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## Anniehs, Arnaldo Oscar (1915–1993)

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Arnoldo Oscar Anniehs, pastor and evangelist, was born February 26, 1915, in the city of Curitiba, in the state of Parana, Brazil.<sup>1</sup> Arnoldo was one of the six children of Alberto Anniehs (1888-1980)<sup>2</sup> and Martha Seeling Anniehs<sup>3</sup> (1889-1982). His parents were Seventh-day Adventists.<sup>4</sup> He spent his childhood in the city of Campinas, state of Sao Paulo. He completed elementary school in the city of Curitiba<sup>5</sup> in 1928<sup>6</sup> and continued his studies at Brazil College, where he completed his admission course in 1932.<sup>7</sup> Around 1938 he was invited to be the first agricultural administrator of the Petrópolis Adventist Academy, located in the city of Petrópolis, state of Rio de Janeiro. Arnoldo was also the first student to come to the institution<sup>8</sup> and he stayed there until 1940.<sup>9</sup> The following year he went back to the Colégio Adventista Brasileiro where he completed his studies in theology in 1944.<sup>10</sup> On December 28, 1944, he married Sarah Waldvogel Maluf (1918-2004), who was a teacher in Adventist schools,<sup>11</sup> and from that union were born Arnoldo, Valter, and Marisa.<sup>12</sup>

In 1945 Anniehs became a teacher of religious education at Educandário Adventista de Butiá in the city of Curitiba and an evangelist for the Parana-Santa Catarina Conference.<sup>13</sup> That same year he and his wife engaged in the evangelization of an indigenous group from the Taquara de Baixo region in the state of Parana.<sup>14</sup> In 1946 he returned as director of the farm and a teacher at the Petrópolis Adventist Academy until 1947.<sup>15</sup> Next he became director of the Publishing Department of the Bahia-Sergipe Mission.<sup>16</sup> In 1951 he became an evangelist and pastor for the Espírito Santo Conference,<sup>17</sup> working among German families from the Serra Pelada region, state of Espírito Santo. In 1952 he assisted Pastor Walter Schubert, evangelist of the South American Division. From this experience he developed an even greater appreciation for the work of an evangelist.<sup>18</sup> He conducted evangelistic meetings in the cities of Aimorés (1953)<sup>19</sup> and Afonso Cláudio. He then took over the district of the city of Vitória, the capital of Espírito Santo.<sup>20</sup> He was ordained to the ministry in 1956.<sup>21</sup>

He stayed in the Espírito Santo Conference until 1959 when he was appointed evangelist in the São Paulo Conference.<sup>22</sup> During this time he conducted evangelistic meetings in several cities in the state of São Paulo, such as Presidente Venceslau (1959),<sup>23</sup> Pacaembu (1960),<sup>24</sup> Registro (1961),<sup>25</sup> Araras (1962),<sup>26</sup> Leme (1962),<sup>27</sup> Moji Mirim (1963),<sup>28</sup> Cruzeiro (1969<sup>29</sup> and 1970<sup>30</sup>), Araraquara (1971),<sup>31</sup> and Taboão da Serra (1978).<sup>32</sup> Arnoldo worked actively in the conference for 21 years, retiring in 1980.<sup>33</sup>

Following his retirement, Arnoldo remained in the state of São Paulo. He lived in the area surrounding Brazil College and in the cities of Itatiba, Araras, and Artur Nogueira. In these places he continued to preach the gospel, participating in missionary activities of the local churches and giving Bible studies until one month before his death<sup>34</sup> on March 22, 1993<sup>35</sup> in the city of Artur Nogueira,<sup>36</sup> where he was buried.<sup>37</sup>

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