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The Broda Legacy



Natalio Aldo Broda, who served as General Director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House from December 1977 to November 1986, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 23rd in his home in Argentina at the age of 84.

Mr. Aldo Broda was the first Hispanic Baptist named as General Director of the BSPH. The traits that caused the Board of Trustees to confirm the nomination were:

- He was an outstanding leader in the Christian literature ministry in Argentina. In that capacity he had been the director of the

Baptist Publishing Association in Argentina. Beyond that fact, Christian literature was his passion.

- He was a committed Christian with a rich Baptist heritage. His father had been a pastor and a Bible colporteur.

- He had business acumen and financial expertise. He used this perspective to advocate stewardship both in Argentina and in many parts of Latin America. He was the author of a series of books on stewardship that were later used in the Total Stewardship Campaign that he coordinated and promoted in Latin America during the period of 1987 through 1992.

- He understood and loved the mission and ministry of the Publishing House, for he had been an active member of the Advisory Committee, an organization the Publishing House had established as a channel to relate with the Baptist entities in the different Spanish-speaking countries.

Dr. Joe T. Poe, in his book *A House For All Nations*, wrote: "The Baptist Spanish Publishing

House could not have had a General Director more convinced of the value of its ministry. Nor one more convinced that his opportunity to lead this work had been given him by God himself."

The night Mr. Broda went Home, he was scheduled to lead a Bible study in their apartment. He went to relax for a moment beforehand, lay down, and gently passed away. The Lord blessed Aldo Broda in his life-long ministry, and it seems He also blessed Mr. Broda at the end. How wonderful to be called to heaven while "abounding in the work of the Lord."

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Mr. Broda would frequently tell how much the publications from El Paso meant to him and his family. The following is an excerpt from *A House For All Nations*:

"The Casa is an entity that has been a part of my life really since my infancy; and it still is. Its materials gave orientation to

my parents also—and with the passage of time, to my descendants as well. My wife had the same experience with her family.

“How did this happen? This way: I was born in 1923, and already at that date, Casa materials had influenced and were continuing to influence my family. So from my childhood years, CBP materials have impacted my life. I remember delightfully the Sunday School materials we children used, and how from them we learned to know God better as Creator and to discover His plan of salvation and redemption.

“My parents served churches with pastoral leadership, but they didn’t have the opportunity to train at a seminary. Really at that time Baptists in Argentina were just beginning to try to develop a theological training school. But thanks to my parent’s dedication to the Word of God and to their practical use of materials from Casa Bautista, they were able to forge their pastoral skills and to develop better their ministry. It would really be impossible to imagine my family apart from the influence on it by the Casa Bautista. Of all the CBP materials, Dora and I feel most indebted to how the Sunday School materials have helped us know the Word of God.

“Of course, I must also recognize that Casa books beyond the Sunday School materials have helped me to know still better God’s Word and also to be challenged to take my place in the Lord’s work.

“My parents, my brothers, and my own immediate family

have all derived inspiration and help from CBP materials. Along with me and my wife Dora, our three daughters have imbibed the message of God from the Bible and from the publications of CBP. Now my grandchildren are drinking from the same fountain. I am, at this writing, 79 years old; and still I can be found every Sunday sharing a Sunday School class with others of my age group—and being helped in our study by curriculum materials from Casa Bautista.

“That which I share as personal—and my family—experience, I have seen, through the years, duplicated in thousands upon thousands of believers in all parts of Hispanic America: Lives have been blessed through the help of books and materials published by Casa Bautista de Publicaciones.”

BSPH Foundation Welcomes New Member

Mrs. Veronica Gallegos has been elected to serve on the Board of the BSPH Foundation during the period of 2008 to 2014. Mrs. Gallegos, born in Mexico, is currently an active leader in the Baptist work of North Carolina, especially with the state WMU. She has also served with International Crusades, and as Administrative Assistant for the Multi-Cultural Team of the state convention. She and her husband, pastor of a growing Hispanic church in North Carolina, have twin daughters.

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