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GCC Annual Council

In the state of Rio Branco in northern Brazil, a pastor with the financial support of a church member in South Brazil, held three evangelistic campaigns each day. Two of them were in the evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. The third campaign was held from 5 to 6 a.m.! At the end of the meetings, the pastor baptized 700 individuals.

On February 24, 1940, Pastor Moises Nigri, who later went on to become a General Conference Vice President, was working in the northeast section of Brazil in the state of Paraiba. A group of approximately 300 people went to the local auditorium where Pastor Nigri was holding his meetings. They were carrying stones and sticks which they planned to use to kill him. A woman from the group walked up to the pulpit and began hitting Pastor Nigri. The others in the group also began to move toward the platform, but then a young man stepped forward from the group and said, "Nobody will touch or kill Pastor Moises unless he goes over my dead body." The group disbursed and Pastor Nigri continued with his meetings.

In March of this year, at the beginning of an Easter Week program held by the local church, a man named Severino Alves de Melo attended all of the meetings and seemed to enjoy them. When Pastor Daniel Asin made an appeal for those who wanted to dedicate themselves to the Lord, Severino stood up, made his way to the front of the meeting place, and gave the following testimony:

"For 56 years I have been running away from God. I traveled to many different places trying to hide from God. I am tired of running, and today I surrender myself to Christ. I want to be a member of this church. I am the young man who, 56 years ago, defended Pastor Moises Nigri when the multitude wanted to kill him." On June 20, 1996, Severino Alves de Melo was baptized in the Queimadas Seventh-day Adventist Church in the city of Campina Grande, and he is now a faithful member.

Praise God for what He is doing through Global Mission in the South American Division.

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#### 150-96G SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH LOGO

During the past year, the General Conference Corporate Image Design Committee (ADCOM-A) was asked to devise a logo that could be used by the world Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the past there has not been a recognizable logo which identifies the Seventh-day Adventist Church and embodies its values and distinctiveness. An artist was