Pentecostal Christian Church of the Bible / *Igreja Cristã Pentecostal da Bíblia* (ICPB).

1986 - **Evangelical Presbyterian Church** in the USA

1987 - **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

1987 - **Evangelical Free Church of America**

1988 - **Light For the People Church** / *Igreja Luz Para os Povos* (ILPP) was founded in Goiânia, Goiás, by Apostle Sinomar Fernandes Silveira.

1988 - Some of the local churches that later became part of the **International Church of Christ (ICOC)** in the USA began a mission outreach in Brazil in 1987 in the City of São Paulo.

1988 - Walk Thru The Bible Ministries
1990s – Operation Mobilization
1990 - Pioneers, Canada
1991 - **Reformed Church of Brasolandia** (Dutch immigrants in Minas Gerais, central region)
1991 - Action International Ministries
1991 - Young Life of Canada
1991 - Christ for the Island World
1991 - **Action International Ministries**, an interdenominational mission service agency, with headquarters in Bothell, WA.
1991 - **Renewed Christian Congregation of Brazil** / *Congregação Cristã no Brasil Renovada* (CCBR) was founded by Pastor José Valério in the city of Goiânia, GO, among dissidents of the Christian Congregation of Brazil.
1992 - International Street Kids Ministry
1992 - **Heal our Land Evangelical Community** / *Comunidade Evangélica Sara Nossa Terra* (CESNT) was founded by Bishops Robson and Maria Rodovalho among dissidents of *Comunidade Evangélica de Goiânia* in Brasilia, DF.
1992 - **Life Project Evangelical Community** / *Comunidade Evangélica Projeto Vida* (PV) was founded by Apostles Joel Pereira and Silvia Pereira in the city of Volta Redonda, RJ, among dissidents from the “House of Prayer” (Plymouth Brethren).
1992 - **International Ministry of Restoration** / *Ministerio Internacional da Restauração* (MIR) was founded by Pastor Renê Terra Nova of the First Baptist Church of Restoration in Manaus, Amazonas.
1992 - **Traditional Presbyterian Church of Brazil** (central region)
1993 - **Seventh-Day Christian Congregation** / *Congregação Cristã do Sétimo Dia* (CCSD) was founded by Pastor Luis Bento Machado in Itajaí, Santa Catarina state, among dissidents of the Christian Congregation of Brazil.
1994 - **Reformed Church of Brazil** (has ties to the Canadian Reformed Churches)
1994 - **Churches of God General Conference**
1994 - Literacy & Evangelism International
1994 - SIM USA (a merger of several mission societies)
1994 - **Fount of Life Apostolic Church** / *Igreja Apostólica Fonte da Vida* (IAFV) was founded by Apostle César Augusto Machado de Sousa and his wife Rúbia Pinheiro Fernandes in the city of Goiânia, GO, among dissidents from the *Comunidade Evangélica de Goiânia*, capital city of the State of Goiás.
1994 - **National Church of the Lord Jesus Christ** / *Igreja Nacional do Senhor Jesus Cristo* (INSEJEC) is a Charismatic federation of Evangelical local churches founded in Brasilia, DF, by former Baptist missionary Valnice Milhomens Coelho, who served in Mozambique, Africa, for 13 years.
1995 - Christ for the City International (affiliated with Latin America Mission)
1995 - A merger of several Mennonite Brethren groups created the **Brazilian Convention of Mennonite Brethren Churches** (COBIM).
1997 - **The Vine - Church in Cell Groups** / *Videira - Igreja em Células* (VEC) was founded in Goiânia, GO, by Pastor Aluizio A. Silva among dissidents of *Igreja Luz Para os Povos* (ILPP).
1998 - **Worldwide Church of the Power of God** / *Igreja Mundial do Poder de Deus* (IMPD) was founded in the city of Sorocaba, SP, by Apostle Valdemiros Santiago among dissidents from the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG).
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2000 - **Snow Ball Church** – *Igreja Bola de Neve* (BOLA) was founded in São Paulo, SP, by Apostle Rinaldo Luis de Seixas Pereira.

2000 - **Living Presbyterian Church** / *Igreja Presbiteriana Viva* (IPV) was founded by Bishop José Elias and his wife Pastor Claudia in the city of Volta Redonda, RJ, among dissidents of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

2004 - **Walk of Grace** / *Caminho da Graça* (CG) was founded by Pastor Caio Fábio D'Araújo Filho in Brasilia, DF, among dissidents of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

2005 - **Assembly of Christ Evangelical Church** / *Igreja Evangélica Assembleia de Cristo* (IEPAC) was founded in the City of Recife-PE, by Pastor Nilson Ferreira da Silva.

