

How to Interpret African Christian Atlantic: The Case of Cape Verdean Protestant Missionaries in Senegal, Brazil and Portugal

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In the last five centuries, the history of Christianity has been closely tied to Europe. Today, however, over 65% of Christians live in Africa, Latin American and Asia, while many of them open missions and churches when they migrate to Europe or the USA. Are we before a “reverse mission” as some authors suggest (Haar,1998)? How do we map the “South-South” and “South-North” mission? How to understand those mobilities within the flux of colonial and post-colonial history? This paper aims to present the expansion of Christianity from the southern hemisphere, Cape Verde, demonstrating through my field work the transnational dimension of Cape Verdean Protestantism. For this, I will resort to the mobility of Protestant pastors, missionaries and believers, of the Church of the Nazarene, in Senegal, Brazil and Portugal, during the twentieth-century to today.