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COMO secretario de la División Sudamericana, es nuestro deber y privilegio viajar por el inmenso y curioso territorio de sus ocho naciones.



Cuán original y lleno de contrastes es este territorio. Ahora mismo, mientras escribimos estas notas, estamos viajando en una de las famosas lanchas Luzeiro, la Nº 3, navegando en este otro mundo que es la enorme cuenca amazónica. Y apenas estamos en uno de sus pequeños afluentes, el río Maués, que tiene cerca de 4 km de ancho. Estamos subiendo el río en busca de la Villa Nueva, lugar donde vive parte de la tribu de los indios saterés, una tribu de unas 3.500 personas, semicivilizadas.

Por aquí casi todo es agua. Es la época de las crecientes de los ríos. No se ven automóviles, ni trenes, ni carreteras. . . . Los medios de locomoción son canoas, barcos, lanchas y navíos. Hasta el mismo avión debe bajar en el agua como el Catalina de Panair do Brasil, avión anfibio que nos trajo de Belem, si desea llegar a estos lugares pequeños, como Maués (3.500 habitantes), la cuna de la Iglesia Adventista en este enorme Estado de Amazonas.

Si vamos para el centro del territorio de la división, encontraremos zonas áridas, agrestes y tropicales, devastadas por las sequías; más hacia el sur abundan las carreteras, las populosas ciudades, el clima templado, bastante fresco y hasta frío. Después vienen las grandes planicies y las pampas argentinas; hacia el oeste está la enorme, muy alta y siempre nevada cordillera de los Andes, las tierras sísmicas de Chile, el temible e inhóspito Chaco paraguayo y boliviano, el altiplano de los incas con su lago Titicaca, el más alto del mundo, y entonces nuevamente las selvas amazónicas.

Cuánto colorido a través de estas tierras y pueblos con sus costumbres, diversidad de mentalidades y una inmensidad heterogénea de credos y cultos.

Pero hay contrastes en los climas desde el calor tórrido del Ecuador, las zonas templadas del centro, hasta el frío helado de Punta Arenas en la Patagonia, la ciudad más meridional del mundo.

Montañas y planicies, altiplanos y desiertos; de un lado el océano Atlántico y por el otro el inmenso Pacífico; lagos y lagunas, ríos enormes como este Amazonas, el más caudaloso del mundo, y regiones áridas donde los ríos se secan y se secan de verdad.

Regiones riquísimas y pueblos bien abastecidos, otros paupérrimos con habitantes desnutridos. Edificios de

A S SECRETARY of the South American Division, it is my duty and privilege to travel throughout the vast and amazing expanse of its eight nations. How original

and diverse is this territory! While writing these lines, I am aboard one of the famous medical missionary launches, the Luzeiro III, traveling in this other world which is the immense Amazon basin —and this is only Rio Maues, one of the small tributaries of the Amazon, yet it is nearly 4 kilometers wide. We are going upstream in search of a place called Vila Nova where some of the semicivilized Saterés Indians live, part of a tribe numbering about 3.500.

Here almost everything is water. It is flood season. One cannot see automobiles, trains, or highways: travel is by canoe, boat, launch, or ship. Even airplanes, if one wishes to visit small places like Maues (a city of 3.500 inhabitants, cradle of the Adventist church in the large State of Amazonas) must land in the water like the Catalina of Panair do Brasil, an amphibious plane which brought us from Belem.

As we travel through the central part of the Division territory, we will find a dry belt, wild and tropical, devasted by drought; however, to the south, highways abound, there are populous cities and a temperate climate which is at times quite fresh and even cold. After that come the great plains and the Argentine pampas. To the west are the towering, eternally-snowcapped Andes, the seismic land of Chile, the dreaded and uninhabitable "chaco" of Paraguay and Bolivia, the highlands of the Incas where is situated the highest navigable lake in the world, Lake Titicaca, and then again we come to the Amazon jungle.

What color is found in these lands in the costumes of the people! What diversity of mentalities and heterogeneity of creeds and cults!

There are contrasts in climate from the torrid heat of Ecuador, the temperate regions in the central part of the continent, to the icy cold of Punta Arenas in Patagonia, the southernmost city in the world.

