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The Mansion

On the 15th of August, 1952, Divaldo Franco along with his cousin Nilson de Souza Pereira, established the "Mansão do Caminho" (Mansion of the Way), an institution which has provided housing, education, and care for over 600 adopted children in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, through a system of foster homes. The "Mansão do Caminho" has become a very large educational institution complex with 22 activities which provide guidance to more than 3,000 children and teenagers everyday - all free of charge. To this date, more than 30,000 boys and girls have received an education and care at Mansão do Caminho's many schools.

The Vision

In 1948, Divaldo Franco and his cousin, Nilson de Souza Pereira - current Executive Director of the Mansion of the Way - were traveling by train when Divaldo - looking through the window - had a psychic vision. He saw a place with lots of trees, buildings, adults and children. And there was also an old man whom Divaldo identified as himself in the future. That vision caused him a tremendous impact. Both Nilson and Divaldo got to be puzzled with Divaldo's vision. It was when a voice whispered to Divaldo: "This is what you will do in your life, you will educate people".

One year later, in a mediumistic meeting, an Enlightened Spirit spoke through Divaldo about a spiritual program to be built in Salvador, Bahia - Brazil. An educational program based on foster homes was proposed by the Enlightened Spirit. And Divaldo and Nilson accepted the challenge. Together with the help of collaborators, they put a bid on a mansion in 1951. That was the first building of the Mansion of the Way which was officially founded on August 15, 1952.

[Divaldo Franco](#) is a worldwide renowned speaker. He has given more than 14 thousand lectures and spoken in 52 countries in the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Mr. Franco is Doctor Honoris Causa in Humanity and also in Parapsychology by American and Canadian Universities. Through his extraordinary mediumship, Mr. Franco has published more than 200 books and 70 of them have already been translated in 16 languages. [Read more](#)

**"When you fall down, pick yourself up and start over again.
You are an ever-unfolding soul temporarily enrolled in the school of life."**

- "Child of God" by Joanna de Angelis through Divaldo Franco



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Education

On August 15, 2002, the Mansion of the Way, one of the departments of the Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center, completed 50 years of existence.

In the area of education, its original proposal was to take in and care for orphan and needy children; a feat carried out through foster homes which tried to reproduce, as much as possible, the feel of a normal home. The goal was to educate the child and the adolescent in a familiar environment, with special emphasis on the emotional and moral aspects of their growth.

In more than 40 years, approximately 615 children and adolescents have lived in the foster homes until reaching legal age. Beginning in 1987, a new educational philosophy was instituted, stemming from a need to adapt the work of the Institute to the social reality in which it finds itself. Thus the model of the child-resident was modified to one of keeping the child in the environment in which it was born; all the while working to improve this environment.

The medium Divaldo Franco, a vital force of the Institute, gives a moving account in the book, *Mansion of the Way 40 Years - a Love Story in Education*, authored by Washington Luiz Nogueira Fernandes and published in 1992. "The Mansion of the Way is the saga of a great undertaking. It was born from the feelings of the transcendent world, from the mediumistic perception to now; its story is one of dedication, sacrifice and love. Altruistic hearts have passed through here and the Mansion of the Way, itself, is a witness to the fact that love reigns in the heart of the human being and that we, within our relativity, love, and try to convert into action the manifestations that exist in us, in a demonstration of the presence of God, pulsing through our feelings. (...)

Now, when hundreds of young people find their place in the sun, after passing through our House and reaching legal age, we only have God to thank for all the experiences, especially for those that have chiseled us for the exercise of good and duty. (...)

Through love, which generates education, everything is possible in the edification of a fair society that is happier in the future and which we yearn for beginning today."

Currently, the Cultural and Educational Department is composed of the following schools: • Jesus Christ Elementary and Middle School, with 1012 students, a public school sponsored by the state • Alvorada Nova (New Dawn) Kindergarten, with 100 students • Allan Kardec School, with 374 students, a public school sponsored by the municipality • Computer Training School, with 400 students

The Research Library was created in order to serve the students from the Institute and schools in the community. There, students can look up information, complete research papers as well as borrow books for school work. In addition to the books reserved for education and research, there are many books with a variety of topics for pleasure reading. Auntie Ivone Magalhães Vilas Boas looks after the Library.



