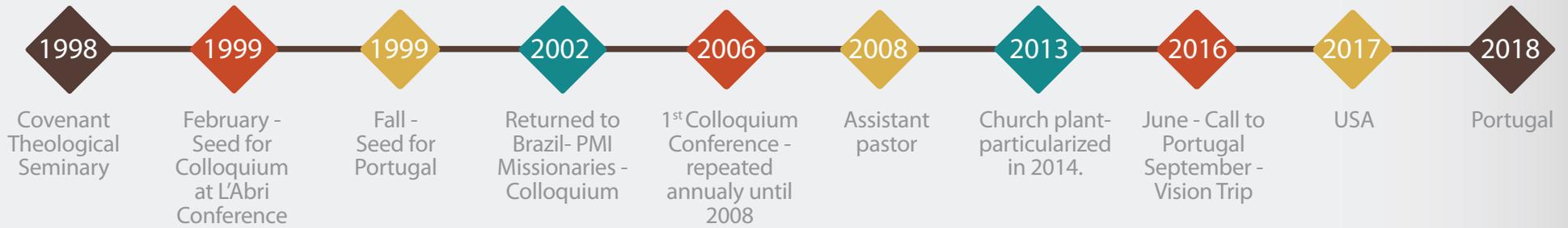


Our mission is to advance God's Kingdom through evangelism and apologetics with the goal of planting Reformed Biblical Churches in Portugal through Colloquium.

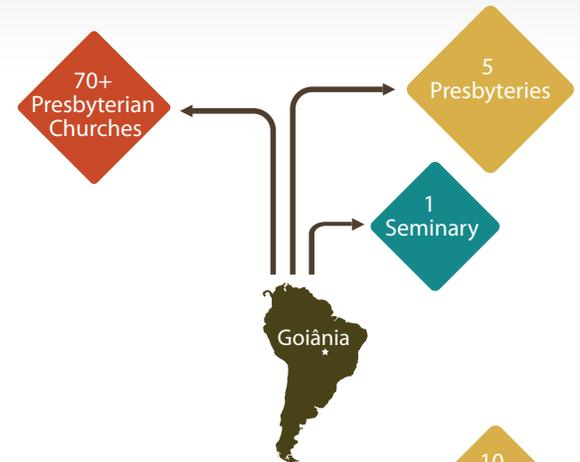
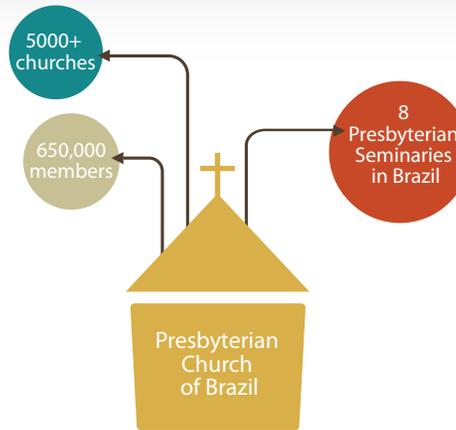
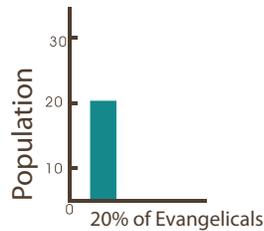
Colloquium is our means to plant churches. At Colloquium we want to serve the Portuguese people by offering the opportunity for honest personal reflection on a variety of cultural and ethical issues raised in our post-modern society through varied events hosted at our home.