Mountains and plains, highlands and deserts, on one side the Atlantic Ocean and on the other, the immense Pacific; lakes and ponds, enormous rivers like the Amazon, the largest in the world, and arid regions where the rivers really dry up.

There are very rich sections where the people live in affluence, other regions are impoverished and barely support an undernourished population. There are

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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Queridos amigos:

Cuando escribo estas líneas de saludos para ustedes son alrededor de las 5 de la mañana, y mi máquina de escribir está sobre una valija en la parte trasera del auto. Yo me siento algo así como Abrahán que "salió sin saber a dónde iba" pero cuando viajó a través de la vida, estuvo seguro de una cosa porque siguió la orden de Dios"... porque esperaba la ciudad que tiene fundamentos cuyo arquitecto y constructor es Dios" (Heb. 11:8, 10). El apóstol Pablo en Hebreos 13:14 dice: "Porque no tenemos aquí ciudad permanente, sino que buscamos la por venir". Cuán agradecidos deberíamos estar nosotros porque pertenecemos a la familia de Dios aquí en la tierra y porque Jesús nos ha prometido que está preparando un lugar mejor que cualquiera ciudad que este mundo pueda ofrecer. Muchos de nosotros no tenemos un domicilio permanente aquí en esta tierra pero podemos estar agradecidos a nuestro Padre Celestial porque está preparando un hogar más hermoso de lo que podemos imaginar para aquellos que le aman y esperan su venida.

Desde el pie de las Montañas Rocosas me siento feliz de mandar saludos a cada uno de ustedes de muchos miles de nuestros hermanos y hermanas aquí en Norteamérica. Los nuestros constituyen un pueblo leal y profundamente interesado en el progreso de la obra de Dios en Sudamérica y en el mundo entero. Ellos se gozan con los informes que yo he tratado de traerles de la buena obra que ustedes están haciendo como fieles soldados de Cristo en el frente de batalla.

Mi visita a los Estados Unidos en esta vez me ha dado la oportunidad de visitar personalmente nuestras iglesias y a nuestros hermanos, viéndolos bien de cerca y examinándolos bien a fondo en su diario andar por la vida. Yo he encontrado que el mayor gozo de estos hermanos es la satisfacción de saber que sus sacrificios y ofrendas no han sido en vano en la propagación del mensaje evangélico por todo el mundo. Un gran número de nuestros hermanos están batallando con el alto costo de la vida en los Estados Unidos, pero ellos continuamente restringen sus deseos personales para poder tener una ofrenda liberal para la causa de las misiones. Encuentro que nuestros colegios secundarios y otras instituciones se están esforzando por superar idénticos problemas financieros como los que hay en Sudamérica. Sin embargo, encuentro que nuestros hermanos y dirigentes, aunque están cargados con problemas aquí en casa, me dicen: "Nosotros somos accionistas en la causa de Dios. Sentimos que el dinero invertido en la ganancia de almas en Sudamérica está pagando buenos dividendos al llevar el mensaje del Evangelio a aquellos que están en la oscuridad desde las márgenes del Amazonas hasta Tierra del Fuego".

Es un gran placer para mí el hacer llegar a cada uno de ustedes los saludos especiales de la Hna. Stahl, Ana Stahl del Amazonas. Ella y su esposo fueron los primeros misioneros enviados a las selvas y altiplanos en Sudamérica. El 16 de junio tuve el placer de estar con la Hna. Stahl en el aeropuerto del Pacific Union

Dear Friends:

As I write you these lines of greeting, it is about five o'clock in the morning and my typewriter is perched on a suitcase in the back of a car. I feel somewhat like Abraham who "went out, not knowing whither he went," but as he journeyed through life he was sure of one thing as he followed God's bidding, ". . . he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."—Hebrews 11:8, 10. The Apostle Paul in Hebrews 13:14 says, "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." How thankful we should be that we belong to God's family here on earth and Jesus has promised us that He is preparing a better place than any city this world can offer. Many of us have no permanent dwelling here on this earth but we can be thankful to our heavenly Father that He is preparing a home more beautiful than we can imagine for those who love Him and look for His appearing.

From the foot of the Rocky Mountains, I am happy to send each of you greetings from many thousands of our brethren and sisters here in North America. Our people are a loyal people and deeply interested in the work of God and its progress in South America and around the world. They are greatly cheered by the reports of progress which I have tried to bring them of the good work you are doing as loyal soldiers of Christ on the front lines of battle for God.

