A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: PORTUGAL

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Historical Overview:

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<th>Event</th>
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<td>Lisboa (the nation’s capital) was founded by the Phoenicians, according to legend:</td>
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<td>Invasion and conquest by the Moors (Arab Muslims):</td>
<td>711-1150 AD</td>
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<td>Founding of the Portuguese state:</td>
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<td>King Afonso Henriques expels the Moors with help from the Knights Templar:</td>
<td>ca 1150</td>
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<td>Period of Portuguese explorations in the New World:</td>
<td>15th-16th centuries</td>
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<td>Portuguese Inquisition:</td>
<td>1536-1821</td>
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<td>Series of Marian apparitions at Fátima:</td>
<td>1917</td>
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<td>Military dictatorship:</td>
<td>1926-1974</td>
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<td>Liberal revolution and limited religious liberty established:</td>
<td>1974</td>
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<td>Number of North American mission agencies in 1996:</td>
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<td>Indicates European society*</td>
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Significant Protestant Beginnings:

1656 - *Anglican Church established among British immigrants.

1763 - *Lutheran Church established among German immigrants.

1838 - *European Missionary Society begins work among returned Portuguese emigrants.

1845 - *A Reformed community was founded in Funchal, Island of Madeira, by a Scottish medical doctor, Robert Reid Kalley.

1867 - *Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)

1871 - *British Methodists begin work in the north; now called the Evangelical Methodist Church.

1871 - *Evangelical Presbyterian Church founded in Lisbon by Antonio de Matos.

1871 - *The Lusitanian Church of Portugal founded by 11 Catholic priests as an independent movement; became affiliated with the Anglican Church in 1980.
1880s - Congregational work began under Manuel dos Santos Carvalho.
1888 - Early Baptist work begins; Brazilian Baptists arrive in 1908.
1904 - Seventh-day Adventists, General Conference
1936 - TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission)
1945 - Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society (now, CBInternational)
1947 - Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal: Pastor Natanael Emmerich from Brazil (incorporated a majority of the existing Congregational churches).
1947 - Union of Evangelical Congregationalist Churches: formed by a group of churches that refused to join the merger that created the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
1949 - Child Evangelism Fellowship
1959 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board (now, International Mission Board), affiliated with the Portuguese Baptist Convention
1965 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
1966 - Youth for Christ, USA
1967 - Assemblies of God, General Council
1971 - Greater Europe Mission
1972 - Presbyterian Church, USA
1972 - United Pentecostal Church International
1973 - Church of the Nazarene
1976 - Church of God of Prophecy
1978 - Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE)
1978 - Correll Missionary Ministries
1979 - Africa Evangelical Fellowship
1979 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church of America
1980 - WEC International
1984 - Mana Christian Church – Igreja Crista Maná
1986 - Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services
1986 - Pocket Testament League
1987 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
1988 - Janz Teach Ministries, Canada
1990 - CEIFA Ministries International
1990 - Grace Brethren International Missions
1992 - The Missionary Church, World Partners
1995 - PAZ International
1996 - BGCC Global Ministries, Canada

**Date of Origin Unknown:**

- Alpha Evangelical Church
- Baptist World Mission
- Christian Church and Churches of Christ
- Christian Congregation of Portugal (missionaries from Brazil)
- Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal (has close relations with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil)
- Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith (Philadelphia)
- Churches of Revival
- Elim Church of Christ
- Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Maranatha Mission
- New Apostolic Church
- Pentecostal Church of God
- Reformed Church in Portugal (founded by a missionary from the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa)
- The Salvation Army
- Wesleyan Methodist Church

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**NOTES:**

(1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
(2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

SOURCES:

(1) PROLADES (Latin American Socio-religious Studies Program), international headquarters in San José, Costa Rica: www.prolades.com, prolades@racsa.co.cr

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