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Jorge Lucien Burlandy

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Jorge Burlandy served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a pastor, an evangelist, an administrator, and a professor in Brazil from 1963 to 2003.

Jorge Lucien Burlandy was born on May 2, 1938, in the district of Irajá, Rio de Janeiro city, Brazil. He was the second son of Joseph Paul Lucien Burlandy (1909–1969), of Brussels, Belgium,¹ and Marina Alves Burlandy, a Brazilian. He had as siblings Rubens, Janete, and Jocely Lucien Burlandy.²

The family came to know the Adventist message through a watchmaker who had a business near their textile and trims business in Irajá. He presented them literature on healthy eating and later studied the Bible with

them. Afterward, the family moved to the district of Miguel Couto, where, in 1947, even before being baptized, Joseph constructed a hall for religious meetings and school services next to the family's house and place of business. He donated the plot to the Rio-Minas Conference, which sent Adventist teachers to the school. Joseph was baptized in 1950 by Emanuel Zorub, president of the conference. Jorge and his mother were baptized on September 13, 1952, in the district of Xerém, Rio de Janeiro city.³

Jorge Burlandy had his primary studies at the Adventist school next to his house. He did part of his secondary education at Afrânio Peixoto College, in the district of Nova Iguaçu, where he studied until the second year of high school, in 1956. In 1957, he went to the Brazilian Adventist College (now referred to as UNASP-SP) in São Paulo, where he completed high school.⁴ Desiring to serve as an Adventist minister, in the following year, he entered the theology course at the same college. During the undergraduate period, he was part of a musical voice quartet that visited many nearby churches. In the last year before he graduated, he met Ednice de Oliveira (1944-), who became his fiancée. Jorge graduated in December 1962.⁵

In the following year, Jorge accepted his first call to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Lower Amazon Mission as pastor of the district of São Brás, in the city of Belém, state of Pará. There he married Ednice on February 9, 1965.⁶ Ednice accompanied her husband, working as a teacher in many Adventist schools and also was the dean of the UNASP-EC School of Education.⁷ From the union were born four children: George Julien Burlandy, Lanny Cristina Burlandy Soares, Roger Lucien Burlandy, and Evelyn Marina Burlandy Gaya.⁸

Jorge served as a district pastor in the Lower Amazon Mission from 1963 to 1969. He was ordained to the pastoral ministry in 1967.⁹ He held many evangelistic campaigns near the Amazon region, such as in Santarém, Bragança, Rio Moju, and other cities Pará.¹⁰

In 1969, Jorge was called to work as a district pastor back in the Rio-Minas Conference. Having accepted the call, he served in that conference for six years. In the first three years, he pastored the district of Madureira, in Rio de Janeiro city, where he contributed to the remodeling of the Madureira Adventist Church and the construction of the Oswaldo Cruz Church. After that, he pastored the Central Church of Rio de Janeiro until 1975.¹¹ In this same year, Jorge accepted the call to serve in the Central Brazil Mission as pastor of the Central Brasilia Church, where he stayed for five years.¹²

Afterward, from 1980 to 1982, he worked as director of the Ministerial department of the East São Paulo Conference.¹³ Following that, he was the secretary of the South São Paulo Conference from 1983 to 1985¹⁴ and then president of that conference from 1986 to 1988.¹⁵ Also in 1988, he obtained his master's degree in theology, defending a dissertation under the title of "Princípios Bíblicos de Liderança" (Biblical principles of leadership).¹⁶

From 1989 to 1991, he directed the Ministerial department of the Central Brazil Union Conference.¹⁷ During that period, in addition to coordinating pastoral councils,¹⁸ he visited most pastoral districts of the union territory.¹⁹

After that, from 1992 to 2002, he was director of the theology program at UNASP campus Engenheiro Coelho (UNASP-EC),²⁰ where he also taught Applied Theology from 1994 to 1999²¹ and Pastoral Theology for the postgraduates from 1994 to 1997.²²

Even after his retirement in 2003,²³ Jorge continued to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church by preaching and ministering prayer weeks as well as being involved at UNASP-EC social projects, such as the Rides Ministry and the Brazilian Gospel Outreach Institute (IDE-GO).²⁴

On December 10, 2012, he obtained the denominational doctorate degree at UNASP-EC by defending his doctoral dissertation entitled “Disciplina Eclesiástica e a Prática Jurídico-Social Brasileira: Implicações Para a Prática Pastoral” (The ecclesiastical discipline and the legal and social practice in Brazil: Implications to the pastoral practice).²⁵

Unexpectedly, on January 10, 2018, Jorge Burlandy died while on vacation at Cozumel Island in the Caribbean.²⁶ He left an important legacy of 40 years of ministry to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brazil, serving in several territories such as the Amazon region, Pará, Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, and São Paulo states.

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