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PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE SERVICE



Mrs. Arndt answering listener letters

Most of the countries in Latin America are Spanish-speaking and are reached by the Spanish programs broadcast from HCJB. The one major exception is Brazil where Portuguese is spoken. With its area of more than three and a quarter million square miles and rapidly growing population which has now passed the 100 million mark, Brazil is the largest of the South American republics. About half the people of South America live in Brazil! From its inception, HCJB has recognized the importance of broadcasting in Portuguese to reach this large potential audience.

Programs in this language were inaugurated in 1944 and continued for several years but various factors made it impossible to carry on and they were discontinued. In 1964, with the arrival of the Victor Arndt family, Portuguese was again included in the HCJB schedule. Programming began on May 1st with a 30 minute daily broadcast. This has gradually increased during the years until now there are two and a half hours on the air daily. Although there is a potential listening audience in Portugal and some of the African countries, all of the Portuguese programs from HCJB are directed toward the residents of Brazil. HCJB can be heard

in all parts of Brazil but reception is best in the central and southern regions of the country.

Response to the Portuguese programming has been very encouraging. Last year there was an average of 1,000 letters each month. Almost all of them came from listeners in Brazil with a few from the United States, Canada, and other Latin American countries. Most of the mail comes from the rural areas and not from the larger cities. Surprisingly, there are very few letters from DXers. Most are from common folk who are sincerely interested in their spiritual needs and want to know more about God's plan of salvation for them. The opportunities to correspond with these people and give them counsel are unlimited and the results are very gratifying.

In addition to the programs produced by the Portuguese staff here in Quito, there are others recorded by different groups in Brazil. A Portuguese version of the "Back to the Bible" broadcast is also included in the schedule. Programs are entirely religious or musical in content.

In order to increase the effectiveness of the Portuguese programming from HCJB, steps are being taken to establish an office in Brazil. This will make possible a closer contact with the listeners in that vast country as well as provide a base from which more potential listeners can be informed of the programs beamed to them from Quito.

Since the programs are all beamed to South America, it might be a challenge to DXers in other parts of the world to attempt to pick up one of the Portuguese broadcasts. The current schedule is as follows:

1000 to 1030 GMT - 9.680, 6.075 mHz
2230 to 0000 GMT - 11.910 mHz
0000 to 0030 GMT - 15.375, 11.910 mHz

RADIO COSMOPOLITA



Sports news on the air

June 24, 1951, was an important day for radio broadcasting in the city of Ambato, Ecuador. Situated in the center of a rich agricultural area, about 80 miles to the south of Quito, Ambato is a lovely city of about 80,000 inhabitants. The region is famous for its delicious fruits: apples, peaches, pears, tangerines and many others. On that day in June, just 24 years ago, Radiodifusora Cosmopolita sent its first programs over the air. They are now starting their 25th year of service to the area and a year from now will be celebrating their silver anniversary!

Radiodifusora Cosmopolita broadcasts from a small studio on the first floor of a building in downtown Ambato. Most of the programs are recorded and the announcing is done directly from the control room. The console was fabricated locally and will handle a total of 16 inputs. Two small turntables are used for playing the many records available for programming. Simple tape recorders are also used and a National NC-183 receiver makes possible rebroadcasts from other stations when required.

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Two frequencies are used by Radiodifusora Cosmopolita, a medium wave signal on 1550 kHz and a shortwave service on 3.270 mHz. Both wavelengths carry the same programs and operate on the same schedule. All programs are in the Spanish language with the exception of a half hour in Quechua which is on the air from 1100 to 1130 GMT. A variety of programs are presented to the listening audience. They include commercially sponsored broadcasts, cultural programs, sports, news, as well as a few religious spots. The day's schedule has recently been lengthened and they are now on the air from 0900 to 0500 GMT each day.

Both transmitters used by this station were constructed locally and are installed on a hilltop overlooking the city, about three and a half miles from the studios. Wire lines are used to carry the audio from the studio to the transmitter site. The medium wave transmitter puts a kilowatt of power into a Marconi type antenna. On shortwave the power is one and a half kilowatts and a dipole antenna is used, directed north and south. As a part of the 25th anniversary activities, plans are under way to increase the power of both transmitters. The goal is to have five kilowatts on 1550 kHz and three kilowatts on 3.270 mHz by June of 1976. An increase of this amount on shortwave should make this station, HCEJ6, an easier catch for DXers in other countries. Call letters used on medium wave are HCEI6.

The manager of the station, Sr. Enrique Ruiz Martínez, assures us that they would like to receive reception reports from DXers in other parts of the world. They send confirmation in the form of a QSL card or a pennant. Reports are preferred in Spanish but can also be accepted in English. Sr. Ruiz says that all mail received is answered quickly. If you are successful in picking up this station you should send your reception report to the following address: Radiodifusora Cosmopolita, Casilla 506, Ambato, Ecuador. It is not necessary to include return postage with your report, according to the station manager.

We congratulate Radiodifusora Cosmopolita as they approach their silver anniversary and wish them many more years of service to Ambato and Ecuador. It would help make this anniversary even bigger if they were to receive reception reports from a large number of DXers during the coming months!

MEET THE STAFF



Rev. Victor Arndt

On April 10, 1964, Victor Arndt and his family arrived in Quito for the first time. They had been invited to join the HCJB staff with the specific assignment of beginning a Portuguese language service for Brazil. Three weeks later the Portuguese programming began with a daily 30 minute release. It is interesting to note that prior to coming to HCJB, Victor had never seen a radio studio nor had he ever had any radio experience. He had never even heard of HCJB until just a few months before his arrival!

