



Eugênio and Ceres Chagas

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## Chagas, Eugênio (1925–2018)

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Eugênio Loreto das Chagas Lima was a dentist and founder of two churches in the state of Paraná.

Eugênio Loreto das Chagas Lima was born on December 10, 1925, in the city of São João do Triunfo, state of Paraná, Brazil. He was the youngest of twelve children born to Joaquim das Chagas Lima and Maria Dalarmi. He lost his mother at a young age and, for this reason, he was raised by his older sisters. Eugênio began working as an adolescent, by driving the truck that transported clay to his father's pottery.<sup>1</sup>

He was introduced to the Adventist Church through a series of evangelistic conferences held by Pastor Nelson Schwantes. Besides him, four of his siblings embraced the Adventist faith: Letícia (Menegusso), Anália (Weber), Helena (Sopper) and Manoel Chagas Lima. Eugênio was baptized by pastor João Linhares in 1943, while studying at the Brazil College (now UNASP-SP).<sup>2</sup>

Years later he married Ceres Antunes (1922-2019) on January 18, 1949, who was his companion for lifetime. Together they had four daughters: Denise, Deise, Deleuse and Deloise. In 1950, Eugênio graduated in dentistry at the Federal University of Paraná and, began working as a dentist in the cities of Maringá and Peabirú, state of Paraná.<sup>3</sup>

During the 10 years he lived in Peabirú, Eugênio Chagas made relevant contribution to the advancement of the Adventist message in this territory. He built and was elder of a church, in addition to directly participating in the conversion of countless people, such as Eliza Biazzi's family, who became a teacher and writer of health books distributed in canvassing.<sup>4</sup> Later he settled in Curitiba and opened his own dentistry office. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was elder of the Central Church of Curitiba, where he exercised great influence over the young people, many of whom later became church leaders.<sup>5</sup>

Eugênio retired in 1985, after 35 years working as a dentist. After retiring, he dedicated himself to the establishment of a church in the district of São Braz, city of Curitiba, where he was raised. He was responsible for donating the land, monitoring the construction and leading the church as an elder for several years. In his last years he was a member of the Bom Retiro Church, also in Curitiba.<sup>6</sup> Eugênio Chagas passed away on July 12, 2018, victim of Parkinson's disease. He is remembered for his dedication in preaching the Adventist message in the state of Paraná, where many people were baptized by his Christian influence.<sup>7</sup>

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