

September 16, 1948

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary
Baptist World Alliance
1628 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ohrn:

May I take this opportunity to welcome you to the United States and to your new position with the Baptist World Alliance. Although it has not been my privilege to meet you personally, I have followed with deepest interest the developments of the Baptist World Alliance, and your call to this high post of duty.

Having grown up in Europe, where my father was Superintendent of Missions for the Southern Baptist Convention for nearly thirty years, I have a very warm sympathy for all things European.

In your capacity as General Secretary for the Baptist World Alliance and Baptists throughout all the continents, I wish to welcome you especially on behalf of Latin America, and particularly the nations where Southern Baptists are engaged in a cooperative work: Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil. It is my great privilege to be associated with our Baptist people and workers in these areas. Our greatest and most progressive work is in Brazil where we have an estimated Baptist constituency of almost 100,000. I sincerely hope that in the coming years you may find it possible to visit this growing work in the southern hemisphere.

It is my hope to be present Wednesday, September 29, for the service at the National Memorial Baptist Church in Washington when I hope to have the privilege of meeting you personally.

Praying God's richest blessings upon you as you assume the responsibilities of your office during these critical and destiny-determining days, I am

Sincerely,

Everett Gill, Jr.

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