

**AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH DEVELOPER'S
CALL FOR
IGREJA BRASILEIRA VIVA ESPERANCA
EM KANSAS CITY
(Living Hope Brazilian Church of Kansas City)**



Did you know that there is a growing number of Brazilians living in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area? Well ... one of our newest church plants, Living Hope is a church whose ministry serves primarily Portuguese speaking immigrants from Brazil. The collaborative pastoral team that serves this flock consists of pastors Cristiano Barbosa, Claudia Barbosa and Raquel Oliveria whose combined gifts and passion blend together to reach out to this growing immigrant population. All three of these ministers were ordained by The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and the Convention of Brazilian Churches in America. Over twenty years of ministerial experience is represented by these three faithful servants who now work and live in the Great Rivers Region.

Presently, the Living Hope congregation averages about 25-30 people for worship. Church School and Worship take place every Sunday evening at a church building in Raytown, Missouri, while less formal mid-week meetings of prayer, praise and Bible study meet in the homes of this faithful congregation. There are classes and activities for the children, and at least once a month, the teens and pre-teens meet with one of the Pastors to talk about peer pressure and explore what the Bible teaches about life challenges.



One of the dreams of Living Hope is to have English as Second Language Classes. The classes would meet once a week and would be open to the Brazilian and Hispanic community. This ministry will allow the church to build relationships with the community members at large while also

allowing the opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is presently a member of the church who has had special training to help lead and direct this ministry.

In the words of Pastor Claudia, **“Our goal as a church is to embrace the Brazilian Community with the Word of God that heals and restores lives. We come together not only as a church building or institution, but as a Family. This is very important to our community because many of our members only have family in Brazil. We are their family; we are their home away from home.”**



It is a great joy to extend the first ABCD Call of 2006 for Igreja Brasileira Viva Esperanca Em Kansas City! The gift you give today will make it possible for American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region to partner with Living Hope as they continue sharing the love of God and Jesus Christ with the greater Kansas City area.

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