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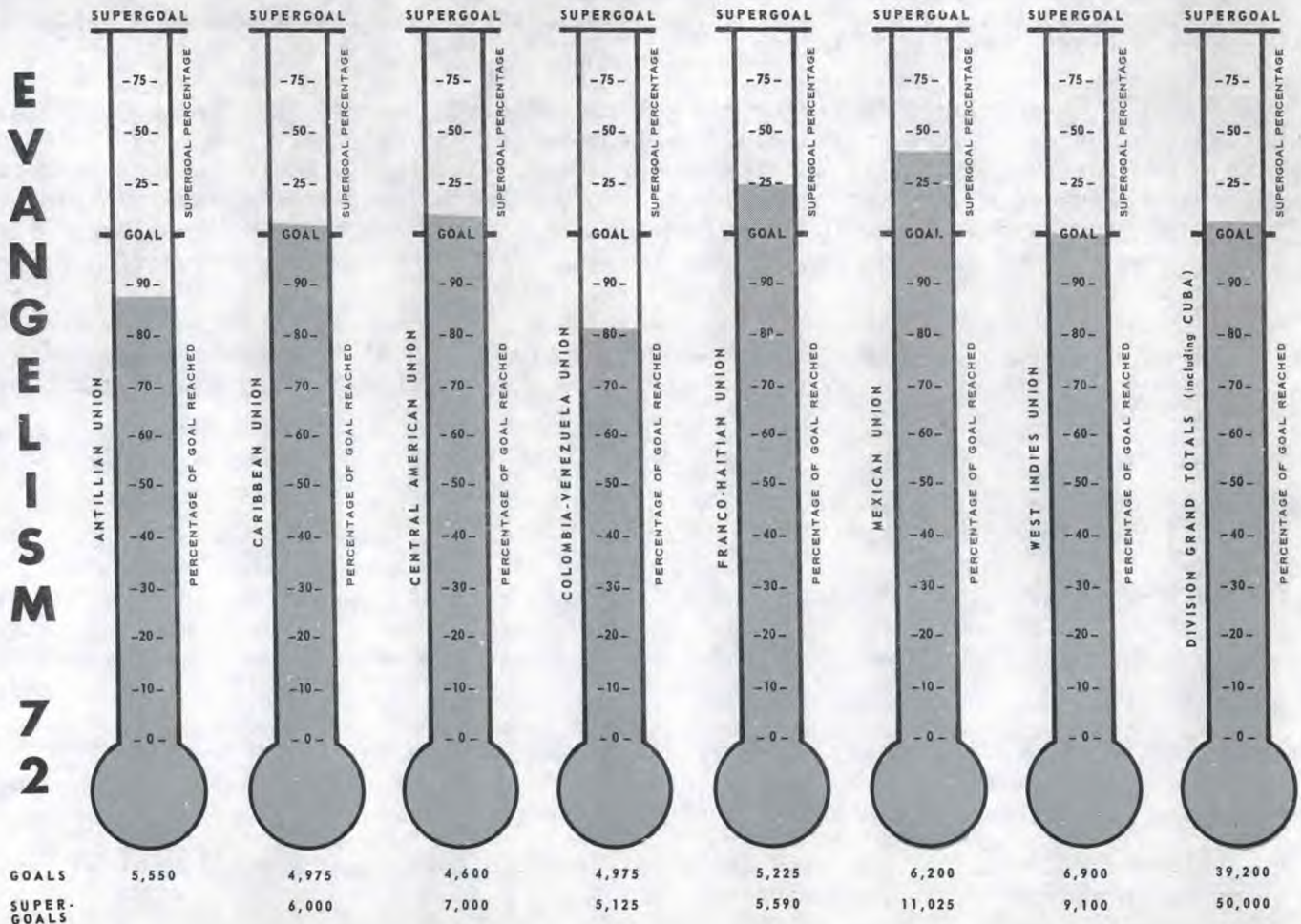
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THE ST. VINCENT CRUSADE--The "BBR" evangelistic team--Elders V. T. Boyce, T. T. Billings, and G. W. Riley, conducted a five-week crusade at St. Vincent in the South Caribbean Conference. God blessed signally, and in spite of strong opposition, 43 were baptized including the chairman of the city council.--*V. T. Boyce.*