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Allan Kardec School

Alvorada Nova School

Jesus Christ School

Computer Training School

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The Manjedoura (*Manger*) Nursery provides services to 150 needy children between the ages of two months and three years of age, from Monday to Friday during business hours. Parents drop their children off at 7:30 a.m. and pick them up at 5:00 p.m.

Those who know the Nursery, as well as experts who have visited it, consider it to be a model nursery because of its excellent equipment and the high level of services it offers.

The "Manjedoura" consists of two floors, with a nursery, a kitchen, lavatories/wash basins, a cafeteria, restrooms, a laundry room, a recreation room, a nurse's office, and a sun room, where the children play protected while receiving sunlight. In addition, there is a meeting room for parents, a pharmacy, and a sewing room. A pediatrician and a social worker are always available to safeguard this supportive atmosphere.

The first floor of this simple yet cared-for architectural project is reserved for the direct care of children and the second floor for technical support services as well as the administration of the Nursery.

Children are fed five times per day and receive a take-home meal for the time away from the nursery and for when their parents are unable to buy food. They receive all the medical assistance and prescriptions that they need and play happily with educational toys that accommodate the number of children there.

Mothers are completely integrated in the day-to-day workings of the Nursery. They participate in scheduled meetings with the administration in addition to receiving special training and participating in the Manjedoura's mission by volunteering four hours once a month.

Staff and volunteers work in harmony and happiness because they know that in the Nursery, they are building a better future for the children.



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Health Center

The Dr. José Carneiro de Campos Health Center began its activities in 1952, at the old site of the Mansion of the Way, in the neighborhood of Calçada, with the name "Emmanuel Ambulatory". With the transfer of activities to the neighborhood Pau da Lima, a small clinic evolved with the name "J. Carneiro de Campos Ambulatory". It later became the Medical Center, when the regular medical clinics, dentists' office, and clinical analysis laboratories were established. Today it is known as the Health Center.

The Health Center has the support of 76 people; medical doctors, dentists, nurses, social workers, nursing assistants, laboratory technicians, assistants, administrative personnel, Institute employees, volunteers and civil servants provided by the Technical Cooperation Alliance and the Municipal Health Department.

Tending to its clients, the Health Center carries out an array of activities that promote health education with the objective of developing prevention programs through classes, workshops, massotherapy, and vaccination. Examples of such programs are child care, the Hypertension Evaluation and Control Program and the Pre-natal Program. In addition, the Center is always aware of its social role in the community and works hand in hand with university programs, offering internship opportunities for medical and nursing students from the Federal University of Bahia.

According to the last annual report, the Dr. Jose Carneiro de Campos Health Center tended to more than 39,000 people and performed more than 8,200 laboratory exams in 2003. The demand for care is enormous and surveys indicate that people from other neighborhoods leave their local health clinics to seek care at the Mansion of the Way's Health Center. It is undoubtedly worth trying to get a spot at the Health Center. Our professionals, in addition to practicing medicine, practice love above all else.



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Children & Youth Department

The Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center's Early Childhood and Youth Department has been in existence for more than 45 years and carries out its activities through the following groups:

. **Nise Moacyr Spiritist Teachings:** designed for the moral-spiritual formation of children, part of the Amélia Rodrigues Library.

. **Nina Arueira Spiritist Youth:** designed for the moral-spiritual formation of adolescents; part of the Manuel da Silva Library

. **Amélia Rodrigues Parent Group:** designed for the spiritist activities planned by the parents or guardians of the children and youth who participate in the Spiritist Teachings and Youth.



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The Auta de Souza Caravan, one of the oldest activities of the Institute, was founded in September of 1948. It is a volunteer project for the care of the elderly and those who are disabled with terminal and degenerative illnesses. There are 300 people who receive as much assistance as the Institute is able to offer: biweekly food baskets, medical care, medicine, blankets, coats, shoes, clothes, etc.

