

INTERNATIONAL REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



An online college that teaches in Portuguese

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Who Studies at the IRTC?

Through the course of 2009, fifty-one students were enrolled in at least one course at the International Reformed Theological College. 35 live in Brazil, 12 in Mozambique, 2 in Senegal, and 1 in each of Portugal, Canada and the United States. This is an increase from last year, when there were 38 students. All glory be to God for this privilege of being asked to provide good quality Biblical training to more and more students year by year. To introduce our readers to some of our students, I share with you some information extracted from profiles students have provided. These all come from the online classroom for our course in Hermeneutics (principles of Biblical interpretation):

Hércules Lobato Da Rocha -- 41 years old, married, father of two daughters, elder and co-pastor of the Assembly of God in Macau, RN, Brazil. Studying theology and doing the Master of Biblical Studies at the IRTC is the fulfillment of a dream. It's a privilege to be able to study at a college that takes the teaching of the Word so seriously and brings together a faculty of instructors with such competence. To study with Dr. Paulo Anglada for a fifth time is another plus for my curriculum as a student. I have nourished great respect and admiration for him since my first course. . . . I enthusiastically suggest the acquisition of the book, *Introduction to Reformed Hermeneutics*, authored by our professor – excellent!



journey.

Marcelo Sirotheau Corrêa Siqueira – 27, with a degree in law. I am a Sunday School teacher in the Presbyterian Church in Icoaraci, Belém, PA, Brazil. I very much enjoy studying theology, and this interest has been mine for some time. So much so that I interrupted my legal studies with a year of theology at a local seminary. My contact with Reformed theology has been stronger in the last three years and I have been seeking to work on the idea of Christian worldview (Reformed/Calvinistic/Biblical) in my life and in the lives of my students, friends and family members. I expect these lessons and the IRTC will help me on this



Marcos Sena -- 31, single, elder of a Presbyterian congregation in Igarapé-Açu, PA, Brazil. I thank God for the great opportunity I am able to have to follow theology courses through the IRTC, with serious professors who are committed to quality Biblical teaching with real content. I have grown and, by the grace of God, will continue to grow according to the measure of the fullness of Christ to labor

better in the Lord's work, promoting his glory and his Kingdom in the world.



Nuno Miguel Brazão Pinheiro,-- I came to know the Lord Jesus in 1997 through the reading of my Bible in my room at college, when I was studying hotel management. 33, married, three young children. I am a member of the Presbyterian Church of Barreiro, Portugal, as an expression of my theological identity after a 10-year-long journey that took me through Pentecostal, Arminian, and Dispensational circles. I also have a program of Biblical meditations on Trans-World Radio of Portugal.



Rodrigues Muacuveia -- I was born in a little village called Mutuali in the province of Nampula in Mozambique, I am married to Aurora Moreno (who also studies at the IRTC), and we have 5 children and six grandchildren. My profession is that of a technician in electronics and telecommunications. I am a member of the Evangelical Church of Christ of Mozambique and my contribution there is to teach the word of God. I adore Evangelical literature and creation science. Studying at the IRTC is a great blessing for me and a privilege, because in Mozambique there is a lack of schools for theological training.



Sálvio Dalan Enes Barbosa -- Elder, 46, studying the Master of Divinity program, elementary school teacher in the public system, married, father of 3. Member of the Presbyterian Church of Divinéia in São Luís, MA, Brazil, teacher of the Sunday Bible School and responsible for a church plant in a neighboring municipality. The IRTC has been an important instrument for providing quality instruction that reaches those who are unable to attend regular institutions of theological education. I believe that the IRTC is a project of God for his Church. May he grant success to all!



Xavier Tianeque --35, single, member and evangelist of the Fellowship of Believers in Christ Congregation, Mozambique. I have a law degree and very much love to serve and do the will of the Lord. By the grace of God, I was pointed to the IRTC, so that I might better know the Lord my God.

Support Our College

The IRTC is much in need of financial help. As I write this (November 2009) I can report that this year we received a little over USD\$16,000.00 towards our very modest budget of USD\$58,500.00. We continue our work, as we have for the last nine years, because our instructors teach their courses on a volunteer basis. This has serious drawbacks, however, and we appeal to fellow-Christians, with a vision for the importance of our educational ministry for the Kingdom of the Lord, to pray for this great need. Donations can be made online (www.pro-rege.net) or by check in the name of the International Reformed Theological College at: **70 Pace Dr., Bristol, VA, 24201 USA**. We entrust our work to the Lord, for He will provide.

Ralph F. Boersema, President