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IN MEMORIAM

# PAULO ANGLADA

*Professor Paulo Anglada, a member of IRTC's founding committee, was received into Glory on February 4, 2019. Below are some of Ralph's memories of this dear brother, along with biographical information prepared by Paulo's family. The IRTC community mourns his departure and rejoices in God's grace to him! "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". (Psalm 116:15).*

## Remembering Paulo Roberto Batista Anglada

*by Ralph Boersema, President*

Paulo and I first met in 1999. As a Canadian missionary in Recife, PE, Brazil, working with the *Igrejas Reformadas do Brasil* (IRB) (Reformed Churches in Brazil), I was a member of a committee that had the mandate to organize theological training for future ministers of this small group of three instituted churches and two congregations—as yet without el-



*Professor Paulo Anglada and his wife, Mrs. Layse*

ders. With few human and financial resources and located far from one another in Brazil, these churches faced many challenges. One of the ideas arising from our committee's discussions was that of cooperating with Brazilian brothers who were not members of the IRB, yet who were thoroughly committed to faithful doctrine. This collaboration would have the objective of meeting the needs for theological education for many more students than those of the IRB. By founding a new Theological distance-learning college that would make use of the new Internet, it would be possible to meet the needs for training IRB students as well as Portuguese-speaking students anywhere in the world that did not have access to brick and mortar seminaries.

Now, to make the necessary connections, I need to go back in time—almost 20 years. A few months after arriving in Brazil in 1979, I met a Dutch missionary, Pr. Frans L. Schalkwijk. At the time, he was the rector of the Northern Presbyterian Seminary, a school that was known for being doctrinally faithful to the Reformed faith. Frans invited me and my colleague, Pieter Meijer, to teach some courses at the Seminary.





*Prof. Paulo Anglada, Prof. Augustus Nicodemus, Prof. Ralph Boersema and Prof. Mauro Meister, founders of IRTC/FITRef*

I didn't consider myself capable for such responsibilities, but some years later we accepted the invitation. I taught with many mistakes and weaknesses. We also met Elias and Augustus Nicodemus. In 1999 I spoke with Augustus about the idea of founding a distance education theological college and invited him to be part of a committee to develop a plan for such a college. He brought Paulo Anglada, Mauro Meister, and Solano Portela on board and I invited Ulisses Horta Simões. The six became a team that made all the necessary preparations for the new college, by means of many e-mail conversations. This was how I came to know Dr. Paulo Anglada. I should also call attention to the fact that, beyond his role in this initial bridge, Dr. Frans Leonard Schalkwijk was an important link in developing a movement towards more Reformed doctrine among Brazilian Presbyterians in the later decades of the 20th Century.

Our first meeting with Paulo was when he came to Recife to teach a short intensive course at the Presbyterian Seminary. The meeting was a quick one, since Paulo had little time to spare, but the conversations were intense and both his love for teaching and his commitment to the need to multiply this teaching throughout the world, shone forth from him. However, at the same time he reflected an attitude of modesty regarding his own role in this ministry. He only wanted to accomplish the part that fell to him. With

regard to the new International Reformed Theological College (IRTC), it was Paulo who drafted the first constitution and who created the first site on the Internet. I already had a visual impairment but could still visually read up to 100 words per minute—rather slow, but sufficient (now I no longer read anything with my eyes). Although I had not thought about the possibility that I might become the director of the new school and knew very well that I was not really a suitable person for this position, the committee appointed me to this office. Knowing that there was no alternative, since all the others already had their vocations, I accepted the responsibility. However, I never would have been able to successfully carry out the function without Brother Paulo's constant assistance.

The IRTC had its start amid many activities in Paulo's life. I did not follow him closely and imagine that I don't know even the half of all Paulo accomplished in the first decade of this millennium. He was the pastor of a very active church and had important responsibilities with regard to the operation of a K-12 Christian School. At the same time, he was writing a major work for his Doctor of Ministry program at Westminster Seminary California. This project resulted in the publication of two books, one on Reformed hermeneutics and another on Reformed homiletics, and provided material for two courses he





*Prof. Paulo Anglada attending the Reformed Conference at the Central Presbyterian Church, 2004.*

taught for the IRTC. Inundated by so many labors, Paulo also shared with me the deliberative process of the administration of the IRTC, in his capacity as the academic vice president. More experienced, academically better qualified, more knowledgeable and wiser than I, the IRTC depended much on our dear brother Paulo. It was at his suggestion that we incorporated the IRTC in the United States and, although we have not yet reached the size and conditions needed to be able to seek some form of accredita-

tion, I trust that the College will attain this goal, under God's grace at a time determined by Him. For eight years Paulo provided me with faithful counsel, always for the good of the College. I knew him as a brother of good character, an honest man, wise, and trustworthy. I depended much on him and never was disappointed. Besides this and for many more years, he taught as many as seven courses for the IRTC. His teaching was a mark of distinction for the College. In the midst of tears, I give praises and thanksgiving to God for the life of our beloved Paulo Roberto Batista Anglada.