Food and other goods do not last long where the assisted live. As a result, periodic donation drives take place to obtain mattresses, water filters and home appliances in an effort to decrease their difficulties. Monetary donations to help pay late utility bills are not uncommon.

The day of food distribution is occasion for a spiritual party in the Auta de Souza Caravan. The elderly and the sick arrive early, sometimes accompanied by family members, to receive bioenergetic assistance through the *passes*. Some are referred to the doctor due to their medical state, others participate in enlightening talks based on the Gospels. Everyone eats soup, porridge, coffee and milk, bread and cookies in the company of the caravan's helpers. When they go back home, the assisted have more courage to face their difficulties.

Compassion is always at the heart of the Auta de Souza Caravan; a principle illustrated in the assistance given to those who, although not registered to receive care, find themselves in an emergency situation.

Even when it is not food distribution day, the Caravan's helpers are at the Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center, sewing for the needy, embroidering towels, and producing arts and crafts to sell in the bazaar to help defray the cost of what their wards consume.

The Christmas drives are beautiful! There are toys and children's clothes for the grandchildren (blood-related or adopted) of the men and women registered at the caravan as well as some extras in the food baskets. The evocation of the birth of Jesus is done in an atmosphere of happiness. The effort of the Auta de Souza Caravan ensures that there is always enough to give to the community since the drives always reach an unlimited number of people.

Meimei Infant Wear

For more than 50 years the group Meimei Infant Wear has been helping expectant mothers in need by providing them with pre-natal care and baby clothes. In most cases, women are referred to Gynecology at the Dr. José Carneiro de Campos Health Center, located at the Institute. There is also an assistance program at the Mansion for pregnant women facing financial hardship.

Approximately 800 sets of baby clothes are made every year. Most of them are distributed during a celebration on Mother's Day. Seamstresses and embroiderers work on a voluntary basis all year to produce enough clothes for the ever increasing demand for them.

Donations and teachings are interwoven in the social work that takes place here. Educational workshops are given to prepare the expectant mothers so that they may adequately care for themselves and their little ones before and after birth.



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Lygia Banhos Group

It is made up of a tireless group that helps various needy segments of the Community through home visits, distribution of food baskets, etc. It has been in regular operation since 1971. Today, dozens of young people and parents connected to the Mansion of the Way go to the shantytowns (favelas) to spread God's word, tutor, distribute medicine, organize home building projects, distribute donated goods and live side by side with our needy brothers. The integration of the young people of the Mansion with those in the Community is impressive. Little by little, the young people from the Community are drawn to participate in the Project. Educational walks and demonstrations against violence are activities of great impact but which are organized with happiness and a sense of citizenship by the young people. Today, mothers from the shantytowns (favelas) meet to discuss their problems and to give support to the work that is multiplying on a daily basis.

Here are some of the Group's accomplishments:

- Provides weekly assistance, in the community, to needy families in the neighborhoods of Pau da Lima and São Marcos
 - Develops evangelical, recreational, and educational activities with the children, adolescents and adults.
 - Visits the elderly and the sick
 - Promotes fraternization and integration of the members of the community on Mother's Day, Saint John's Day, Father's Day, Walk for Peace, Children's Day and Christmas
 - Distributes food baskets on Mother's Day, Saint John's Day and Christmas
 - Maintains a community pharmacy for the free distribution of medicine
 - Maintains a library for the young people of the community
 - Sets up fund-raising bazaars
 - Promotes various festivals with the objective of raising funds for the maintenance of the Group's activities
- Right now, the Community Living School is in its last phase of completion, on Rua do Ouro in Pau da Lima. The school will be able to house, within one space, the array of activities that are presently carried out at various sites.

You are welcome to work with us in this project of labor, collaboration and love. We meet every Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. on the first floor of the meeting center of the Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center in Pau da Lima.

