



Homer Casebeer (far left) and George Casebeer (second from left) at camp meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1941.

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## Casebeer, George William (1882–1966)

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George William Casebeer was a North American pastor, educator, and evangelist. He served in the United States and as a missionary to Ecuador, Chile, and Argentina.

### Early Years and Missionary Work in Ecuador and Chile (1882–1912)

George William Casebeer was born in the state of Iowa in 1882. His parents were both teachers who joined the Adventist Church in Idaho, the United States, in 1894.<sup>1</sup> George and his wife May had two children: George William Jr. and Beatrice.<sup>2</sup>

George Casebeer worked in the Upper Columbia Conference in the Pacific Union.<sup>3</sup> He was the first Adventist pastor in Ecuador, working there from mid-1905 until mid-1908.<sup>4</sup> He continued Thomas H. Davis's (c. 1866–1911) work through canvassing, publications, and evangelism conferences. He also initiated an English school in Ambato. In 1908, Casebeer and his wife traveled to Peru and Argentina for the South American Union meetings.<sup>5</sup> In those meetings, it was decided that Casebeer would become the principal of the Pua Training School in Chile. He worked as principal there until 1912.<sup>6</sup>

## Argentina and the United States (1913–1966)

In 1913, Casebeer moved to Argentina.<sup>7</sup> He conducted a series of evangelism conferences in Buenos Aires in 1914, 1915, and 1918;<sup>8</sup> in the cities of La Plata, Buenos Aires, and Paraná, Entre Ríos, in 1916;<sup>9</sup> in Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires, in 1917;<sup>10</sup> and in Rosario, Santa Fe, in the second half of 1918, with an average attendance of 200 people.<sup>11</sup> In 1920, he held lectures in a theater in Mercedes, Uruguay, and also in the city of Santa Fe in 1921.<sup>12</sup> Later he taught religion in the River Plate Academy, Entre Ríos, Argentina, until around 1922.<sup>13</sup>

Finally, he worked in the United States for 25 years among Spanish speakers in California, New Mexico, and Texas. George William Casebeer passed away on June 24, 1966, in Corona, California. He was one of the pioneer missionaries in South America and in the southeast of the United States.

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