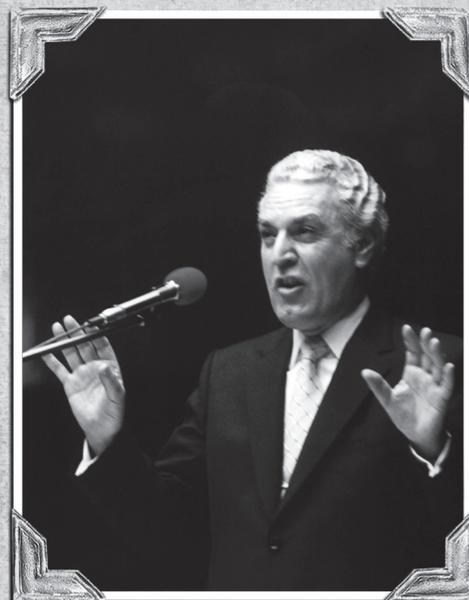




Singer Del Delker and Pastor Braulio Pérez Marcio

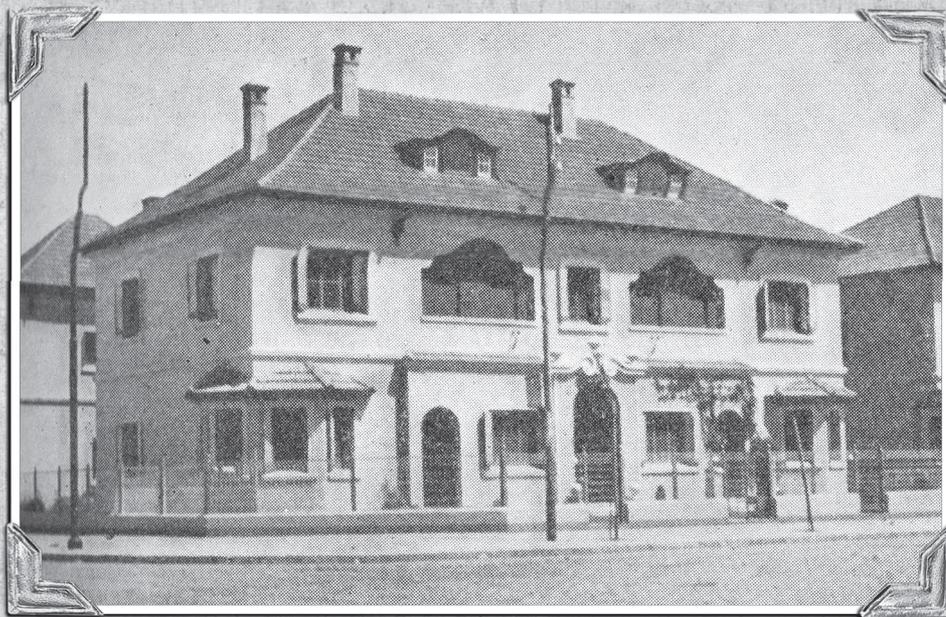


Pastor Braulio Pérez Marcio recording *La Voz de la Esperanza*



Pastor Enrique Chaij, creator and speaker of *Una Luz en el Camino* and *Encuentro con la Vida*

# *South American Division headquarters*



Headquarters of SAD in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1916-1952



Headquarters of SAD in Montevideo, Uruguay, 1952-1975



Current headquarters of SAD in Brasília, Brazil



Reception of SAD in Brasília

# *Presidents of the South American Division*



Oliver Montgomery  
1916-1922



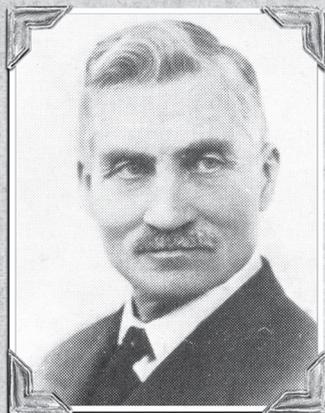
Charles Thompson  
1922-1923



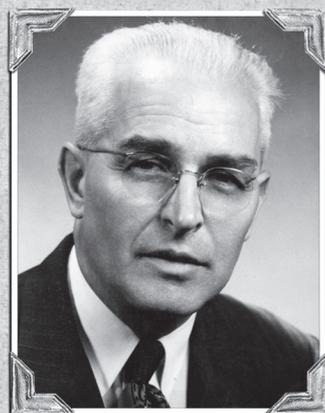
P. E. Brodersen  
1924-1926



Carlyle B. Haynes  
1926-1930



Nels P. Neilsen  
1931-1941



R. R. Figuhr  
1941-1950



W. E. Murray  
1950-1958



J. J. Aitken  
1958-1966



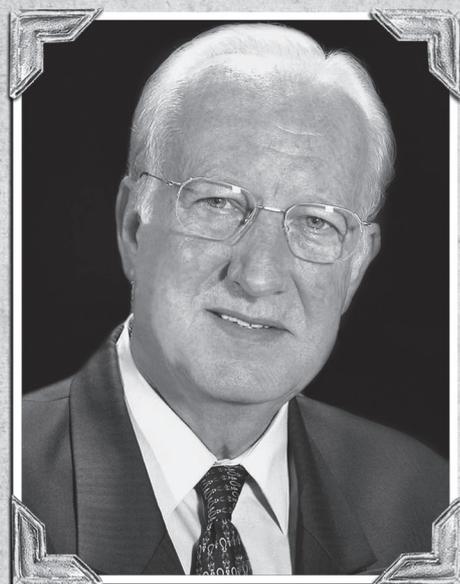
R. A. Wilcox  
1966-1975



Enoch de Oliveira  
1975-1980



João Wolff  
1980-1995



Ruy Nagel  
1996-2006



Erton Carlos Köhler  
2007-

# *Adventist personalities*



Pastor Figuhr (at the center) and leaders of the church in Brazil



W. W. Prescott: educator and administrator that helped to organize the South American Division



Pastor Neal Wilson (right), president of the General Conference, visiting Brazil



Inauguration of the Ellen White research center in Brazil in 1987



Pastor Jan Paulsen (front), president of the General Conference, during the celebration of the centennial of Casa Publicadora Brasileira in the year 2000

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Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. What do these eight countries have in common in addition to being part of South America? All received the Adventist message almost at the same time and presently constitute the territory of the South American Division. More than a hundred years ago, Adventism arrived in this land of hope and, over time, gained millions of adherents.

Today, one may look at the large Adventist institutions in these countries and be tempted to think that everything was easily accomplished. But the truth is that the beginning of the spread of the gospel in South America met many challenges. Pioneers such as Jorge Riffel, Thomas Davis, Albert Stauffer, Frank Westphal, Fernando Stahl, and Huldreich Graf witness to that.

In the present age, characterized by its emphasis on the here and now, we sometimes forget our past. Even icons like Leo Halliwell, with his self-sacrificing ministry on the rivers of Amazonia, may be forgotten by new generations. For that reason it is important to study our history and remember how God has led in all things.

The purpose of this book is to bring back history. Using primary sources in connection with secondary works, the author, Dr. Floyd Greenleaf, narrates the beginnings of the Adventist presence in the powerful continent of South America, as well as its later development until the beginning of the twenty-first century. In each chapter, in addition to reliable and intelligent interpretation of facts and figures, you will discover idealism, inspiration, and hope.

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