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Biography of Lygia Banhos

The daughter of parents from the state of Ceará, Brazil, Lygia de Oliveira Banhos was born in Belém, Pará, on July 31, 1916.

She worked at the Department of Interior's Fiscal Office and after a few years in Pará, was transferred to Rio de Janeiro. Lygia met Divaldo Franco during one of his workshops at the Department of Interior's auditorium, in Rio de Janeiro, and at that moment, a great friendship was born. Not long after the workshop, Lygia visited the Mansion of the Way and was invited by Divaldo to assist at the Institute. She requested a transfer to Salvador and began to live at the Mansion of the Way. She dedicated herself to the projects of the Institute and also to the Spiritist Doctrine. Upon retirement, she devoted herself to the Mansion full-time, and remained there altruistically for 22 years. Adolescents sought her out for guidance and all considered her as a mother.

Lygia was the one who organized a record of Divaldo Franco's trips and workshops, now a record of great importance for research. Lygia Banhos left for the spiritual motherland on October 9, 1990. Her family members, especially her nieces and nephews as well as friends from innumerable Brazilian cities, were left with a sad longing for her. She is an example of dedication, love and faith.



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Alvorada (Dawn) Publishing renders important services to the Mansion of the Way by way of editing and printing the majority of the projects of the Dawn Spiritist Bookstore and the Spiritist Presence Magazine. It works with all the Institute's departments, producing folders, signs and pamphlets. It is responsible for miscellaneous messages, banners, catalogs, Christmas cards and forms; thus fulfilling the needs of each department.

The Editing and Graphics Department has played an important role in the dissemination of the psychographed books by Divaldo Franco, which the medium presents in his trips abroad and which have also been translated into foreign languages.

Currently, Alvorada Publishing is preparing for the future by modernizing its equipment and by providing staff development to its employees. It has recently acquired printing equipment imported from Germany and Switzerland, which will respond to the internal needs and thus expanding the possibility of broader publishing services.



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Data Processing Center

The first phase of a project begins at the Data Processing Center. A team of data entry clerks, proofreaders, type-setters and graphic artists work diligently to guarantee the visual quality and the exact reproduction of the texts to be printed.

The data entry process begins after the Data Processing Center receives the written text. After it has been entered in the computer, the text goes through its first revision. The text is edited electronically in the program and format in which it will be printed. Then, it goes back to the proofreading team, which often includes Divaldo Franco himself.

While the work of data entry, proofreading and editing take place, the creation of a book cover is commenced either at the Data Processing Center or by invited graphic artists. After the entire book has been approved, it goes to an image setter - image film that generates the printing plates. Currently this part of the printing process is done through local vendors, but Alvorada Publishing intends to purchase an image setter in the near future.

Production

The Production Department of Alvorada Publishing has invested in new machinery to better meet its internal demands.

The new equipment, however, were simply additions - the old machines continue to be operated as usual and have undergone maintenance so that Alvorada Publishing may continue operating to its maximum.

Many people participate in this phase of production, which consists of checking the photolithographs sent by the Data Processing Center, generating the plates, calibrating the ink, regulating the machines, printing and finishing. From production, the printed jobs are distributed to their respective areas.

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Department of Spiritist Studies

According to the By-Laws, the Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center's Department of Spiritist Studies carries out its activities by way of the following components:

- **Fraternal Counseling:** Designed to assist people looking for spiritual guidance and help.
- **Spiritist Studies Coordination** Responsible for the weekly expositions, including the meeting *Talking about Spiritism*, religious and moral teachings for the students at the Schools, the Reception Group and other activities as they become necessary.
- **Mediumnistic Activities and Passes:** Responsible for the medium groups and the team of people who give *passes* or who transmit bioenergy;
- **Vianna de Carvalho Spiritist Studies Group:** Responsible for the course schedule of the Spiritist Doctrine;
- **Joanna de Ângelis Library:** Responsible for the spiritist, Spiritualist and other works and periodicals related to the Spiritist Doctrine.