2005 - **Union of Churches of God (7th Day) in Brazil** / *União Nacional das Igrejas de Deus (7° Dia) no Brasil* (UNID) was officially organized on 30 December 2005, with its headquarters in the City of Curitiba, Paraná; it resulted from a split from the *General Organization of the Churches of God in Brazil* / *Organização Geral das Igrejas de Deus no Brasil* (OGID) in 2004.

2006 - **Apostolic Church Fullness of the Throne of God** / *Igreja Apostólica Plenitude do Trono de Deus* (IAPT) was founded by Apostle Agenor Duque and Bishop Ingrid Duque in the City of São Paulo, SP, among dissidents of the Worldwide Church of the Power of God.

2006 - The **International Apostolic Church** / *Igreja Apostólica Internacional* (IAI) was founded by Apostle Luiz Carlos de Souza and his wife in Brasilia, DF.

2006 - **Brazilian Lutheran Church** established, previously supported by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church, USA.

2006 - **Primitive Remnant Christian Church** / *Igreja Cristã Remanescente Primitiva* (ICRP) was founded in the city of Curitiba, PR, among dissidents of the *Igreja Cristã Remanescente* (ICR).

2008 - **Association of Kalleyian Congregational Churches**, a split from the *Alliance of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil* / *Aliança das Igrejas Evangélicas Congregacionais do Brasil* (AIECB).

2008 - The **Anglican Church International Communion** (ACIC) creates the 21st ACIC Province led by the Rt. Rev. Fabian Ferrêns, who founded the **Apostolic Episcopal Church of Brazil**.

2009 - **Puritan Reformed Church** / *Igreja Puritana Reformada* (IPR), founded in the city of Teresópolis, RJ, by the Rev. Ellmir Júnior among dissidents of the Union of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Brazil.

2009 - **Land of Hope Ministry** / *Ministério Terra da Esperança* (TDE), founded by Apostle Luiz Ferreira in Nova Iguaçu, RJ, among dissidents of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

2009 - **Ultimate Pentecostal Church Alliance** / *Igreja Pentecostal Última Aliança* (IPUA), founded by Bishop Elcemir Durans in Penalva, Maranhão state.

2009 - **World Convention of Apostolic Churches** / *Convenção Mundial de Igrejas Apostólicas* (CONVEM) was founded by Apostle Luiz Carlos de Souza in Brasilia, DF.

2010 - **Brazilian Evangelical Christian Alliance** (BECA) was founded.


2010 - **Congregational Christian Ministry of Janira** / *Congregação Cristã Ministério de Jandira* (CCMJ), founded by Apostle Adriano Sabino dos Santos in the city of Jandira, SP, among dissidents from *Congregação Cristã no Brasil*.


2015 - **God of Miracles Apostolic Community** / *Comunidade Apostólica Deus de Milagres* (CADM), founded by Apostles José Luciano P. Targino and Bishop Morgania C.C. Targino in São Paulo, SP.


**Date of Origin Unknown:**

- Apostolic Christian Church (Swiss Anabaptists)
- Apostolic Church (UK & Canada)
- Apostolic Church of Faith in Christ Jesus (Mexico, Oneness Pentecostal)
- Christian Aid Mission
- Church of the United Brethren in Christ (prior to its merger with the Methodist Church in 1968)
- Evangelical Bible Mission
- Evangelical Church of North America (prior to 1968; a Pentecostal Holiness body)
- Evangelical Missionary Action (prior to 1967)
- Gospel Fellowship Association
- Korean Evangelical Holiness Church (Korea)
- New Apostolic Church International (Germany)
- Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church (Sweden)
- Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement (Germany)
- Southwest Baptist Fellowship
- Teens Mission International
- Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Convention (Ukraine)
- Youth With A Mission (YWAM)

The following Restoration Movement denominations and mission organizations are reported to have work in Brazil, but the founding dates of the following are unknown:

- Amazon River Evangelism
- Araguaina River Evangelism
- Belo Horizonte Christian Mission
- Brazil Christian Evangelism
- Brazil Church of Christ Mission
- Brazil Evangelism
- Brazil for Christ
- Brazil Mission Fund
- Brazil Missions
- Brazilianlanham Christian Mission
- Brazilian Christian Home
- Brazilian Evangelism Association
- Bunch Mission Fund
- Christ for the Amazon Valley
- Christ for the Capital Evangelism
- Christian Literature Association of Brazil
- Church of Christ Mission
- Maranatha Christian Mission
- Michiana-Brazil Christian Mission
- New Churches for Brazil
- Northeast Brazil Christian Mission
- Operation Amazon
- São Paulo Christian Mission
- West Brazil Mission

**NOTES:**
(1) Dates listed indicate the earliest ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated by the sources.
(2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

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