

Theological liberalism: the school of theology at

Mackenzie University has returned to evangelical convictions.

Pentecostalism: Luigi Francescon and his wife Rosina Balzono (1909)

Daniel Berg, a Swedish Baptist-turned Pentecostal preacher, founded the Assemblies of God in Brazil.

By 2000, Assemblies of God in Brazil had more than 14 million members.

Emergence of some Reformed Pentecostals, or “Pentecostals-turned-Reformed.”

Liberation Theology: “preferential option for the poor and oppressed”

- Good: theology as something we live out
- Bad: scripture as an allegory about personal liberation

Pray: Tim Chapman, church planting in Peru
The Hispanic community at GGC and in SLC.

Resources

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Global Christianity

Week 2

The History of Christianity in Latin America

Brazil

Pedro Alvares Cabral discovers and claims Brazil for Portugal. His first act is to hold Catholic mass.

French Calvinists (Huguenots) are the first protestants to settle in Brazil, but after just three years, they are executed by the Portuguese. (Guanabara confession of faith)

Mindset of conquest: If they submit to Christian rule, we have done our job.

Conquistadors (conquerors) would read a statement called the requerimiento before confronting natives.

Some used persuasion instead of force, but still the church

“bore the marks of dependence

slavery

and underdevelopment

Pedro I declared Brazil’s independence from Portugal in 1822. A constitution brought limited freedom of religion.

In 1849, Pedro II banned the slave trade in Brazil. European protestants replaced slave labor in the Brazilian workforce.

European Protestants who settled in Brazil and eventually sent missionaries

- Anglicans
- Lutherans
- Congregationalists

Robert Kalley - separation of church and state

- Presbyterians

José Manoel da Conceição - first evangelical pastor

- Baptists

Significant growth of Protestantism from 1850s-1950s. By 1935, 1.5 million members of Protestant churches.

Separation - evangelicals made a clean break with the Catholic church by baptizing former Catholics and withdrawing from society.

Evangelicals in Brazil:

1940	1950	1980	1991	2000	2010
2.6%	3.4%	6.6%	9%	15.4%	22%