Links:

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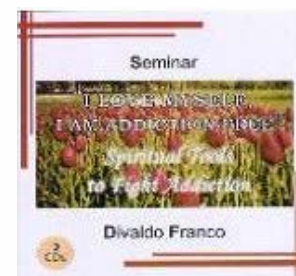
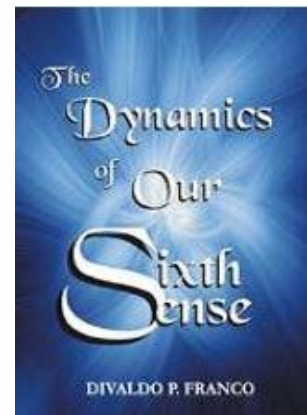
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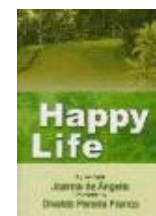
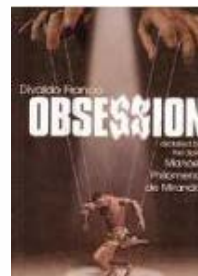
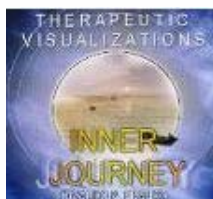
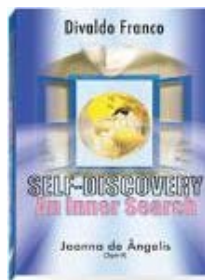
Divaldo has co-authored more than 200 books through psychography - also known as automatic writing. Of those, approximately 100 have been translated into 15 different languages. More than 217 spiritual writers have authored messages through his channeling. Mr Franco has also written messages in languages he did not know, such as German, French, Italian, Castilian, Afrikaans and even backwards English.

In fact, he published "Hacia Las Estrellas", the first book to have been ever written through automatic writing in a language other than the medium's own. Perhaps the most impressive fact of Mr Franco's accomplishments as a medium and writer is that his works have sold an impressive amount of 8 million copies, and all of its proceeds go into helping maintain Mansão do Caminho.

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The majority of the books have been psychographed by the medium Divaldo Pereira Franco from more than 200 spiritual authors and messengers. Currently, the number of books includes:

Total copies - more than 8 million sold

Psychographed Works - more than 200, 90 of which have been translated into 16 languages (Spanish, French, English, German, Swedish, Albanian, Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Czech, Esperanto and Norwegian)

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Developed by the *Lar Fabiano de Cristo* [Fabiano de Cristo Home] in conjunction with the Mansion of the Way, the House of Courtesy provides a support system for needy families.

In order to meet its objectives, the *Lar Fabiano de Cristo* [Fabiano de Cristo Home] responds to human needs through five levels of assistance. The House of Courtesy falls under the Third Level.

The objective is to promote the integration of the family itself and society, heeding close attention to the common good of all without distinction, prejudice and social exclusion. The methodology is based on Family Preservation and the protection of at-risk children. This calls for family follow-up and support of basic needs, nourishment, career training and job placement. This support is made up of socio-educational actions that combat the root causes of poverty and which subsequently allow the family to thrive as a whole, in all aspects: social, material, environmental, moral, spiritual and health.

The House of Courtesy's philosophy is to help needy families for 5 years, the amount of time it takes for them to recuperate from the social and economic difficulties they face. Having reached the goal after this period, the assistance is transferred to another family.

Once the status of each enrolled family has been determined, a Quality of Life plan is developed. A case study of each family is carried out; short, mid and long term goals are set, along with interventions to address and minimize the material, social, moral and spiritual despondencies. Activities for the assisted family members are structured, and include social groups for adults, adolescents, children and the elderly; creative workshops like those that target the learning problems in school-aged children; career workshops, and cooperative workshops.

The work carried out by the House of Courtesy began in March of 1971. Currently there are 150 families who receive assistance, yielding a total of 705 individuals.

This is a planned, arduous task that rescues the dignity of the family, the basic foundation of social organization, and that of the human being himself, who is seen as a divine creation that must be cultivated, loved, and integrated into society.



