



Mangold family.

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Mangold, Santiago Jakob (1871–1969)

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Santiago Jakob Mangold was part of one of the first groups of believers in the Argentine Republic and a missionary in several countries in the South American Division.¹

Early Years and Ministry in Argentina

Santiago Jakob Mangold was born on November 20, 1871, in Hemmick, Basel, Switzerland. At the age of eleven he arrived in Argentina with his family, living first in Esperanza and later in San Jerónimo, in the province of Santa Fe.² His parents Wichelm Mangold and Elizabeth Sutter had thirteen children, some born in Switzerland and others in Argentina (Elisa, Santiago, Guillermo, Lydia, María, Ana, Sigmundo, Carlos, Rosa, Federico, Enrique,

Luisa and Matilde).³ Wichelm worked in stone quarries and had a gift for music. Elizabeth was obviously very busy at home. Santiago accepted the Adventist faith in Santa Fe as did his family. Although it was not an easy decision, he embraced it in such a way that he decided to be a full-time worker for God. He was baptized on August 6, 1896 by Pastor Frank H. Westphal (1858-1944), with his parents and two sisters.⁴ In 1899, Santiago became one of the first students at Las Tunas Adventist Academy, Santa Fe, predecessor of River Plate Academy and River Plate Adventist University.

In 1905, he married Corina Basallo and they had six children: Ester Rebeca, Jeremías, Santiago Noé, Matilde Josefa, Ruth, and Benjamín. In the same year he went to work at Navarro, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina, in a church with only twelve members and a place where he experienced many troubles.⁵ In 1906 he worked in Concordia, Entre Ríos, where he led evangelistic meetings.⁶ Mangold was ordained at Alberdi, Rosario City, Santa Fe, in October 1906.⁷ At the end of that year he had an encounter with Pastor F. H. Westphal in a baptism at the Uruguay River.⁸ In 1907 he distributed publications in Bella Vista, Corrientes, along with Juan Salazar, where he experienced much religious opposition.⁹

In 1909, together with his wife and children, he traveled to the desert region of Iquique, in the northern part of Chile.¹⁰ In 1910, he toured with pastor F. H. Westphal through several places in Chile, including Pozo Almante, Huara, Negreiras, Zapiga, Lagunas, and Alianza.¹¹ At the end of that year he lost his five-year-old son Santiago Noé who died of an intestinal illness and also his six-day-old daughter Maria Juana.¹² In 1912, he moved to the Ecuador Republic to direct the work there. On June 15, he helped organize the first local church in Quito with eight members.¹³ He did his task in a time of revolution.¹⁴ He organized public meetings in the province of El Oro, in the south of the country, where he was accused of causing an earthquake.¹⁵ At the end of 1912 he lost his wife to yellow fever. In 1913, he moved with his children to Guayaquil, a strategic place to extend the work in the country.¹⁶

His Work in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay

In 1914, he returned to Argentina with his children Ester, Jeremías and Ruth.¹⁷ There are records of his work in Uruguay Republic in 1916.¹⁸ On February 17, he married Rosa Guy with whom he had a daughter named Noema Rosa. Together, they worked in the Alto Parana Mission (which included Chaco, Formosa, Misiones, Northern Corrientes in Argentina and Paraguay). Mangold was president from 1916 to 1921.¹⁹ A missionary tour of Yegros, Villa Rica, and Asunción was reported in Paraguay Republic.²⁰ On September 6, 1917, Rosa died in Posadas, Misiones, Argentina, at the age of 26 due to a disease that kept her prostrated the last eight months of her life. They were only married one year and seven months. On June 5, 1918, he married Diolinda Auselma Culshow (1883-1973) with whom he had a daughter named Elizabeth. That year he continued with his ministry in Alto Parana Mission.²¹ In 1919, he went on a mission trip to Ponta Porã, Brazil.²² It is known that in 1926, Santiago Mangold worked in La Plata Province of Buenos Aires.²³

Pastor Santiago J. Mangold spent his final years in Esperanza, Santa Fe Province, Argentina. The Esperanza Adventist Church is now in the place where once Mangold's home was located. He died on September 12, 1969, at the age of 98, in River Plate Sanitarium, Libertador San Martín, Entre Ríos, Argentina and was buried in the town cemetery.²⁴

Santiago J. Mangold conducted missionary and pastoral service in several countries of South America (Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay) in the difficult times of the early Adventist evangelization of South America. He left an example of courage in the face of adversity, and surrender for the preaching of the Gospel.

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