My visit to the United States this time has given me an opportunity to visit at first hand, our churches and our people on what we call the "grass roots" level which means our people as you will find them in their daily, common walks of life. I have found that the greatest joy of these good brethren is the satisfaction of knowing their sacrifices and offerings have not been in vain in the spread of the Gospel Message around the world. A large number of our people are battling with the high cost of living in the United States, but they are continually restricting their personal desires in order that they may have a liberal offering for the cause of missions. I find our academies and other institutions struggling for their very financial existence with the same problems we have in South America. However, I find our people and leaders, even though burdened with problems at home, exclaiming to me, "We are stockholders in the Cause of God. We feel that the money invested in the winning of souls in South America is paying good dividends in bringing the Gospel Message to those who sit in darkness, from the banks of the Amazon to Tierra del Fuego."

It is with great pleasure that I bring each of you very special greetings from Sister F. H. Stahl, Ana Stahl of the Amazon, pioneer missionary with her husband to the jungles and highlands of South America. On June 16 I had the pleasure of being with Sister Stahl at the airport of Pacific Union College where she christened the South American Division Helio Courier plane, "Fernando Stahl" in honor of her late

husband and his faithful service to humanity. Even though Sister Stahl is approaching 94 years of age, she is very alert mentally and of good physical appearance. In the true spirit of the modern age of progress, she flew to Pacific Union College in a Piper Cherokee 4 passenger plane and landed at 11:55 for the ceremonies which were to begin at 12:00 noon. Sister Stahl rejoiced that the Message of Truth is now receiving wings. She gently patted the nose of the Helio Courier, looked at her husband's name "Fernando Stahl" and said to me, "How happy I am that you can have this modern Samson to speed the Message forward in the jungles of Peru. My husband once told me that if there would be a mule in heaven, it would be Samson because he carried us on so many missions of mercy." Sister Stahl repeatedly expressed her joy and satisfaction in the vision of the General Conference, the South American Division, and the Inca Union in using the wonderful means of the airplane for hastening the Message forward in this last day of earth's history.

Many of our young people and pioneers gathered about the plane as Sister Stahl shattered a bottle of orange juice over the nose of the Helio Courier and said in a clear voice, "I christen thee Fernando Stahl." Over 400 people applauded and rejoiced that a new milestone had been registered in the speedy progress of bringing light to the millions who still sit in darkness in South America.

May God help us all to arise to the task and finish the work and soon go home together to that great city of God which He has prepared for each of us.

Yours in this Blessed Hope,

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College donde ella bautizó el avión Helio Courier de la División Sudamericana, llamado Fernando Stahl

### In Memoriam

RASI.—Pastor Mario Francisco Pedro Rasi, born May 30, 1909, in Italy, died July 11, 1963, in the shipwreck of the "Ciudad de Asunción" approximately 80 kilometers off the Argentine coast.

Pastor Rasi was baptized in La Plata, Argentina, on December 15, 1928, in the same church where he married G. Frida Heyde in 1932, and where his funeral service was conducted on July 12. He entered the employ of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1933, first in the Buenos Aires Conference, then the Uruguay Mission, and later, in the Austral Union. In 1954 he was appointed secretary of the Sabbath School and Radio-TV Departaments of the South American Division, a post to which he was re-elected in 1958 and again in 1962. It was while he was traveling from Montevideo to conduct a Sabbath School Workshop in Buenos Aires for the departmental secretaries of the Austral Union territory, that he met his untimely death.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Humberto Mario and Rolando Hector (both engaged in the work of the Lord), as well as his mother and two sisters. To these nearest and dearest to him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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The tragic passing of Pastor Rasi has been keenly felt, not only by his family,



but also by the workers in the Division office and throughout the field. His devotion to duty and conscientious attention to the many details of his work, serve as a shining example to those who remain, to zealously carry forward the task to which he dedicated his life.

"... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14: 13.

en honor a su esposo y su fervoroso servicio a la humanidad. La Hna. Stahl se está aproximando a los 94 años de edad. Ella es muy lúcida mentalmente y de buena apariencia física. Con el espíritu de la era moderna de progreso, ella voló al Pacific Union College en un Piper Cherokee para cuatro pasajeros y aterrizó a las 11:55 para la ceremonia que empezaría a las 12:00. La Hna. Stahl se regocijó al ver que el mensaje de la verdad estaba recibiendo alas. Ella dio suaves palmaditas a la nariz del Helio Courier y mirando el nombre de su esposo Fernando Stahl me dijo: "Cuán feliz estoy de que

The Helio Courier being christened by Mrs. Ana Stahl. The Fernando Stahl flying over the Angwin Flight Center on June 16, 1963.

ustedes pueden tener este Sansón moderno para llevar más rápidamente el mensaje a la selva del Perú. Mi esposo una vez me dijo que si una mula llega a los cielos, ésta será Sansón porque él nos llevó a muchas misiones de misericordia". La Hna. Stahl repetidas veces expresó su gozo y satisfacción por la visión de la Asociación General, de la División Sudamericana y de la Unión Incaica al usar el maravilloso medio del avión para apresurar la proclamación del mensaje en estos últimos días de la historia del mundo. Muchos de nuestros jóvenes y fundadores del mensaje se reunieron alrededor del avión para ver cuando la hermana Stahl rompía la botella de jugo de naranja sobre la nariz del Helio Courier y decía con voz clara: "Yo te bautizo con el nombre de Fernando Stahl". Más de 400 personas aplaudieron y se goza-







## Adventist University Homes

IN OUR solicitud for the Adventist university students, and in our desire to stimulate them in their studies and keep them united to the Work and the Church, it has been found desirable to establish what are called "university homes." In these homes, simply furnished rooms are offered at moderate prices, and in some of them, board also. Furthermore, an Adventist couple, preferrably workers, are requested to live in the home and care for the spiritual interests of the students.

At the present time, Professor Justo Román Taiña is the supervisor and counsellor in the Adventist university home in the city of Cuzco, Peru. He is a graduate of the

Taiña is doing praiseworthy missionary work in favor of Adventist youth, which merits our recognition. Besides holding special religious services, he conducts regular worship hours, gives personal counsel to the youth, and intercedes for them before the authorities of the University when the students are confronted with the problem of classes or examinations on the Sabbath. Recently,

director of our school and some of the students were leaving for Juliaca, and when they saw the car stuck in the mud, they offered to pull it out. Furthermore, since it was necessary to make some repairs on the motor, this was immediately done at our school workshop.

The Dean arrived in Cuzco with a changed attitude, and when he was visited again in an attempt to get a different date for the entrance examinations, he was prepared to consider the case.

In order to demonstrate his appreciation to the University authorities and to have an opportunity

University Home in Cuzco and some of the resident students with Elder Hammerly.





Left to right: Professor J. Román Taiña, Dr. Julio Miranda Bernal, Dr. Daniel Castillo, Dr. Jorge Chávez Chaparro, Dr. Alcides J. Alva, Dr. Carlos Kalafatovich. This photograph was taken at the time of the luncheon in the Cuzco Adventist university home, April 9, 1963.

University of Cuzco, now a professor in history and finishing his studies to obtain his doctor's degree in the same specialty. Professor

ron de esta nueva piedra miliar establecida para el rápido progreso de llevar la luz a los millones que todavía están en las tinieblas en Sudamérica.

Dios nos ayude a levantarnos para la tarea y terminar la obra y pronto ir todos juntos a esa gran ciudad de Dios la cual está preparando para cada uno de nosotros.

Suyo en la bendita esperanza

Que D. Cithan

the young people who desired to enter the Faculty of Education found themselves faced with the problem of having the entrance examination fall on the Sabbath, and it was very difficult to secure a change in the date. However, these young people, guided by Professor Taiña, dedicated themselves to prayer and waited for God to open the door in some way.

It so happened that at that time the Dean of the School of Literature, Dr. Julio Miranda Bernal, was making a trip by car from Arequipa to Cuzco and the road passed by our Lake Titicaca Training School. Due to heavy rains, the road was in very bad condition and the Dean's car got stuck in the mud close to our school. At that moment, the

to thank them and tell them about our educational work, Professor Taiña organized a luncheon to which he invited the rector, the vice-rector and the deans of the Faculty of Education and Letters. During the meal and afterwards, the writer presented a synthesis of the work of Adventists, especially the educational phase, and the purpose of our young people in attending the University. At the close of the gathering, the rector spoke a few words in high praise of the work of Adventists, thanked us for the invitation, and above all for the opportunity of hearing what Adventists are and what they are doing, and offered —together with the deans— his full support to and consideration for our students.