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Born in Feira de Santana, a small town in northeast Brazil, in the state of Bahia, Divaldo displayed clairvoyance and clairaudience before he was 5 years old. Through his childhood, Divaldo played with friends from another dimension of life that others could not see or hear. In 1947 Divaldo, along with his friend Nilson Pereira, founded "Caminho da Redencao"(Pathway to Redemption) Spiritist Center - this was the beginning of a labor of love to benefit the sick and those in need. Two years later, in 1949, Divaldo saw through clairvoyance a very large area with many children and, through clairaudience, Divaldo heard a voice stating that his life would be dedicated to caring for children in need. In 1952, then, "Mansão do Caminho" ([Mansion of the Way](#)) was established to provide housing and care for orphaned children in Salvador, Bahia, through a system of foster homes. All of this has been going for over 50 years now, and still is going strong -- and growing.

As an educator, Divaldo's life is also one marked by devotion. Since 1952 more than 600 adoptive sons and daughters have been raised in the system of foster homes at Mansao do Caminho. As time went by elementary, middle, high and professional schools were created to cater to the ever growing number of children. "Mansao do Caminho" has become a very large educational institution complex with 22 activities which provide guidance to more than 3,000 children and teenagers everyday - all free of charge. To this date, more than 30,000 boys and girls have received an education and care at Mansão do Caminho's many schools.

As a speaker, Divaldo has ministered more than 10,000 lectures and conferences in more than 300 cities worldwide. In the 25 states of Brazil alone Mr. Franco has lectured at more than 600 cities. Divaldo has held lectures and seminars in 53 different countries: 21 in Europe, 21 in the Americas (North, South and Central), 5 in Africa and 6 in Asia Mr Franco has also spoken 7 times for the United Nations - 4 times in the New York headquarters, and 3 times in Austria, at the Vienna headquarters. Divaldo has also lectured in more than 40 universities throughout the world, always addressing issues of great importance for the human being in its search for enlightenment. Mr Franco is no stranger to media either: Divaldo has done more than 215 interviews to various TV and radio stations throughout the world and, in Brazil, Divaldo's home country, he has been interviewed more than 800 times. Divaldo's schedule, as you can see, is always a busy one.



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Honors received. Through his life of dedication to others, Divaldo has received many honors. Mr. Franco has been recognized with 572 honors from around the world. Among these many honors, some stand out. They are: " The degree of Doctor of Humanities Honoris Causa in Spiritual and Psychic Sciences from the International College of Psychic and Spiritual Sciences and from the government of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada; " the "Medaille de econnaisance" from the Humaniste Institute of Paris; " the "Medalha Camara Municipal de Leiria", Portugal; " the "Medalha da Cidade de Lobito", bestowed by Government of Angola, Africa; " the degree of Doctor of Parapsychology Honoris Causa from Cyberam University in Illinois; " the degree of Dr Honoris Causa from the University of Bahia, which was the first time a title of Doctor Honoris Causa was given to a Spiritist medium; and " the Diploma of the Order of Merit, a distinction given by degree of the President of Brazil to those who stand out at national level for their dedication and work in helping fostering the welfare of others.

As a medium, Divaldo has co-authored more than 200 books through pschography - also known as automatic writing. Of those, approximately 100 have been translated into 15 different languages. More than 217 spiritual writers have authored messages through his channeling. Mr Franco has also written messages in languages he did not know, such as German, French, Italian, Castilian, Afrikaans and even backwards English. In fact, he published "Hacia Las Estrellas", the first book to have been ever written through automatic writing in a language other than the medium's own. Perhaps the most impressive fact of Mr Franco's accomplishments as a medium and writer is that his works have sold an impressive amount of 7 million copies, and all of its proceeds go into helping maintain Mansão do Caminho. Mansao do Caminho (Mansion of the Way) - website - www.mansoadocaminho.com.br (in Portuguese)

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Nilson de Souza Pereira

Nilson de Souza Pereira was born in October 26, 1924 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

He served the Brazilian Naval Academy as a radiotelegraphist. Nilson Pereira also worked in the Bank of Bahia, Brazil and retired as an employee of the Brazilian Post Office.

