

History of the “Way of Life Assembly of God Church” (ADCV)

President Pastor: Maria de Lourdes Bonfim

The vision of God for His Church:

In the book of Colossians 1:23, the word of God tells us: *“if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.” (NKJV)*

This verse says it all about the beginnings of a Christian work permitted by the grace of God, for faith and persistence in the gospel of Jesus Christ are essential.

This Work began with the power of prayer within the purposes of God. The Missionary Coraci guided and led people to her house, the Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim prayed for them through phone calls, many souls were converted to the Lord Jesus Christ and many miracles happened.

The Word of God says: *“They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.” (Isaiah 49:10, NKJV)*

Already there were some days that the Missionary Coraci prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ for the health of her daughter Cirleid. The Pastor also asked her to pray for seven days for her daughter receive the divine healing. Then the Missionary Coraci invited some sisters in Christ, as the sister Maria Ribeiro, for praying together. During this time, God used a “vessel” (a sister) to say that they should not stop the prayer in that moment, therefore there was the beginning of a work of God.

The Word of God says in the book of Joshua, chapter 6, verse 4 is written: *“And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.” (NKJV)*

One day the Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim and her sister, the Missionary Coraci, talked about the beginning of this work of God. The Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim, who had founded the House of Prayer For All Nations Ministry Assembly of God (ADCOP, by initials in Portuguese) in the U.S.A., said that she would go to

pray and afterwards she would return the phone call. After some days the Pastor called her and said that God had confirmed. So she decided to start another work of God, only in Brazil, from the House of Prayer for All Nations Ministry Assembly of God (ADCOP).

The first worship services were held in the garage of the house of the Missionary Coraci. The brothers prayed and came to the name “Way of Life Assembly of God” (ADCV, by initials in Portuguese) from the verse “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*”. John 14:6 (KJV)

In the beginning there were two worship services: on Wednesdays, of liberation and Sundays, of celebration, always at night. The presence of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God were so great that many people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The pastor called for one more time and asked missionary Coraci to take steps to rent a store for the church, Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim, and the House of Prayer for All Nations Ministry of the Assemblies of God (ADCOP) made a cash donation to buy all the furniture for the Church ADCV. There were several meetings before the founding of the Way of Life Assembly of God Church. The Constitution and Bylaws and Code of Ethics were created; and on January 5, 2006, in Planaltina, DF / Brazil, it was founded, the Way of Life Assembly of God Church: President, Maria de Lourdes Bonfim, the vice president, Missionary Coraci Bastos Barbosa, Assistant to Pastor: Raimundo Nonato de Paulo Filho, Secretariat: Cirleid Bastos Barbosa Araújo, Treasurer: Clediomar Rodrigues da Silva, Leader of Children: Sirlane Bastos Barbosa, Auxiliary of the deacon: Valderi Lima Moreira, Ministry of Music: Josélia Amorim Medeiros Rodrigues, sister Patricia Batista Rodrigues de Paulo and the faithful collaborator: sister Valdeci da Silva Monteiro.

The church was founded on the 16 doctrines of Assemblies of God (Statement of Fundamental Truths) which are:

1. The Scriptures Inspired
2. The One True God
3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Fall of Man.
5. The Salvation of Man.
6. The Ordinances of the Church
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

9. Sanctification.
10. The church and Its Mission.
11. The Ministry.
12. Divine Healing.
13. The Blessed Hope.
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ.
15. The Final Judgment.
16. The New Heavens and the New Earth.

Until this day we passed many deserts, but the glory of our Lord is so great that the rewards are greater. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16, KJV) We have made a marriage, several baptismal waters and vigils in our church, Glory to God!

Many came, some left, few remained. But grace, faithfulness, mercy and the love of God remain. Today, in 2010 the ADCV is under the leadership of the Missionary Diacuí Monteiro Braga.

Get know a little more of our city that like all cities of the world, it needs a lot of God’s Word. For more information about the city of Planaltina-DF/Brazil you can visit at: <http://www.planaltina.df.gov.br/>