EVANGELISM '73--The year 1972 is now over with its victories and failures, joys and sorrows. It was a great year for Inter-America as far as baptisms are concerned. We learned that if we dedicate ourselves to the job and present a united front while keeping our eyes on our Captain who knows no defeat, the victory is sure. As we start 1973 let us not rest on our laurels, but setting hands to the task, do exploits for God. Let us unite again--laymen and ministers, young people and adults, administrators and office workers--and empowered by the Spirit, go out and win souls. But in so doing let us send in our monthly report, for "as cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25:25).

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1972



SOUL-WINNING SABBATH SCHOOL--In 1972, the Alajuela, Costa Rica, Sabbath school was headed by Mrs. Sara Garcia. With her officers she organized a Bible class functioning on Sabbath afternoons. As a result of this activity, twelve people were baptized December 2 along with three others won through a lay effort held in Villa Bonita.--*Francisco Arroyo.*



50 YEARS LATER--Wednesday, October 18, 1972, a committee representing the Publishing Department of the West Venezuela Mission, its Book and Bible House and the literature evangelists of the field, paid a posthumous tribute to Rafael Lopez Miranda, the courageous Puerto Rican colporteur murdered May 15, 1922, in the vicinity of El Cobre, Tachira, Venezuela. A wreath was deposited on the tomb, and a prayer was offered on behalf of the hundreds and thousands of Inter-American colporteurs whose lives have been touched by the example of this dedicated soldier of the cross.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

VOP GRADUATIONS IN MEXICO--More than 360 Voice of Prophecy students received certificates November 19 at the graduation program held in Poza Rica, Veracruz, under the leadership of Pastor Cristobal Werekeitzen. Union cashier Candido Sierra attended the event.

*On November 19, a nice group of VOP students were awarded certificates at Cuernavaca, Morelos, at the graduation presided over by union MV secretary Eliezer Melendez.

*In the presence of union radio-TV secretary David G. y Poyato and Inter-Oceanic Mission departmental secretary Alfonso Coutino, a lovely VOP graduation took place in Veracruz.--*Prof. David G. y Poyato.*

WORKERS' RETREAT--Colegio Americano in the picturesque town of Cachipay, Colombia, hosted 120 workers of the Upper Magdalena Conference who met there December 5-10 to make plans for Evangelism '73 and enjoy Christian fellowship. Union administrators and staff along with conference president Henry Niemann, presented several inspiring talks and gave advice on how to better accomplish the sacred duties of the gospel ministry. The nutritious meals prepared by Mmes. Hannelore Niemann and Josefina Pardo were greatly appreciated by all and contributed to the excellent spirit that prevailed among the workers. The days spent in communion with God and in Christian fellowship in the magnificent natural surroundings provided the right atmosphere for the ordination of two workers, Fidel Merchan and Abelino Amaya, on Sabbath afternoon, December 9. *Raimundo Pardo.*

A FIRST FOR PANAMA--The first graduation of the Spanish VOP course for children took place December 18 at the Republic of Costa Rica Adventist School in Panama City, when 136 pupils of the school received certificates.--*Mrs. Mercedes Williams.*

FAREWELL--IAD publishing secretary Nicolas Chaij retired January 1, 1973, after 40 years of denominational service, twelve of them spent in our division. At the time of his retirement Elder Chaij had ready for the press a book on literature evangelist experiences.

WELCOME--The IAD office family is always happy to receive new members. This time it is Sharon Leach, wife of B. E. Leach, assistant pastor of the Miami Springs church, who comes to reinforce the ranks of our office secretaries.

*Elder W. T. Collins, his wife and eight-year-old Lola Jean have also joined us, he to be in charge of the IAD printshop.