Dear Friend,

To learn more about Global Mission’s Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies, please visit www.secularandpostmodern.com.

More than 50 percent of the world's population now live in cities. To reach the people in these urban areas, the Church is establishing Centers of Influence designed to meet their physical and spiritual needs and lead them to Christ. **To help fund these Centers of Influence, such as the New Seed Church Project in Brazil, please support Project Fund #9730.**

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Recently I met with Kleber Gonçalves, the new director for the Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies, to attend an Adventist Mission/Church Planting advisory in São Paulo, Brazil. It was inspiring to hear that the division has set a goal of establishing 9,000 new church congregations during the next five years. Plans are already in place to begin 2,000 new congregations this year.

The Office of Adventist Mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters is working with the world divisions to establish more than 30,000 new congregations within this five-year period.

One such church plant is located in the heart of the financial district of one of the 10 largest cities in the world, São Paulo, Brazil. The New Seed (Nova Semente) church plant was started by Kleber Gonçalves to reach the upper class, secular-postmodern professionals who had little regard for the role of religion in their lives.

From its humble beginning in 2004 with 16 members, the New Seed church plant now has about 1,000 people attending each Sabbath. Everyone who joins the church must be involved in at least one of its many outreach ministries. Three satellite congregations are being planned.

Your continued prayer and financial support make it possible for Adventist Mission to support this and similar church planting initiatives around the world. Thank you for your generous gift!

Faithfully yours,
Delbert B Pearman
Planning Director

CHURCH PLANTER PROFILE

It started as a dream . . .

Everything began on May 4, 2005. That's the day Kleber Gonçalves and his family returned to Brazil after spending nearly nine years studying at Andrews University.

His mission? To start a new church plant in São Paulo, one of the largest urban centers in the world with a population of 20 million people. New Seed (Nova Semente) would be the first Seventh-day Adventist church in South America designed to reach secular/postmodern people for Jesus. More

BRAZIL

"It just keeps growing!"
They started with 16 members and met at the São Paulo Conference facilities. For six months they met weekly to pray, dream, and plan their new church.

During this time their group grew to about 45 people. They decided to launch New Seed in November of 2005.

"Since our first public worship service, the work has been intense and highly rewarding," says Gonçalves. For the first two months they had between 180-200 people worshiping with them each Sabbath of whom 45-60 were postmodern people. More

New Church, New Lives

"During these past few years the Holy Spirit has transformed many people through New Seed and its ministries," says Gonçalves. More than 90 people have been baptized so far and another 60 are attending the Bible study classes held four times a week at New Seed.

"I deeply believe that through the establishment of postmodern-sensitive communities such as New Seed Seventh-day Adventist Church and other actions supported by Global Mission, the church is becoming aware of the immense challenges and the great opportunities that exist in leading secular/postmodern people to Christ." More