The College's gratitude does not stop here. We are also abundantly thankful for Paulo's wife, Layse's many labors. She faithfully filled the office of registrar for the school for 12 years. Very attentive and always cheerful, the IRTC community received many blessings through this sister. Nor was this all. Paulus, the couple's son, contributed his knowledge and Technical abilities in computer science for 16 years, during which he continually grew in his expertise.

On behalf of our college, we say "see you soon" to our dear brother Paulo, being very certain that we will meet again in heaven.

## **A Life in Service to the King**

*by the Anglada Family*

Rev. Paulo Anglada was born in Belém, PA, Brazil on July 13, 1954, the son of Helio and Beatriz Anglada. He studied architecture, computers and business administration, becoming director of the computer center at Belém City Hall at age 21.

Though he was a church member, he was estranged from the gospel until his conversion to Christ when he was 24 years old. This happened after an intense spiritual struggle and was accompanied by a call to the holy ministry.

He studied theology at the Northern Presbyterian Seminary in Recife (1979-1982) and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree. At this time, the seminary was under the blessed direction of Rev. Frans Leonard Schalkwijk. While still at seminary and during the his years of ministry, he faced a great struggle for the purity of the gospel and the purification of the church, together with many other faithful brothers, sisters and ministers in the Belém region.

Having received a scholarship to study for a Master's degree in New Testament at Potchefstroom University in South Africa, he spent two years in that country and received his diploma in 1987. During that time, besides pursuing his studies, he participated in a group composed of students and others of various nationalities who met daily (along with their wives) for Bible study and prayer. Together they rediscovered Reformed and Puritan literature through the works of Martyn Lloyd-Jones, the subject of one of the Korean students' doctoral thesis. He also regularly preached at Portuguese-speaking Reformed churches in South Africa: Pretoria, Vanderbilpark and Cape Town.

Upon his return to Brazil, he again took up the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church in Pará (IPCPA), even though he had received invitations from several other churches. Practically the whole of his ministry was given to this church, which he served as pastor/minister of the Word from 1987 to 2012. In the midst of this active ministry, in 2004 he



completed studies for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Westminster Seminary in California. In 2012 he had to leave regular ministry at IPCPA due to health problems, becoming an emeritus pastor of the church. Soon after, he and his dear wife moved to be near their son in the United States. Here he set himself to converting various series of studies and sermons into books.

In addition to the pastorate, Rev. Paulo Anglada was active in promoting the gospel and the Reformed faith in Brazil. He founded two publishing houses: Evangelical Classics and Knox Publications. He developed the idea for and became the president of the Word of Truth Reformed Association, which maintains the John Knox Study Center (a K-12 Christian school) and organizes annual Reformed conferences in partnership with the Puritan Project, led by his dear friend Dr. Manoel Canuto. For 8 years he was a member and vice-president of the standing Committee on Theological Education of the Supreme Council of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. He taught Greek, Hermeneutics, Homiletics, and New Testament at several educational institutions, among them the Northern Presbyterian Seminary, the Andrew Jumper Presbyterian Post-Graduate Study Center, the Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary, and the International Reformed Theological College, of which he was a founding member.

As a writer, he authored well-known books such as: *Calvinism: The Old Doctrines of Grace*, *Sola Scriptura: The Reformed Doctrine of the Scriptures*, *Soli*

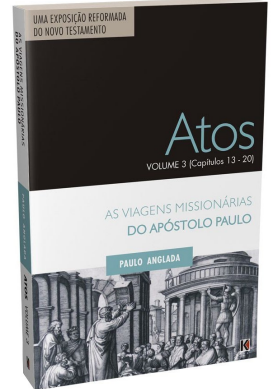
*Deo Gloria: The Being and Work of God*, *Imago Dei: The Reformed Doctrine of Man*, *Introduction to the Reformed Doctrine of Hermeneutics*, *The Manuscriptology of the New Testament*, *Introduction to Reformed Preaching*, *To You and to Your Children: Christian Baptism*, among others.

His last work was *The Acts of the Apostles: A Reformed Exposition*, in 3 volumes (he was working on the fourth and last one in the series). He also wrote many articles for anthologies, magazines and theological journals.

In the United States, Pastor Anglada faithfully and eagerly attended Redeemer Presbyterian Church (OPC), in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was suddenly called to Glory on Monday morning, February 4, 2019, at the convocation of his Lord and Savior, to be united to the Church Triumphant, entering the rest and joy of his kind Father and beloved Redeemer.

He was a loving husband for 40 years to his wife, Layse, and a kind, caring, and much-loved father to his daughters, Karis Davis and Anna Layse Davis (living in Brazil), and his son, Paulus Anglada (living in South Carolina, USA). He was also a beloved grandfather to his 15 grandchildren (from 0 to 13 years old). He is greatly missed by each of his family, friends, ministers and members of the Church of Christ.



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