—A. J. Alva, Secretary Department of Education South American Division



# STANGER

and lasting impression on the minds and hearts of the 1.300 who were

ON SABBATH, April 20, 1963, in the theater, Cine Astor, located one block from the legislative building, a series of meetings was begun in Montevideo, Uruguay, under the direction of Pastor Salim Japas, Austral Union evangelist. There were 1.000 present for the first meeting and the first ten lectures were very well received. Many times the public manifested their satisfaction in hearty applause; but the evangelist received the most enthusiastic applause on two special occasions: when he announced that the total of the first offering taken was o/u 1.300,00, and on the night when he revealed to his listeners

that he was a Seventh-day Adventist. Pastor Japas, with his naturalness, his acumen, and good humor, won the hearts of the public.

After the introductory lectures, Pastor Japas has a plan of launching a course in Bible investigation consisting of 24 lessons. Every student who takes the course receives an attractive Bible if he attends 20 of the 24 classes. The interest of the

# Total Evangelism in Montevideo

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public in a Bible course is truly amazing. It is inspiring to see the people pick up their Bibles at the desks in the entryway. In this way their attendance is recorded.

The church members in Montevideo cooperated in the preliminary work and are continuing to manifest enthusiastic interest. Approximately 750 Bibles of the 1.000 which were purchased for this campaign were paid for by the church members.

Four Sabbaths before the beginnig of the series, an intensive visitation program was carried out. Well prepared, the older church members, the adults, and the young people conducted a survey in which present. At that time, 170 gave their names indicating they would like to be baptized in the near futnre.

they contacted 6.561 people and 8.000 letters were sent out.

Sabbath, June 8, in Cine Astor, an impressive baptismal service in which 20 participated, left a deep

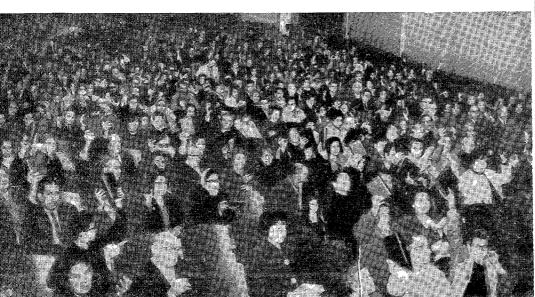
Pastor Japas has told us that these meetings have awakened an interest such as he has never seen in his experience as an evangelist -even greater than in Valdivia, Chile, and Los Angeles, California. Some decisions have already been made. From the very beginning of the classes, a bank employee belonging to another religious organization, congratulated Pastor Japas at the close of every meeting. One night, after a controversial subject had been presented, the bank employee said,

"Good night, Professor Japas. I enjoyed your subject, but I have to speak to you about that matter

one of these days.'

The students of the Bible investigation class taught by Pastor Japas, holding up their Bibles.

Pastor Javas in his lectures.







Dr. and Mrs. U. Pedro Palau and daughter Vilma, arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, on April 4, 1963, and proceeded immediately to the Adventist hospital in Guayaramerin where Dr. Palau is serving as staff physician.

May the Lord richly bless this enthusiastic missionary family from Argentina.

Pastor and Mrs. Ruben Pereyra and their three daughters, arrived in Arequipa, Peru, on May 10, 1963, from Santiago, Chile.

Pastor Pereyra has been called to follow up the evangelistic campaign



conducted in this city by Pastor Arturo E. Schmidt which resulted in a newly-baptized membership of about 300.

Let us pray that God will give him wisdom and strength as he labors to build up the church in this important city.

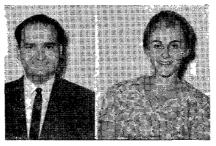
# FROM HOME TO MISSION HOME



Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Habenicht and family arrived in Manaus from the United States on March 19, 1963.

Pastor Habenicht is to serve as Missionary Volunteer, Educational and Temperance Department secretary for the Central Amazon Mission. Prior to his appointment to South America, he labored in the publishing and educational work, as well as the ministry.

We take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to the Habenicht family.