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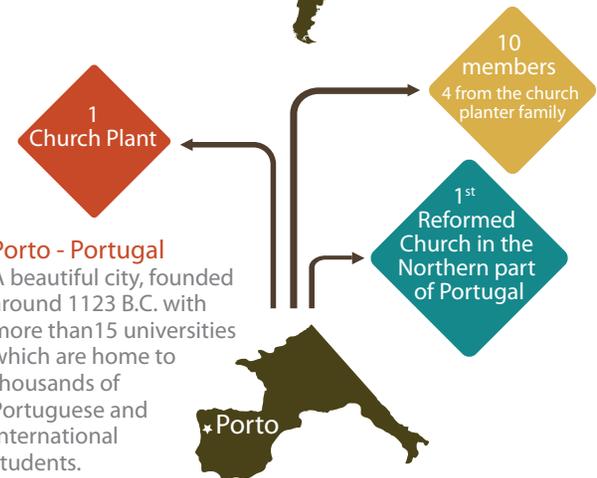
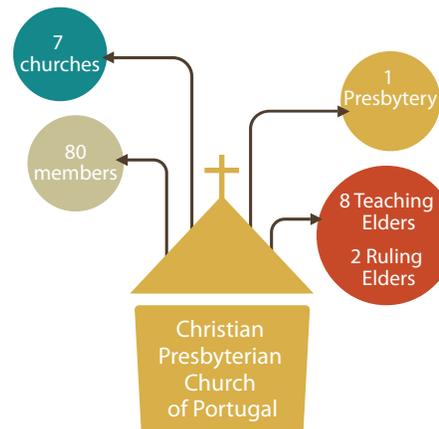
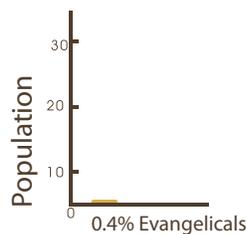
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## By God's grace and for His glory, renewing minds, transforming lives and impacting culture.

We, **Luciano and Luciene Pires** and our children Mila and Pedro, are from Brazil. Both of us are Covenant Seminary graduates and PMI (Presbyterian Mission International) missionaries.

At Colloquium we want to give Christians and non-Christians the opportunity for honest personal reflection on relevant questions about life in general. We want to give them the a safe space to wrestle with a variety of cultural and ethical issues raised in our post-modern society, and the chance to grow in their discernment on what Scripture teaches. Our mission at Colloquium is to foster true, real debate in the light of the absolute Truth to every area of knowledge generating a Christian worldview that it is not only true, but that also makes sense even in the most ordinary aspects of life. Our prayer is that Colloquium by God's grace and for His glory may renew minds, transform lives and impact our culture!

The nut-and-bolts of this happens through several activities that are held in our home on Thursday and Friday evenings.

### Home-based, Informal and Relational

**CAFÉ COLLOQUIUM** has a casual café setting where we serve desserts, coffee and tea. This event fosters a comfortable and casual environment for Christians and non-Christians to discuss how the Bible relates to current cultural and ethical topics.

**POPCORN AND DVD** is without any doubt our most popular event. We serve popcorn and drinks while we watch a good movie. This event incredibly helps people to develop a mind for discernment in how to apply Christianity in all of life as the movies raise all kinds of pluralistic cultural issues leading to honest questions about life.

**ON THE TABLE** is a meal that we host in an effort to spur conversation at the dinner table. This is a small but very effective event, focused on bringing up matters of doubt and struggle in the Christian faith. We host 8 people to sit around our table and just talk about anything. We have seen this activity really turn into some deep and meaningful conversations. These discussions have laid the foundation for rich discipleship relationships that we seek to nurture in all the people that God brings to our table.

**AN EVENING WITH...** This is a very exciting event! People get to sit in our living room (or the extension of it) with people such as Tolkien, Mel Gibson, U2 and so on. This is a very festive evening because it always touches on some aspect of art. It is a specific time to talk about movies, literature, music and visual arts, and how they have a great influence in how we think and live.

**EXAMINING THE BIBLE** is a time where we study the Bible. Our goal is to teach solid Biblical theology and give people a deeper understanding of who God is, who we are and what we are called to be in a fallen world. Our heart is to help people weave together spiritual Truth and real life.

**MARKET OF IDEAS** is an event exclusively for university students. We gave it this name because most university students are bombarded by all kinds of world-views and philosophies in the first few years of college, which make up almost a supermarket of ideas. We want to teach our university students how to filter these ideas through a Christian worldview, and equip them to compassionately and intelligently respond to professors and peers in matters of faith and belief.

**VILA COLLOQUIUM** is a larger community event of 20+ people where we share food and get together to fellowship. Through Vila Colloquium we want to foster community life and enjoy the blessing of family and friends. Each person brings a dish and we spend our time together in a casual fashion – enjoying an evening full of music and singing!

All of our events center on building relationships, deepening personal walks with God, and impacting people on a practical level. During the week we are also available to meet one-on-one with people for discipleship, prayer, encouragement and heart-to-heart conversations over coffee.

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