

Messenger Flashes

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THE SANTO DOMINGO YOUTH CRUSADE--The capital city of the Dominican Republic was shaken March 18-25 by a youth crusade conducted by division president B. L. Archbold. Thousands flocked nightly to the Conservatorio Nacional de Musica to hear Elder Archbold. Sabbath afternoon, March 25, 41 young people were baptized as a direct result of the crusade.--*Cesar A. Puesan.*

RETREAT FOR MEDICAL CADETS--The 135 SDA medical cadets in Santo Domingo enjoyed a spiritual retreat February 11-13 on the Najayo, Dominican Republic, campsite.--*Cesar A. Puesan.*

BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL EXPANSION CAMPAIGN--The Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is going at full sail with its expansion campaign. Recently several companies made their first contribution, among them Star-Kist Caribe, Inc. and Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company. The hospital employees pledged US\$50.00 each for this campaign. The construction of this project will start July 1, 1972.--*Hector J. Brignoni.*

FROM "ICOLVEN"--We quote from a letter sent by Elder H. O. Burden, head of the theology department: "We are very pleased that there will be some 60 young men preparing for the ministry in our group of students this year, and of that number at least 20 will be starting their first year of training."--*B. L. Archbold.*

FROM HONDURAS--An institute was held recently at CEA (Adventist Educational Center) for our teachers in Honduras. Seventeen teachers attended along with the CEA staff. Elder Vernon Berry, former IAD secretary of education, gave valuable help.

***Property Purchased**--The members in the Santa Barbara district are happy with the purchase of a half city block in the outskirts of the city for the building of a model SDA school. A friend of the church has donated a lot across the street from this property for the construction of the first Adventist church in Santa Barbara. This district was a new region where, under the leadership of Pastor Mario Munoz, nine organized churches and companies were established.--*G. E. Maxson.*



NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED--Sabbath, March 4, the Ensenada, Puerto Rico, church was organized with 41 charter members. This is the ninth church established in the West Puerto Rico Conference in the last nine months. (Photo by Claudio Ingleton.)--*Hector J. Brignoni.*

FIVE-DAY PLAN IN MEDELLIN--With the co-operation of Dr. Herald Habenicht, a Five-Day Plan clinic was held at Teatro Pablo Tobon Uribe in Medellin, Colombia. About 1,000 attended nightly. Several of the "finishers" are taking Bible studies and others began attending church services.--*Gabriel Castro.*

EVANGELISM '72 -- MONTHLY REPORTS--Have you

sent yours yet to the division office?

ORDINATION--Brother Rafael Rodriguez of West Venezuela was ordained January 15, 1972, at Venezuela Vocational Academy. Union president Gabriel Castro preached the sermon.--Elders Victor Urbina, Tirso Escandon, Juan de Armas and Alfredo Gaona also took part in the program. After the ordination service Elder Gaona made a call to prepare for the ministry. Over 40 young men answered the call.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

NEW POSITIONS--Coming from Puerto Rico, Elder and Mrs. Aristides Gonzalez recently arrived in Panama. Elder Gonzalez was elected president of the Panama Conference during its last biennial session.--*Mrs. Mercedes Williams.*

*Pastor Jose Mendoza was recently nominated to head the Departments of Education, MV, Sabbath School, Lay Activities and Radio-TV for the West Venezuela Mission. During the Ingathering campaign he went from church to church teaching new methods and accompanying the members as they went soliciting.--*R. S. Arismendi.*

EVANGELISM '72 IN THE CARIBBEAN UNION--Elder K. S. Wiggins went to St. Croix to spend a long weekend encouraging the approximately 300 converts, fruitage of the crusade held there the latter part of 1971. The interest was such that he launched a one-week crusade from which 43 were baptized.--*G. R. Thompson.*

"HIDDEN TREASURES" IN NICARAGUA--The Paraisito church in Managua staged her first stewardship course. More than 80 members were in attendance. Prior to it Central American Union stewardship secretary D. E. Crane taught a similar course at the Managua central church. Tithes and offerings have increased 250% after the stewardship programs were presented, and church attendance has improved noticeably.--*Noel Ruiloba.*

VOP GRADUATION--A partial view of the 135 VOP students who were awarded certificates in Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, Mexico. Present were Elders Carlos Aeschlimann and Ernesto Marinkovic representing the union; Southeast Mission president Francisco Arguelles; departmental secretary I. Hernandez, and district pastor Guillermo Illingworth. This event was a sequel to a series of meetings recently held there by a team headed by Prof. Arcadio Gonzalez who also attended the graduation.--*David G. y Poyato.*



INGATHERING CAMPAIGN--Group of young people of the Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, church ready to go out ingathering. In two weeks the members of this church turned in more than Ps. 10,000.00 (US\$800.00).--*Israel Guizar.*

A FIRST FOR WEST VENEZUELA--The Five-Day Plan was presented in Maracaibo by Dr. Herald Habenicht February 19-23. Out of 580 who had enrolled 462 kicked the habit.--*Mario Nino.*

REVIVALS--Elder R. S. Watts, former vice-president of the General Conference, spent the

first quarter of 1972 conducting revival meetings in the Guyana Mission and the South and East Caribbean Conferences.--*G. R. Thompson.*

MARTINIQUE IN ORBIT WITH EVANGELISM '72--Mission president Roy Perrin reports that there are presently seventeen simultaneous evangelistic crusades being conducted all over Martinique. Prospects for a rich harvest are bright.--*George W. Brown.*