

Messenger Flashes

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CARIBBEAN UNION NEWS--Patrick Thomas, district pastor of Couva, Trinidad, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Couva church Sabbath, January 15 with a district-wide convention at which about 50 souls were baptized as the first fruits of Evangelism '72. Visiting ministers included union president G. R. Thompson and secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray.

Ordinations--On January 8, G. V. Malcolm, district pastor, and Howard Cush, publishing secretary for the Guyana Mission, were ordained to the gospel ministry in Georgetown, Guyana. Pastor R. S. Watts, former vice-president of the General Conference, delivered the sermon; Pastor K. E. Forde, union MV leader, offered the prayer; Pastor G. R. Thompson, union president, gave the charge; and Pastor W. W. Weithers, mission president, welcomed the newly ordained men to the ranks of the ministry.

*On Sabbath, February 5, Egerton Carnegie, district pastor of Monserrat, and Ives Roberts of the South Antigua district, were ordained to the ministry in St. John's Antigua. Union president G. R. Thompson preached the sermon; union secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray offered the ordination prayer; East Caribbean Conference MV leader E. W. Howell gave the charge; and East Caribbean Conference president W. W. Thomson extended a hearty welcome to the new ministers.

Dedication--On Sunday, February 6, the Liberta church in Antigua was dedicated. Union president G. R. Thompson preached the sermon and East Caribbean Conference president W. W. Thomson offered the dedicatory prayer. Others taking part in the program included union secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray, union MV secretary K. E. Forde; Elder E. W. Howell and Brethren E. A. Blackman and C. E. Matthew of the East Caribbean Conference. J. D. Alleyne is the church pastor.--G. R. Thompson.

FROM WEST VENEZUELA--After several months' preparation for the arrival of 37 volunteer workers from U.S.A.--doctors, dentists, nurses, carpenters and builders--who were to help the Davis Indians in the Gran Sabana, two days before their scheduled arrival the permits were denied. We immediately contacted five different government agencies explaining to them the nature of our work. They not only backed us up but also promised to see the president about it if it became necessary. What first appeared to be a defeat has helped us to make our work better known.--R. S. Arismendi.

CHURCH DEDICATED--On Sabbath, February 5, the new church of Buenaventura in the Pacific Colombia Mission was dedicated. Colombia-Venezuela Union president Gabriel Castro preached the sermon, and mission president Joel Manosalva led out in the act of dedication. Climaco Joya is the pastor.--J. H. Figueroa.

FIRST CENTURION IN MEXICO--On Wednesday, February 16, 103 were baptized at the end of the lay congress held in the Simojovel, Chiapas, district. Thus district pastor Samuel Hipolito became the first centurion for 1972 in the Mexican Union. Our picture shows, left to right, South Mexico Mission president Jerónimo Madrigal, Samuel Hipolito and Israel Guizar.--Carlos E. Aeschlimann.

BAPTISM IN THE SABANILLA DISTRICT--In the Sabanilla, Chis., district in the South Mexico Mission, 57 were baptized on February 19 at the close of the local lay congress.--Jerónimo Madrigal.



ORDINATION--Jorge Suarez was ordained to the ministry February 2 at the Santiago church during the first session of the North Dominican Mission. IAD treasurer A. R. Norcliffe preached the sermon; Antillian Union president W. T. Collins read the charge; mission president Jose Espinosa welcomed the new minister. IAD president B. L. Archbold and Elders Samuel Acosta, Felix Tavaréz and Hector J. Brignoni also participated in the program.--*Hector J. Brignoni.*



EVANGELISM '72 IN COSTA RICA--The San Jose church has been full to capacity for the series of meetings being held by Elder Isrsel Gonzalez, principal of CADES. Mrs. Mery Gonzales is simultaneously conducting child evangelism.--*Francisco Arroyo.*

WELCOME--Noemi Escobar is a native of Puerto Rico. She comes to us from the Antillian Union office where she gave valuable service for over three years. We welcome her and her 14-year-old son Ariel to Miami, and wish her many years of fruitful service in our midst.



SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION to benefit from 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering--March 25, 1972

*Here we see the uncompleted hospital at Chaco, North Argentina, where a dedicated medical staff valiantly maintains a good public service in an expensive rented building. They are sacrificing daily and are reaping rich harvests of souls. Won't you help them get the rest of the bricks, mortar, windows, doors and other materials needed to complete this hospital? We thank you now.



*This typical construction at Ecuador Academy in Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Ecuador, houses part of the 243 students, but the need for a girls' dormitory and two teachers' homes is really desperate. Build with us this quarter. Thank you.



*The ground floor of this old building serves as a dining room and kitchen for 295 students at Uruguay Academy. The floor above has 118 girls crammed into small dormitories as a result of their ground floor being used for the dining area. With your 13th Sabbath offering this unsatisfactory condition can be changed. The obvious difficulty of efficiently feeding nearly 300 students in an old building not equipped for such service can be alleviated by your Christian generosity this coming 13th Sabbath. Your prayers and sacrificial offering will bring great joy to this select group of young people. We say, *Gracias.* (Thank you.) Sergio Moctezuma, Sabbath School Department secretary.