

Messenger Flashes

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A FIRST--For the first time in the history of our church, the General Conference Mid-Term Session will be held outside the United States. Mexico City, in the territory of the IAD, has been chosen to host more than 500 delegates coming from all over the world to attend the session October 13-21, 1972.--*Marcel Abel.*

GUYANA MISSION HOLDS SESSION--The twelfth session of the Guyana Mission was held August 15-19 in Georgetown under the chairmanship of mission president W. W. Weithers. Nearly 200 delegates attended the meetings, among them IAD president B. L. Archbold and West Indies Union president H. S. Walters. Mission secretary-treasurer C. U. Campbell was granted a study leave, and Gershom Byass was appointed by the Caribbean Union to take his place. G. A. Beresford, who has been the Lay Activities, Sabbath School and MV departmental secretary, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the St. John's church in Antigua. The following will be the new departmental secretaries for the present period: Roy McGarrell, Education and Stewardship; Allan Johnson, Lay Activities, Sabbath school and Radio-TV; Maxwell Blakeney, MV, Temperance and Health; Charles Williams, Publishing; W. W. Weithers, Public Relations.

THREE ORDAINED IN GUYANA--At the close of the mission session, Paul S. Harry, Gershom G. Byass and Derrick Williams were ordained Sabbath, August 19, following IAD president B. L. Archbold's message. Prayer was offered by South Caribbean Conference president S. L. Gadsby; the charge was given by Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson and the welcome was extended by Guyana Mission president W. W. Weithers.

PARAMARIBO HOSTS MISSION SESSION--The Surinam Mission session was held August 23-26 in Paramaribo, presided over by Elder C. J. Clements. IAD president B. L. Archbold attended the session. The delegates agreed to bring about a change in the structure of the working forces of the mission with the idea of strengthening its soul-winning program. To this effect a call was placed with the Caribbean Union for a departmental coordinator who, along with the president will synchronize the departmental activities of the field. All departmental workers have been assigned to districts and evangelism.

ORDINATION IN SURINAM--T. M. Grep was set apart for the ministry Sabbath, August 26, in Paramaribo. The sermon was preached by Elder B. L. Archbold; Caribbean Union secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray offered the ordination prayer; union president G. R. Thompson gave the charge and mission president C. J. Clements welcomed the new minister into the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist ministry.



BRIEF COURSE IN CHILD GUIDANCE--For the first time in West Venezuela and Barquisimeto, a short course based on the book *Child Guidance* by Ellen G. White was held August 26-September 2, under the leadership of Elders C.V. Henriquez, Robinson Urdaneta and Jorge Gonzalez. A good number of church members who attended, were awarded certificates. Our photo shows Elder Urdaneta with some of the participating members.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

GOOD NEWS--Antillian College has the largest enrollment in its history--357 on the college level and 94 in grades 10-12. There are 71 in our new

nursing program.--*R. H. Howlett.*

SDA BOOTH AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR--Thousands who visited the International Fair held in Bogota, Colombia, August 5-20, received the impact of Smoking Sam in the booth sponsored jointly by the Upper Magdalena Temperance Department and the Colombian Book and Bible House. All the books printed by the Pacific Press for the Spanish-speaking public were on display and tracts were distributed by the thousand. Truly, this was a marvelous opportunity to call the attention of the crowds to the work and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.--*Raimundo Pardo.*



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS IN COSTA RICA--On September 2 and 3 regional meetings were conducted in the Costa Rica Mission at which time a long-range plan for the total development of the work was presented and adopted by the delegates.--*Donald E. Crane.*

FROM SOUTH HAITI--Elder Max Charles has already baptized 77 from his Petit-Goave effort and there is a lovely group in the baptismal class.

*The Bethel campaign has yielded 50 baptisms.

*Mission president Abdonel Abel just finished a week of revival meetings in the Horeb church. Elder Anthony will follow with a four-week campaign.--*A. Abel.*

UNIVERSITY STUDENT RALLY--Over 60 SDA university students met at ICOLVEN (Colombia-Venezuela Union College) for the first university student rally. This event made history in our union, and was conducted by Elders Robinson Urdaneta, C. V. Henriquez and Luis Florez.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

FROM BRITISH HONDURAS--Evangelism '72 continues in British Honduras. As a result of a two-week effort held in Belize by IAD stewardship secretary G. E. Smith, five precious souls were baptized on Sabbath, September 16. The meetings were attended by hundreds of believers and friends who went to hear the gospel messages, and the health talks by nutritionist Neal Hammond of Arizona, at present serving in the Peace Corps.

*On Sabbath, September 16, 19 were baptized in the San Jose, Orange Walk, district, as a result of an effort held by Dennis Slusher. A new company was organized and there are hopes for erecting a church in this village.--*Aquilino Jesse.*

EL SALVADOR DEDICATES FIVE CHAPELS--El Salvador Mission dedicated five chapels on the weekend of September 15-17. Union president G. E. Maxson, mission president Luis E. Leonor and district pastors J.O. Perla, Raul Rodriguez and Gustavo Pena officiated at the dedications.--*Luis E. Leonor.*



DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY FOR PANAMA--Former Mexican Union cashier Jose Gonzalez is the new Sabbath School, Lay Activities and Radio departmental secretary. He is full of enthusiasm and of plans for the furtherance of these departments.--*Mrs. Mercedes Williams.*

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEIVES RECOGNITION--On September 6, Mrs. Juanita M. Parrilla, director of the SDA primary school in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, received in special ceremony a 30-year-service pin, in recognition of her contribution to Christian education. Enrollment

at this "Colegio Porteno" is 160 in the primary school and 150 on the secondary level.--*Donald E. Crane.*

HUMAN RELATIONS--The Public Relations Department of the Upper Magdalena Conference has just presented a brief course in human relations in the Bogota central church with excellent results.--*Raimundo Pardo.*