

EVANGELISM '72--Golden Anniversary. Evangelism '72 is off the ground. Inter-America is on fire for God. Administrators, pastor-evangelists, departmental secretaries, institutional employees, colporteurs, all workers, young people and adult church members, have joined hands to make Evangelism '72 the greatest soul-winning thrust in the history of our church. We look forward to pentecostal showers in 1972.

GOOD NEWS--CENTURION RETREAT 1973--The division retreat for those who are centurions in 1971 and 1972 will be held in Florida, U.S.A. It has been decided also that all workers who win and baptize a total of at least 200 souls for the two years 1971 and 1972 combined, will also be eligible to participate in and enjoy the retreat in 1973. So, full speed ahead in '72! We are inviting Elder Pierson, our General Conference president, Elder E.E. Cleveland and others to be with us in Centurion Retreat '73.

REPORTS--All local and union presidents, also institutional heads are urged to mail a monthly report directly to the division headquarters no later than the 10th of each month. FLASHES will feature in the last issue of each month the highlights and progress of Evangelism '72. Be prompt and faithful with your report.--B. L. Archbold.

EVANGELISM '72 IS

1. *A New Attitude Toward our Calling--* Pastoral evangelism is the supreme expression of ministerial excellence. To be a pastor is to be an evangelist. One may be a successful evangelist but lacking in pastoral skills--the opposite is an impossibility.
2. *It is a New Attitude Toward our Church Buildings--* Every church building is an evangelistic center and a place for training lay evangelists as well.
3. *A New Attitude Toward the Task--* We reject the theory that the numerical imbalance by the world population and church population renders a finished work impossible. We assert that humanity armed with Divine power more than balances the equation and that under these terms "One shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight."
4. *It is a New Attitude Toward our Church Members--* Adventist preachers are overworked "do-it-yourselfers." In '72 this must change. Our members must be canvassed and enlisted as participants in the warfare of the church.
5. *It is a New Attitude Toward Evangelism--* Fear of the public, fear of failure, self doubt and personal ambition are thrust aside as to a man we risk all for Christ.
6. *It is a New Attitude Toward the World--* We will cease to be mere commentators on world affairs experiencing satisfaction with our accuracy rather, the truthfulness of our prophetic messages will create in us a new urgency to acquaint more with the knowledge of the message of the three angels.
7. *It is a New Attitude Toward God--* The nearness of His return to this earth will smite us anew with its awful significance. Such knowledge will move us to fresh and unusual efforts in His name. We will not doubt in our innermost souls the awareness of the nearness of the end and we will act in the light of this awful urgency-- E.E. Cleveland.

FROM SURINAM--On Sunday night, October 3, 1971, an evangelistic campaign was started in Paramaribo, Surinam. Five workers joined Elder J. A. Allen of the East Caribbean Conference in holding the meetings. The members of the Paramaribo church also gave valuable help. As a result 50 souls were added to God's remnant church.

*For the first time in the history of the mission, 100 souls have been baptized in one year.--*J. A. Allen.*

FROM CENTRAL MEXICO--Thirteen stewardship programs were presented in 1971 throughout the field resulting in an increase in tithe of Ps. 300,000.00 during the last nine months of the year.--*Jose L. Campos.*

ANOTHER SHOE BOX FULL OF MONEY--In May 1965, while Elder Jose H. Figueroa was president of the then Puerto Rico Conference, a shoe box was received in the office containing US\$ 48,200.00 from an anonymous donor. Last year Elder E. C. Santos, president of the East Puerto Rico Conference, received another box with US\$18,000.00, and a few weeks ago another shoe box arrived at the conference office with US\$ 27,000.00 from this same anonymous donor. Every time he sends in money along comes a letter with the same request: "Pray for me, pray for my children, pray for my family. Jesus is coming soon." Should not we all throughout the division pray for this noble soul?--*Jose H. Figueroa.*

NEW POSITIONS--Brother Rodolfo Willamil formerly manager of the Book and Bible House is the new treasurer of the Pacific Colombia Mission replacing Cristobal Torres who was called as treasurer of the Upper Magdalena Conference.--*Gabriel Castro.*

*Brother Cesar Tellez is the new departmental secretary for the Atlantic Colombia Mission.--*J. H. Figueroa.*

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA MISSION HOLDUP--One Friday noon, about closing time, a man walked into the president's office stating that he wanted to buy some tracts. In spite of being referred to the Book and Bible House he lingered. At that point two more men walked in and one of them pointed a gun at then mission president Severo Gelvis, ordering him to lean against the wall. Three of the men walked into the office of the treasurer and ordered him to join Elder Gelvis while one of the assailants brought in the office secretary threatening her with a knife. The Book and Bible House manager, realizing that something unusual was taking place, went to investigate and he also was lined up against the wall. Then the men asked the treasurer to open the safe. Only Ps. 1,500.00 (some US\$ 83.00) could be found there, because earlier in the morning Ps. 20,000.00 had been deposited in a bank. Then the men secured everyone's hands to their backs and left one by one, taking along a tape recorder. Thank God for keeping the office personnel from all harm.--*Severo Gelvis.*

BUCARAMANGA SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BENEFIT FROM DONATION--An elderly church member bequeathed her home valued at about Ps. 100,000.00 (US\$ 5,500.00) to the new Bucaramanga secondary school fund presently being raised.--*Norberto Carmona.*

ELEVEN ORDAINED IN MEXICO--As the climax to the workers' meeting held at the Montemorelos Vocational and Professional College, December 14-18, 1971, eleven workers were set apart for the gospel ministry. They are: Jaime Cruz of the theology department at the college; Daniel Sosa, Isaac Gomez and Francisco Flores of the Central Mission; Jose Fano of the Inter-Oceanic Mission; Raul Rojas and Joel Salazar of the Atlantic Mission; Herman Suarez, Jose A. Arias and Eliseo Santos of the South Mission and Amado Martinez of the Southeast Mission. Elder Cree Sandefur, president of the Columbia Union (U.S.A.) preached the sermon translated by division Ministerial Association secretary Alfredo Aeschlimann; union evangelist Carlos E. Aeschlimann introduced the candidates; VOP speaker Braulio Perez Marcio offered the ordination prayer; B.L. Archbold presented the charge; union president Velino Salazar welcomed the new ministers and Elder Aeschlimann gave out the certificates.--*B. L. Archbold.*