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José & Regina Fernandes

Impact Canada is planning to start a Brazilian Church Plant anticipated to launch in Toronto some time this Fall 2009. Impact Canada is leading this effort with the partnership of Hisportic Christian Mission (Texas), East 91st Street Christian Church (Indianapolis), and New Churches of Christ (Michigan). There are also other interested organizations, churches and individuals thinking and praying about supporting this new work.

José Ignácio Fernandes is well qualified to be the Church Planter and Lead Pastor of this new church plant in Toronto. He is a committed Christian, well acquainted with the Restoration Movement and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ in Brazil and the United States. An experienced church planter, he launched and ministered with the El Shaddai Christian Church, Orlando, Florida, for six years. He speaks Portuguese, as well as English and French, the languages of Canada. As an entrepreneur, José learned how to launch and develop a project from inception to operation. Working for Air France and Varig

Air Lines, he learned marketing and promotion. José's wife, Regina Fátima, whom he married in 1976, supports his ministry and complements it through her ministries of service and prayer. She will be the Prayer Team Coordinator and Children's Director. Completing the church planting team will be Simone Fernandes (daughter-in-law) as the Worship Leader and Events Coordinator, and Guilherme (Guil) Fernandes (Son) as Worship Team member and Financial Administrator.

Last summer José and Regina moved from Orlando, Florida, and are currently living in the St. Louis area before they move to Toronto. Jose is attending St. Louis Christian College and has been taking courses this past fall and winter. Regina is taking some English classes to help her practice her conversational English. During this interim period, they are contacting churches to raise support, and getting ready both physically and spiritually for this great challenge in Toronto. They are also starting to make contacts with Brazilians living in Toronto. José and Regina's son Guil and his wife, Simone are living in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada right now. Guil is attending the Culinary Management School at Algonquin College in Ottawa and will be finishing this June, and then planning to move to Toronto.



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Guil and Simone Fernandes
(José & Regina's son and daughter-in-law)

Currently a small group of eight people are praying for José and Regina and the Toronto Project. We would like to raise up many more prayer partners for this church plant. If you are interested in praying for José and Regina and this Toronto Project, please email Claudia Tune at: claudia@impactcanada.org or call the office at (905) 824-6955.

Prayer requests include:

- Approval of Canadian visas for José and Regina Fernandes
- Move to Toronto and finding a place to live
- Finding a facility to rent for the Toronto Church
- Bringing together the necessary core group to help launch the church
- Opening up the hearts of those individuals and families that God wants to be a part of this church.

We would also like to ask for your financial support. For individuals residing in the U.S. who wish to give to this new work and receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes, kindly make your cheque payable to New Churches of Christ Evangelism – and designate it to the Toronto Church Plant. **Please mail your cheque to: New Churches of Christ Evangelism (NCCE), P.O. Box 1031, Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48804, USA.** NCCE will subsequently mail your donation amount to Impact Canada, and those funds will be directed to the Toronto Church Plant. Otherwise, for Canadian residents, please make your cheque payable to Impact Canada designated to the "Toronto Church Plant", and mail it directly to Impact Canada at: P.O. Box 155, Stn. Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 2B8.



Jim and Claudia Tune will be at the National New Church Conference in Orlando - April 20 - 23, 2009. If you're planning to attend this conference, please make sure to stop by Impact Canada's booth located in Faith Hall. If you want more information about this conference, you can visit their website at: www.exponentialconference.org.



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