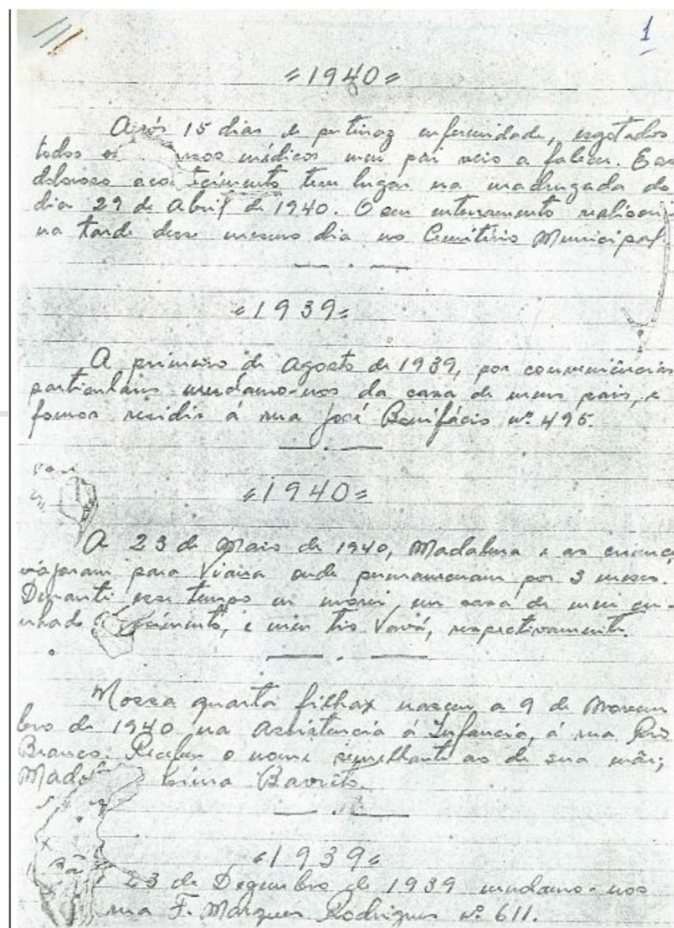


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Page from the diary of Orlando Barreto.

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Orlando Silveira Barreto, pastor, evangelist, and administrator, was born June 18, 1916, in the city of Alcântara, in the state of Maranhão, Brazil. He was son of Pedro Barreto and Rosina Silveira Barreto. His education was limited to four years in primary school and the first two years of secondary school.¹ He married Maria Magdalena Lima on April 18, 1936.² They had six children: Orlando, Maria de Jesus, José Carlos, Madeleine, Nathan, and Misael.³ Orlando's conversion was the result of reading Adventist literature and the work of Pastor Gustavo Storch who held a public series of evangelistic meetings in the city of São Luís, Maranhão, around 1942. Orlando attended with his wife, and by the conclusion of the meetings, Maria decided to be baptized.⁴ Orlando

was baptized five years later by Pastor Aldo Carvalho, on December 27, 1947.⁵

Orlando's service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church began before he became a member. In October 1946, at the invitation of the Costa-Norte Mission, Orlando joined the canvassing ministry in the city of Caxias, Maranhão. In the following months he occasionally worked as a canvasser in other cities in this state and in the states of Piauí and Ceará.⁶ After his baptism, he continued canvassing occasionally in São Luís. Then, on July 6, 1949, he was made director of the Publishing Department of the Costa-Norte Mission. While in this position he also served as an evangelist, holding his first public series in 1951. On October 10, 1954, he left the publishing department and, at the invitation of Pastor Gustavo Storch, he began dedicating his time exclusively to evangelism. In the state of Piauí he worked in the cities of Teresina (1954-1956) and Caxias (1956-1958).⁷ He was involved in establishing the first local church in Caxias on July 14, 1956.⁸

In February 1958 Orlando was assigned to pastor the church in São Luís, and he was ordained on April 5 that year.⁹ In February 1960 he was transferred to the Baixo-Amazonas Mission where he was appointed pastor of the Belém Central Church in the state of Pará. Soon he was also given the church in the Pedreira district and, in November of the same year, the church of the São Braz district, both in the same city.¹⁰ Still in the Baixo-Amazonas Mission, he led the Youth, Education, and Temperance Departments.¹¹ In 1964 he held a series of evangelistic meetings in the city of Castanhal, state of Pará, which resulted in the founding of the first local church.¹² He served as pastor until 1966, when he was appointed by the North Brazil Union to be the president of this mission.¹³

While serving as president of the mission, an unfortunate event interrupted his service. He went to the city of Castanhal to visit some brothers in faith and drowned while crossing a lake, dying on October 20, 1968, at the age of 52.¹⁴ He was buried in the Santa Izabel cemetery in the city of Belém.¹⁵ He preached his last sermon the day before his death in the church in São Braz, in which he exhorted the members to wait confidently for Jesus' soon return.¹⁶

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