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●**BANI CHURCH ORGANIZED**--On Sabbath, March 20, another church was organized in the Dominican Conference. Antillian Union president W. T. Collins preached the sermon, and conference treasurer Cesar Puesan led out in the organization. There were several visitors, among them Elder T. G. Sample, then union secretary-treasurer.--*Hector J. Brignoni.*

●**EVANGELISM IN THE CARIBBEAN UNION**--In Surinam 40 souls were baptized recently, and another baptism is planned for the near future.

*East Caribbean Conference evangelist K. S. Wiggins is conducting a tent effort in Checker Hall, St. Lucy, Barbados.

*Elder Lynford Williams is now in the crucial stages of his St. John's, Antigua, crusade. He has already had one baptism and will soon have his largest baptism of the series.

*In the South Caribbean the largest tent effort ever to be held by a local evangelist is being conducted in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, with Pastor Peter Prime as the evangelist and Pastors M. A. Joseph and I. Austin as his associates.--*G. R. Thompson.*

●**THREE CHURCHES DEDICATED IN THE DOMINICAN CONFERENCE**--On Sabbath, March 20, the Nizao church was dedicated to the worship of God, as the realization of a dream long cherished by the members.

*On Sunday, March 21, the La Romana church was dedicated, being one of the most beautiful buildings in the conference. More than 500 persons, chiefly visitors, heard the dedicatory sermon preached by Antillian Union president W. T. Collins.

*For the Higuey members Sabbath, April 24, was a memorable day when their church home was dedicated. This building is a veritable monument to the Advent message in that important city.--*H. J. Brignoni.*

●**CHOIR TOUR**--During the Easter vacation the Mexican Pacific Academy choir directed by Prof. Isaias Tineo, visited the Ensenada, Tijuana, and Mexicali churches in Lower California; along with those in San Diego, California, U.S.A.; and Hermosillo, Guaymas, and Ciudad Obregon in Sonora, to share some of the blessings God has bestowed on the school during the present year.--*Horace Kelley.*

●**CHURCH ORGANIZED IN PUERTO RICO**--On April 3 the Barceloneta, West Puerto Rico, church was organized in a place where there was no work before. This church is the fruit of evangelism combined with the labor of faithful laymen.--*H. J. Brignoni.*

●**CHURCH DEDICATED**--The Gurabo church in East Puerto Rico was dedicated April 10. The whole community is proud of this beautiful church home located on the main road to the city.--*H. J. Brignoni.*



●**MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE**--March 22-24 the workers of the northern part of the Upper Magdalena Conference, Colombia, gathered at Bucaramanga for a ministerial institute. Leading out in the meetings were Elders C. E. Aeschlimann, Mexican Union secretary and evangelist; conference president J. G. Nikkels; and departmental secretary Joel Manosalva.--J. G. Nikkels.

●**EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE**--During Elder C. E. Aeschlimann's visit in Bucaramanga, wishing to see him in action, the local ministers organized a brief evangelistic crusade. The meetings were held in the central church. It was necessary to repeat each subject twice to accommodate the 1600 who attended each night. More than 400 who requested copies of *El Centinela* magazine will be visited by the local workers. There was both radio and press coverage of the event.--J. G. Nikkels.

●**CHURCH ORGANIZED**--On Sabbath, March 27, Upper Magdalena Conference president J. G. Nikkels organized the second church in Cucuta on the Venezuelan border with 55 charter members. The same day six more members were added by baptism. The once small company organized by the Cucuta central church in Libertad has been steadily growing. With the help of the mother church they are completing the construction of a lovely church home of their own. Brother Fidel Merchan is the minister.--J. G. Nikkels.

●**THE BOGOTA CAMPAIGN**--Three months after its beginning, the crusade headed by Elder C. E. Aeschlimann in the city of Bogota, Colombia, is still going strong. *El Espectador*, *El Tiempo*, and *La Republica*--the three leading newspapers in the country--carried the day before Good Friday an article by the evangelist, "Christ, the Man who divided history."--J. G. Nikkels.

On Sabbath, April 17, the first fruits--100 people--were baptized and 200 signed the commitment card. The team members are studying with more than 1000 people in 450 different homes.



children.--Tulio R. Haylock.

●**BAPTISM**--Recently 25 persons were baptized in the City Tabernacle SDA church as a result of a bilingual campaign conducted in a tent by Elders Richard Cargill & A. McLean in Cativa, Panama, about six miles from Colon. There is another group preparing for baptism.--A. A. Ward.

●**SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS**--Elders H. F. Rampton of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and Tulio R. Haylock of the IAD, will be conducting Sabbath school workshops in Mexico, Central America, Colombia, and French Guiana during the months of May, June and July. Emphasis will be given to the teachers, both for the adults and the

●**MV CONGRESS**--April 8 marked the beginning of an MV congress at the Mexican Pacific Academy. More than 100 young people attended from all over the Pacific Mission. Present for the occasion were Elders Mario Collins of the Central California Conference; Jaime Castrejon of the local field; and mission president Jose Morales along with all the academy teachers. The highly spiritual subjects presented made a deep impact on the life of the attending young people.--Jorge Suarez.

●**KING'S HERALDS VISIT**--Recently the King's Heralds quartet, accompanied by Elder Milton Peverini, associate speaker of the Spanish Voice of Prophecy broadcast, toured the Pacific Mexican Mission for five days. They had tremendous success everywhere. At Cananea, Sonora, where we have no believers, 500 persons turned out for a program presented to secondary and preparatory students and their teachers, and 600 attended a second personal appearance of the group.--Jorge Suarez.