Victor was born in a remote area of the State of Santa Catarina, in southern Brazil. When he was six years old his family moved to Curitiba, the capital of the State of Paraná, some distance to the north. It was in Curitiba that he grew and attended school. Following graduation from high school he held several different jobs, including office work, teaching school and business.

Although raised in a Christian family, it was not until he was 20 years of age that he made a definite personal commitment to Jesus Christ. The last two years before coming to HCJB he was working with the Mennonite Brethren Mission as superintendent of one of their Christian schools. About this time HCJB was looking for a man who could take on the responsibility for organizing and producing Portuguese programs. Contacts with mission leaders in Brazil led to the recommendation of Victor Arndt. Taking this as the leading of the Lord, Victor filled in application forms to come to Quito for a short term of service. The Mennonite Brethren Mission stood behind him in this new venture and things moved rapidly. Two months from the time he sent in his application he arrived in Quito.

After two years of service with HCJB, Victor returned to Brazil for a period of four years. During this time he pastored a church in Sao Paulo and attended seminary classes at night. He then returned to Quito and resumed the Portuguese language programming. He has done an excellent job of directing the Portuguese ministry and the years have proven that he was God's man for this position. In June he left for another period of service in Brazil.

It took Victor 20 years to realize that a girl he had known since early childhood was God's choice for him. Elena had grown up in the same area and they had even attended the same Sunday School classes. The Arndts have four children. The oldest, Cristina, is now Mrs. Ken Pennell, and she has given the Arndts their first grandson. There are two teenagers, Alberto and Monica, and the youngest, Marilene, is six years old.

TIME TO GET AWAY

This is the time of year when millions of people are taking their vacations. Loaded with fishing gear, cameras in hand, or just travelling light, they head for the seashore, the mountains, or a hundred and one other places. A DXer may be planning how he can take that portable set along and enjoy some new DX catches from a different listening area. The one common desire is 'a change', the need to get away from it all!

Many are tired of their jobs, their environments, and themselves. A vacation in a quiet place seems to be the way out. It provides a wonderful time for relaxation and change. The only catch is -- you have to take yourself along. Wherever you go -- Hawaii, Europe, South America -- you take your disposition, your thought patterns, your deceitful heart along with you. You have to live with yourself. An alcoholic soon finds that he didn't leave his craving for liquor at home. A lustful person finds temptation lurking even in vacation spots. Nervous, hot-tempered people soon find that there's plenty to upset them on a long trip.

The Psalmist David felt his need to get away from it all. But soon he realized that the strength and calmness he needed would not be found in escaping. He discovered that real soul rest does not come from 'around' but from 'above'; not just a new view, but a different viewpoint; not altitude,

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DXer OF THE MONTH



Douglas J. Doull - ANDEX NO. 152

This month we have chosen a young man from New Zealand as our "DXer of the Month". Douglas J. Doull is a resident of Auckland on the North Island and has been a DXer since 1962. He recently sent us a copy of the New Zealand Annual with 64 pages of colored pictures of his country. We were greatly impressed with the beauty of New Zealand!

Douglas has been very successful in his chosen hobby and has verified 105 countries. He uses an Eddystone 940 receiver with a long-wire antenna, 65 feet in length and about 25 feet in the air, running in a north-south direction. To help in his DXing he also uses two reel-to-reel tape recorders, one of which is stereo. He has been a member of the New Zealand Radio DX League since 1961 and has also joined several other station operated clubs such as the Radio Canada Shortwave Club, BBC World Radio Club, and the Radio Australia Listener's Club. He was among the first to join ANDEX and is charter member No. 152.

In 1972 he received a special certificate from Radio Sweden for taking part in a survey of stations, both shortwave and medium wave, for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment. In 1973 Radio Sweden held a contest to mark the 25th anniversary of their DX program. Douglas was one of only two DXers outside of Europe who were among the 50 prize winners. He was able to pick up 15 of the 17 stations that participated in this contest, one of which was HCJB. Also in 1973 he was one of the top 25 winners in a contest sponsored by Radio Kiev. He has had the fun of hearing his name mentioned on at least 31 different stations.

Douglas finds time to listen to his radio an average of about six hours each day. Most of his listening is done between 0300 and 1000 GMT. He first heard HCJB on March 20, 1964, when we were operating on a frequency of 15.115 MHz. He serves as an official monitor for Radio Korea and as a program monitor for Radio Japan. One thing that helps him in his DXing is that he is able to recognize at least 25 different languages.

Certainly Douglas has proven himself to be a very expert and accomplished DXer. What makes his success even more outstanding is the fact that he has achieved his excellent record in spite of a handicap of blindness. He also finds time for other interests which include foreign affairs and stamp collecting. We are extremely happy to present Douglas J. Doull as our "DXer of the Month" for July and are proud to have him as a member of ANDEX. We wish him continued success in his DXing activities.

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but attitude. He expressed it this way, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1, 2). David didn't look just to the hills; he looked above the hills to his helper and strength -- God. In Him he found the restoration he needed.

Someone has pointed out that we often ask the Lord to change our circumstances, or other people, but seldom do we ask Him to change ourselves. God is interested in changing people. God has promised that, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Before you enjoy the snow-capped mountains, experience the mercy of God that is higher than the mountains and deeper than the sea. Before you take a vacation trip, confess your faith in Christ, and your desire to live for God. Before you listen to those new and rare DX stations, tune in to the voice of God and hear what He has to say to you. Remember, it is Jesus who offers the perfect rest you need. He said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest!" (Matthew 11:28).

Come to Him -- NOW -- and He will give you the heart-change you so desperately need.