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VENEZUELA IN THE SPOTLIGHT--The city of Merida, West Venezuela, is located in the state of the same name. Our small church there has no minister, and is cared for by ten of its members who are university students.--*Alfredo Gaona,*

*Recently the rabbi of a Hebrew congregation invited East Venezuela Mission President F. P. Baerg to talk to a group of young people between 25 and 30 years of age about the Adventist message, and to give them opportunity to ask questions. After the basic points of our faith were presented, time was given for questions. At the close of the meeting someone said, "Pastor, I believe that Seventh-day Adventists have a perfect religion. You take out the best there is in the Old Testament and then you also take out the best part of the New Testament. That makes your religion perfect. Thank God for our religion.--F. P. Baerg.

NEW MAGAZINE FOR THE BLIND--Starting last month, a new missionary magazine edited by Elder C. G. Cross began publication. It is a talking magazine entitled *Encounter*, produced on 10-inch records at 8 1/3 rpm for blind and visually handicapped people. Although subscriptions are free, both support and names of blind people who wish to receive the magazine are welcome. All correspondence should be sent to: *Encounter*, Box 6097, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.

NEW POSITION--Elder K. S. Wiggins is the new Ministerial Association secretary and evangelist of the Caribbean Union. Although for the first half of 1972 he will remain in the East Caribbean Conference to take care of previous commitments, he will still be coordinating all Evangelism '72 plans throughout the union.--*June Taylor,*

A FIRST FROM THE WEST INDIES--Something never seen before in our division or the world field as far as we know, is the news of 602 souls won by our colporteurs in the West Indies Union through 1971. In 1970 they had won 360 souls.--*Nicolas Chaij,*

VOICE OF YOUTH CAMPAIGN--The four-week campaign of the Voice of Youth held in the Hospital Adventista, Nicaragua, church ended December 4, 1971. The following Sabbath, December 11, Pastor Daniel Moncada baptized eight young people. Studies are being given in various homes to prepare others for baptism.--*E. J. Heisler,*

EVANGELISM '72--Elder B. L. Archbold presented the challenge of Evangelism '72 to approximately 250 workers and church officers of the East Jamaica Conference on Sunday, January 2. The convention was presided over by conference president F.W. White. Workers and church officers dedicated themselves to the challenge of making 1972 the greatest soul-winning year in the history of the conference.

*IAD president B. L. Archbold is planning to hold an evangelistic crusade in the new auditorium being built at Metropolitan Academy, Puerto Rico, February 4-13. He also will be directing the Week of Prayer at the academy February 7-11.

*Division secretary Jose H. Figueroa is making his personal contribution to Evangelism '72 with a campaign to be held in Cali, Colombia, February 6-27.

FROM BRITISH HONDURAS--We are quoting from a letter written by mission president James Kaine to Elder Archbold: "1972 has burst with explosion of evangelism. On Sabbath the 8th, the day of fasting and prayer, hundreds of members visited homes dis-

tributing thousands of tracts.

THREE CHURCHES DEDICATED IN MEXICO--We are featuring the San Luis Potosi (North Mission) church, dedicated on Sabbath, December 11, 1971. IAD Ministerial Association secretary Alfredo Aeschlimann preached the sermon, and mission president Jorge Salazar offered the prayer.

*On Sabbath, December 11, 1971, the Oaxaca church in the South Mission was dedicated. Union evangelist Carlos E. Aeschlimann preached the sermon, and mission president Jorge Salazar offered the dedication prayer.

*The Leon Guanajuato church (Central Mission), was dedicated on Sabbath, December 25, 1971. Present for the occasion representing the union, were Elders Velino Salazar, Samuel Guizar and Guillermo Krieghoff.--Carlos E. Aeschlimann.



MONTHLY REPORTS--We urge all union and local field presidents as well as institutional heads to mail a monthly report to IAD headquarters no later than the 10th of each month. This will enable us to feature in FLASHES the progress of Evangelism '72.--BLA,

FATAL ACCIDENT--Wednesday night, January 5, while Pastor Jorge Escandon was attending a workers' meeting, his wife and two daughters, accompanied by Pastor Gilberto Bustamante's daughter and a young man, were traveling by car from Rio Piedras to Caguas. The young man who was driving apparently lost control of the car and collided with a lamp post. Luz, the youngest of the Escandon girls, was killed instantly. Mrs. Escandon, her daughter Perla and Miss Bustamante suffered multiple contusions, fortunately none of gravity. The driver was unhurt. We pray that God will bless and comfort the Escandon family in their hour of sorrow.--Jose H. Figueroa.



"MY BIBLE SAYS" GRADUATION--Literature evangelist Jose Mandon of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, prepared 300 Catholic school children for their first communion by putting them through the "My Bible Says" course. We are featuring the children of La Presentación school in Cienaga.--Romulo Lozano.

CORRECTION--In FLASHES No 27 of December 21, 1971, we stated that the new campus for Dominican Academy was worth approximately US\$350,000. The property is so beautiful that our correspondent must have felt that it was worth far more than Dom.\$100,000, (US\$88,000.), the actual cost.

WORKERS SET GOAL--At their annual meeting, the workers of the East Puerto Rico Conference set a goal of 2,500 baptisms for 1972.--Hector J. Brignoni.