

## BIOGRAPHY OF PRESIDENT PASTOR MARIA DE LOURDES BONFIM

Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim was born on May 22, 1950 in the city of São Francisco, Goiás/GO, Brazil. Daughter of Alcides Bastos Bonfim and Orlinda Monteiro de Lima, and a family consisting of three brothers, and other siblings from her father and mother. Pastor and President Maria de Lourdes Bonfim married on May 15, 1969 and divorced on June 15, 1980. She had four children: Shirley and her son Revisson, the twins Wadrey and Wandrey, who died after a month of life, and Maria Helena, adopted daughter.



Throughout her life, she and her children have gone through many trials, but by the grace of God she brought them up with love and dedication.

During her life in Brazil she was a store owner in the city of Anápolis and then as a civil servant, in Goiás, serving as a schoolteacher.

On February 2, 1990, Pastor and her daughter Shirley made the decision to go to the United States of America, along with her son Revisson, looking for a better life and a better quality education for them. In this country she worked as a house keeper.

President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim was living in Greenwich, CT; and she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her only Savior in 1993 in Norwalk, Connecticut with Pastor Apolos Sóstenes da Silva (former president of the *Convention of the Evangelical Assemblies of God of the Federal District of Brazil*, CEADDIF). Later her nephew Wander, who came under her care since the age of 9, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his only Savior. He was baptized the same day as Pastor (May 5, 1995), in the Church: “*2nd Pentecostal Church John 3:16 of Assemblies of God*” in the town of Portchester, New York State, with the Pastor Rev. Ramón Quintana, where by

God's grace and help of the pastor, she has reinvigorated her life and received her spiritual growth. Pastor Rev. Ramón Quintana was a great example in spiritual life.

On August 22, 1995, God blessed President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim with the birth of her granddaughter Jessica who has been presented to the Lord Jesus Christ in the *"2nd Pentecostal Church John 3:16 of Assemblies of God"* in the town of Portchester, New York State, with the Pastor Rev. Ramón Quintana

On October 28, 2010, Pastor received a blessing from God with the birth of her second grandson Lucas.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January of 2014, Pastor received another blessing from God with the birth of her third granddaughter Sofia

On January 13, 2022, God continued blessing Pastor with the birth of her fourth grandson Julian.

Fulfilling the call of God, President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim was accepted by the Convention of the *Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God* on July 13, 2007.

On March 5, 2004, President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim, through the grace of God, she founded the first Church *"House of Prayer For All Nations Ministry Assembly of God"* (ADCOP, by initials in Portuguese) in the city of Danbury, Connecticut, which is affiliated with the *Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.* on September 10, 2004. Also, it was certified and incorporated into the State of Connecticut on October 16, 2006. This Ministry is affiliated in the *General Council of the Assemblies of God (USA)* on May 3, 2010.

On January 5, 2006, President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim founded the second church: *"Way of Life Assembly of God"* (ADCV) in Planaltina / DF, and It was endorsed at the Registry office in the Legal Department on July 13, 2007.

In May 2016, Pastor received her credential of Pastor through the Evangelical Convention of the Assemblies of God of the Federal District

(CEADDIF).

In the year 2020, during the most difficult time for the world at the time of the pandemic imposed by the new coronavirus, the Reverend Maria de Lourdes, with great faith and courage, she founded another church in Brazil, in the city of Anápolis, state of Goiás, with the registration of the constitution by the Notary Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Notary Office of Protest and Legal Entities, Deeds, Documents of Anápolis, state of Goiás on September 29, 2022.

In June of this year 2023, Pastor Maria founded a congregation in the neighborhood of “Jundiaí”, city of Anápolis, state of Goiás.

On October 15, 2006, President Pastor founded the third church “*House Upon the Rock Assembly of God*” (ADCR) in the city of Norwalk, in Connecticut, which was affiliated with the *Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.* on September 14, 2009 and certified and incorporated into the State of Connecticut on October 21, 2009 also affiliated to the *General Council of the Assemblies of God (USA)* on November 2, 2009.

From the “House of Prayer For All Nations Ministry Assembly of God” (ADCOP) came two congregations:

On June 5, 2008, the President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim founded a congregation: “House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God” in Greenwich, Connecticut.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2008, the President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim founded a congregation: “House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God” in Darien, Connecticut.

On October 30, 2010, the President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim received a Certificate of Appreciation for service to Church Planting through The Assemblies of God “*Church Multiplication Network*” (CMN).

Through the Ministry House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God was founded, also, the Study Center of Theology, authorized by Global University on September 16, 2009. President Pastor Maria de Lourdes

Bonfim finished her Ministerial Courses for License Minister and Ordained Minister at the Study Center of Global University to be recognized as Ordained Minister by The US. General Council of the Assemblies of God.

In the year of 2012, the Ministry House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God received a certificate of recognition by the Global University for providing cooperation in the training of workers and leaders for the Work of God.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> of 2018, Pastor Maria De Lourdes Bonfim was promoted her credentials to licensed minister through the General Council of the Assemblies of God (USA)

President Pastor Maria De Lourdes Bonfim was recognized as Reverend Minister of the General Council of the Assemblies of God (USA) and the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God. She received her credentials as an Ordained Minister. The Ordination Ceremony was held on July 15, 2022 at Mahanaim Camp in Swan Lake, NY.