He has been a spiritist his whole life and has actively practiced Spiritism in its true expression by working hard to serve all in need. His life has been a message of love. As a Spirit psychotherapist, he has several decades of experience in spirit-counseling according to the Spiritist approach.

Nilson Pereira has worked together with Divaldo Franco. Divaldo Franco is a worldwide renowned speaker and medium. To date, he has given more than 10 thousand lectures and spoken in 52 countries in the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Mr. Franco is Doctor Honoris Causa in Humanity and also in Parapsychology by American and Canadian Universities. Through his extraordinary mediumship, Mr. Franco has published almost 200 books and 70 of them have already been translated in 15 languages.

Together, Nilson Pereira and Divaldo Franco founded the Pathway to Redemption Spiritist Center as well as the Mansion of the Way. Currently, he serves as the president of the latter.

While Divaldo Franco has disseminated Spiritism worldwide, Uncle Nilson, as he is tenderly called, has taken the lead on the magnificent work at the Mansion of the Way. Despite all responsibilities, he is truly abnegated and caring to all who are assisted by the Mansion.

The Mansion of the Way is a non-profit organization that provides basic care and education for at-risk youth and their parents. Today more than 20,000 people have benefited from free medical, dental, and psychological care provided at the "Mansion of the Way".

From the Book: GETTING TO THE LIGHT: Spiritist Therapy for Discarnate Spirits, by Nilson de Souza Pereira.



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Joanna de Angelis

Joanna de Angelis is not a newcomer to cultural activities. While there is no record of important writings by her during her previous reincarnation as a Brazilian nun, she built herself a solid reputation as an authoress at the time she lived in the 17th century, also as a nun.

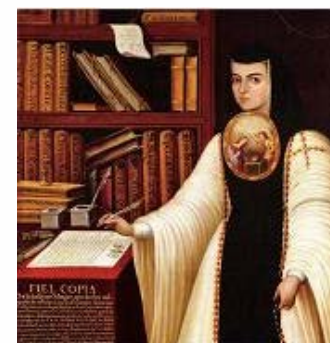
She was then known as Juana Ines de la Cruz, bom Irtes de Asbaje in 1648, in San Miguel Nepantla, a small Mexican 'pueblo'. At seventeen, living at the court of the Marquis of Mancera, the Viceroy in Mexico City, she decided to become a nun and to retire to monastic life. She died thirty years later, on April 17, 1695.

Most of her writing is poetry, which she used with great talent to convey many shades of thought, from delicate lyric verses, to substantial philosophical and religious essays, fiction and theater. You can see her beautiful face on a recent bill of 1,000 Mexican pesos, a well deserved historical tribute to a brilliant woman of her time.

On December 11, 1761 she was reborn in Brazil. Again she was baptized as Joanna and again she opted for the religious life as a nun, under the name of Joanna Angelica de Jesus. (Her signature shows the word Jesus always in capitals). She died on February 20, 1822. Brazilians were at the time fighting for the independence of their country from Portugal. When soldiers attempted to invade her convent in Salvador --- she was the Abbess --- Soror Joanna Angelica barred the entrance with her frail body. She was killed on the spot, by a soldier's bayonet.

By the middle of this century, Divaldo P. Franco began to notice Joanna's presence, now a spirit, guiding, instructing and consoling him at difficult moments, but also admonishing him whenever she felt it necessary, like a loving responsible mother would do. Soon she began to write with his hand the first messages that would in time spread throughout Brazil in leaflets, magazines, newspapers and books, originally in Portuguese and later translated into other languages for circulation abroad.

Written by Hermin io Miranda at the foreword of the book After the Storm by Joanna de Angelis (spirit) and Divaldo P. Franco (medium).



Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
(1651-1695)



Joana Angélica de Jesus
(1761 - 1822)

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