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To the co-workers in the Lord's recovery,

Although there has been much contact and fellowship between the church in Miami and the saints and churches in Brazil and South America for many years, the current problems can be traced back to March of 1999 when there was a migration to Jacksonville, FL. We received a phone call from Brazil telling us that there would be two families from Brazil migrating to Jacksonville via Miami. Both came to Miami and one of those went to Jacksonville. The brother who remained in Miami was Emerson Dias da Silva; he now lives in Boca Raton and it is his activities that have created problems over the years.

For a time, things went well. Solomon Ma visited Emerson frequently, perhaps three times a year, and also visited the church in Miami. The Brazilians made strong and repeated efforts to introduce Dong Yu Lan's literature to the church in Miami. The leading brothers in this area – Tito Gutierrez, Vince Laviano Richard Annese, Freddie Perez and Ron Madore – met with Cezar Menegucci (a Brazilian worker active in this area) and Solomon Ma several times about this issue. We brothers took a firm stand not to compromise the ministry of the age. We told the Brazilians firmly and lovingly that we did not want the literature from Brazil in Miami. In spite of this, there were other attempts to distribute Dong's literature, including *Alemiento Diario* and some publications relating to the children's work to the church in Miami.

Emerson Dias da Silva moved from Miami to Weston, FL, a community removed from where the saints lived and met in Miami. We tried to keep Emerson informed as to what was going on in the church in Miami but there was little reciprocation on Emerson's part. Eventually Emerson stopped meeting with the church in Miami although he infrequently met with the church in Boca Raton for a time and then stopped meeting there altogether.

Recently, Emerson moved to Boca Raton and joined with Cezar Menegucci to promote the Brazilian work in Boca Raton. They have scheduled a conference in Boca Raton at the same time as the Thanksgiving Day conference in Boston. They also plan to inaugurate a training center in Boca Raton as an extension of the work of Dong Yu Lan. All of this is being done without fellowship with the church in Miami or the church in Boca Raton. They refer to their work in Boca Raton as the 'church in Boca Raton' despite the fact that the church in Boca Raton has been meeting for years previously and that this fact is well known to Emerson and Cezar.

There is also an independent work among the Brazilians in Deerfield Beach, Port St. Lucie and Stuart, all communities north of Miami and near Boca Raton. Both Cezar and Emerson are involved. In Stuart, the Brazilians refer to themselves as the 'church in Stuart' although they do not fellowship with any of the other Florida churches.

Emerson and Cezar have been instrumental in causing three couples who were meeting with the church in Orlando to leave Orlando and begin to meet in Stuart with the Brazilian work. A young brother and a sister have been recruited to leave the church in Miami. The sister suddenly left Miami without fellowship. The leading brothers eventually learned that she was asked by Brazilian workers to move to Boston to cook for the Brazilian work there. The brother was likewise recruited by the Brazilians without any fellowship with the brothers in Miami.

We remain concerned that the independent work of the Brazilians has already negatively impacted the churches in south Florida and that they are apparently set on expanding their work without fellowship or consideration for the churches and saints who have been here for the Lord's recovery for many years. We are alarmed that a second 'church' is meeting in Boca Raton in complete disregard for the church in Boca Raton and against the truth of the Body of Christ. We are also alarmed at the establishment of an independent training center for this competing and divisive work in our area.

Yours in Christ,
For the Church in Miami,

| Ron Madore
Richard Annese