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis H. Carr, Jr., arrived in the South Brazil Union territory the later part of last year to take up their work in the Paraná Conference.

Brother Carr is head of the Music Department of Paraná Academy and is already carrying forward his work successfully. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless this young missionary family from the United States.



Miss B. Royalynn Case arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on January 16, 1963.

Miss Case formerly served overseas as Director of Food Service in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, Thailand, and is now working as dietitian in the Rio de Janeiro Hospital.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Case as she joins the staff of overseas workers in the South American Division.



Mr. and Mrs. L. Delmer Wood and twin daughters Donna Lea and

This was said in an aggressive ployees, as you know, do not work manner. Later, when Pastor Japas on the Sabbath, so this matter is presented the Sabbath, the bank em- settled for me." ployee came to give him his customary greeting, and said,

greatly enjoyed your lecture on attending the Las Acacias church the Sabbath and want to tell said, "I am so glad I found this you this question in no problem truth. Why didn't I know about to me because the bank em- it before? God knows."

A few weeks ago, the public were invited to visit the Adventist churches in Montevideo to see what "Good night, Professor Japas. I they are doing. One lady, who is

All the glory is for God. All we desire is fruit. We are confident God will help us reach the goal of 150 souls. "... O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known . . ." —Hab. 3:2.

A. E. Collins

President Uruguay Mission



THE TELEVISION PROGRAM, Faith for Today, in Portuguese, with Pastor Alcides Campolongo as speaker and Mrs. Campolongo as his helper, was launched Sunday, November 25, 1962, on Channel Sunday, November 25, 1962, on Channel 4 of Station Tupi in Sao Paulo, Brazil, at 11: 45 A. M. This is the first denominational foreign-language program televised outside the United States. This first program was so well received and resulted in such a favorable response, that the station has decided it will be one of their chain programs. Now "Fé Para Hoje" is being televised in Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre, Brazil.

WE ARE HAPPY to tell you of the opening of a new educational institution in our Division. In Santiago, Chile, our day school is offering the first three years of the "Humanidades" —the secondary level. In an annex to this school we also have the primary grades. This institution opened its doors into ample classrooms in the center of Chile's cap-

THE BAPTISMS within the THE BAPTISMS within the South American Division during the first two quarters of 1962 totalled 3,596. In 1963, in the first two quarters, 4,451 were baptized. This is a gain of 855 over last year. On June 30, 1963, our church membership was 130,107.

Elder and Mrs. Campolongo as they appear on the television program, "Fé Para Hoje" with the Faith for Today quartet. Henry Feyerabend, first from the left, is director of the quartet.



### Guanabara Auditorium

ON MAY 25, 1963, the large Rio evangelistic center, Guanabara Auditorium, with a capacity of 1,500, was inaugurated. In the rear of this building are the offices of the Brazil Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today television program.

Della May, arrived in Lima, Peru, January 3, 1963.

After a few months spent in the study of the Spanish language, the Wood family moved to Puno, Peru, where Brother Wood is now serving as secretary-treasurer of the Lake Titicaca Mission.

May God bless this missionary family as they take up their duties in the highlands of Peru.



Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Ashworth and baby Linda, arrived in Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 19, 1963.

After a short time for study of the Spanish language, the Ashworths are to labor for the jungle Indians of Ecuador. Brother Ashworth has already engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work in California, and we trust God will give this youthful worker much success in his endeavors to win souls.

CORRECTION: In the January-June issue of the Bulletin, page 10, welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Zehm. We wish to correct the place of labor, this now to read: "farm manager of Inca Union Junior College."

#### **Editorial**

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buildings of majestic architecture similar to none in other parts of the world, modern impressive cities: also towns and villages where practically everything is lacking. There are fertile regions where the fruits and vegetables are fresh, attractive, tasty, and abundant; and places

where poverty abounds

The most modern and rapid jet airplanes cross our skies from north to south and from east to west, in a few hours; but one can take up to eight hours in a launch to travel only 150 kilometers of navigable river, as we are doing on this trip. Others may need up to two days to paddle their canoes and cover the same distance, as one of our faithful members did whom we met at

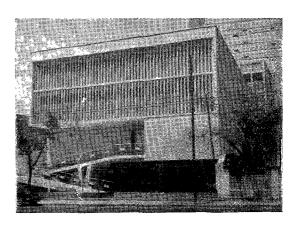
the general meeting in Maues. The South American missionary

traveler, willing to employ any kind of transportation from the most modern to muleback—slow but sure— and even to muleback—slow but sure— and even at times may have to walk as did Pastor Eneas Simon, President of the Central Amazon Mission, who, with his companions, walked for two days from the frontier of Venezuela until they were able to find conveyance which would take them back to Mission headquarters in Manaus.

