



Eurico Gido Avi with his wife Natalia.

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Avi, Eurico Guido (1908–2005)

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Eurico Guido Avi was a teacher and one of the pioneer workers in the state of Paraná, Brazil.

Eurico Guido Avi was born on December 10, 1908, in the city of Curitiba, state of Paraná, Brazil. Son of José Avi and Marina Osty Avi, he was raised in the city of Roça Nova, Paraná, where his father worked on the railroad network of the Curitiba-Paranaguá railway.¹

As a child, the family received Bible studies from their Adventist neighbor, Adolpho Reimann. Eurico listened carefully to the Bible presentations and was very impressed. However, his family did not accept the Adventist message. During his adolescence, he began to read the Bible and attend services at the central church of Curitiba, where he especially appreciated Roberto Rabello's sermons, an aspirant pastor at the time. Eurico was baptized by Pastor A. E. Hagen in the Barigui River, in Curitiba.² Later he got married to Natália Zanotto Avi and had one³ daughter, Gisete Avi.⁴

In 1937, he began to serve as a primary school teacher in the rural church school of Tronco, near the city of Castro, Paraná. This type of school, which operated on the premises of the church, was common in Brazil in the first half of the 20th century. He served there for three years,⁵ until being called by the Paraná-Santa Catarina Conference in 1940 to be the first teacher of the União da Vitória Adventist Academy, in the city of União da Vitoria, state of Paraná. Eurico taught there for two years, and for his pioneering work, the school took his name for many years.⁶

Following that, in 1943, Eurico worked at the São Paulo Adventist Hospital as a nursing assistant.⁷ From 1944 to 1945, he was a church school teacher at the São Paulo Conference.⁸ After that he worked at the conference's cleaning and maintenance services.⁹ In 1950 he was appointed to work at the Paraná-Santa Catarina's office and then at the Paraná Adventist Academy (IAP), which had been transferred from Butiá to the surrounding city of Curitiba, next to the Barigui train station. Among his contributions to Paraná Adventist Academy, there are the implementation of the college's beekeeping department and the drawings he made for the events that took place there, illustrating scenarios, panels and posters.¹⁰

Eurico retired in 1963 at the Paraná Conference.¹¹ Years later, in 1976, he was one of the church workers honored by this conference for having been one of the pioneer workers in the state.¹² For his missionary work, he used to carry on his shoulders a battery and a projector so that he could preach in difficult places.¹³ Eurico died on January 13, 2005, at the age of 96, in the city of Curitiba.¹⁴

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