Juts think of the 115 million people to whom we must present the gospel! Our team of missionaries, administrators, doctors, nurses, colporteurs, and teachers



The Guanabara
Auditorium,
located in
Botafogo, Rio
de Janeiro,
Brazil. This is
the first
evangelistic
center in South
America.



Part of the inaugural ceremonies in the new Guanabara Auditorium. Senator Juscelino Kubitcheck is standing in the middle at the speaker's right.

This auditorium was a dream of Pastor R. A. Wilcox, now president of the Middle East Division, who endeavored to secure a cultural center for the evangelization of the southern part of the "marvelous city," Rio de Janeiro. The land was purchased while Pastor Wilcox was president of the East Brazil Union, and Pastor Emmanuel Zorub was manager and treasurer of the Voice of Prophecy. Now we see these dreams realized. We owe much to the brethren in the General Conference for their generosity, also to the officers of the South American Division who have encouraged this tremendous undertaking. Especially I wish to thank our Division

president, Pastor J. J. Aitken, for his exceptional efforts in our behalf, for it was largely due to his influence that funds were secured.

The inauguration was simple but impressive. Present were representatives from the Division, the three Brazil unions, the inter-union institutions, and the local fields. The inaugural address was delivered by Pastor M. S. Nigri, Secretary of the South American Division. The high point of the ceremonies, just before the inauguration, was a visit of His Excellency, Senator Juscelino Kubitcheck, former president of Brazil and founder of Brasilia, who gave us a magnificent speech. We all left grateful to God for another enterprise which had been carried out to the glory of His name.

—Rodolpho Belz, President
East Brazil Union Mission

are making great sacrifices and advancing, with the lay members, to seek those who long for salvation. Primitive and civilized people, white and yellow, redskins and negroes, rich and poor, wise and ignorant—all must be evangelized.

It is our goal to win 15.000 souls in this continent of opportunity during 1963.

What a task!

What travels and struggles! But what a final victory!

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#### Editorial

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majestuosa arquitectura, no teniendo similares en el mundo, ciudades modernas y monumentales, pero también villas y aldeas donde falta casi todo. Regiones fértiles donde las frutas y verduras son frescas, atrayentes, gustosas y abundantes, y zonas paupérrimas, tórridas, casi desiertas y donde la alimentación es poca y rara.

Los más modernos y más veloces aviones a retropropulsión cruzan nuestro cielo de norte a sur y de este a oeste en pocas horas; pero también se pueden emplear hasta ocho horas en una lancha para alcanzar apenas 150 km de río navegable, como el viaje que estamos haciendo. . . . Otros pueden necesitar

hasta dos días en una canoa a remo para alcanzar la misma distancia como aquel fiel hermano que encontramos en las recientes reuniones generales de Maués.

El misionero adventista sudamericano es un viajero dispuesto a todo medio de transporte, desde los más modernos hasta el lento pero seguro "lomo de burro", cuando uno no tiene que cubrir las distancias con sus propios pies como le pasó recientemente al pastor Eneas Simón, presidente de la Misión Central Amazonas, que anduvo dos días a pie con sus compañeros, desde la frontera de Venezuela hasta encontrar el vehículo que los llevaría de vuelta a la sede de la misión, en la ciudad de Manaos.

¡Y pensar que en este intrincado territorio hay unos 115 millones de habitantes que debemos evangelizar! Nuestro conjunto de misioneros, administradores, médicos, enfermeros, colportores, profesores y maestros no miden sacrificios y avanzan al lado de los seglares para buscar a aquellos que anhelan la salvación. Gente primitiva y civilizada; blancos y amarillos; cobrizos y negros; ricos y pobres; sabios e ignorantes a todos tenemos que evangelizar.

Conquistar 15.000 nuevas almas en este continente de oportunidad en 1963 es nuestro blanco.

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¡Cuánto viajar y luchar!

¡Pero, qué victoria al final!

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