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ONE VOICE, ONE PEOPLE, ONE TASK

1971 was the year of the laymen; 1972, Inter-America's Golden Anniversary, when God gave us more than 40,000 precious souls. And this year--1973--we may call Evangelism Explosion, the year when more laymen, more church members, more young people, more ministers and workers unite their efforts, talents and activities in the greatest evangelistic thrust to finish the work.

Is Evangelism Explosion '73 simply a repeat of what we did under Evangelism '72? Yes, it is, but it is more.

Evagnelism Explosion '73, by God's grace, will mean--

- -- A heart searching, a reconciliation, a revival.
- -- A change in the lifestyle of all Adventists in Inter-America.
- -- A wide-awake church, every member going about the Father's business.
- -- An every-member ministry covering Inter-America with the message of sal vation.
- -- A house-to-house search for lost souls.
- -- Helping the needy through the welfare ministry.
- -- The ministry, all workers and lay preachers, conducting evangelistic ef forts--preaching the gospel from hundreds of pulpits.
- --Church members by the thousands giving Bible studies that will bring people to a decision.
- -- Each Sabbath school class winning at least two souls during the year.
- -- A layman-worker cooperation in its finest form.
- -- One voice, one people, one task.

Shall we join in this great year for soul winning? Evangelism Explosion '73 means YOU.

B. L. Archbold, President

NEWS FROM HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA--About 60 children attended the first Vacation Bible School conducted at the Nicaragua Hospital primary school by Victoriano Calderon, Edna Reid and Esperanza Urias.

*Sunday, December 17, 1972, eight students--Ilcia Guerra, Rosita Brooks, Mario Coto, Shirley Gayle, Beverly Allen, Amandina Zuniga, Delfa Rodriguez and Celestina Moses--of the Niczragua Adventist Hospital Nursing School received their diplomas. Pastor Loron Wade delivered the commencement address.--Samuel E. Leonon.



LAY CONGRESS--The Coapilla, Chis., Mexico, lay congress was attended by almost 500 laymen of the South Mission under the leadership of Pastor Israel Guizar. As a direct result of this congress, seven families who had stopped attending church services came back.--Loren Gallardo.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS--The West Venezuela Mission closed the year 1972 with an increase of 20.14% in tithe compared to a mere 2.04% the year before. In 1972 there were seven stewardship campaigns and nineteen councils held, and a Development Found was created, which greatly helped to consolidate mission finances. Valu-

able support was received from union stewardship secretary Norberto Restrepo and IAD stewardship secretary Glenn E. Smith. -- Mario Nino.

*About 90 workers from the three conferences in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, spent two days, January 2 and 3, in a stewardship council conducted to the Bellarie Hotel in Mandeville, Jamaica. West Indies Union stewardship secretary E. T. Gackenheimer presented nine topics. Considerable time was spent on the preparation of a model combined church budget.--E. T. Gackenheimer.

REHABILITATION WORK--Carlos Bustamante, a young Argentinian who has worked in Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and presently is one of our colporteurs in Honduras, conducted a four-month rehabilitation program at the Central Penitentiary. Eight of the inmates appearing in the picture with Brother Bustamante were baptized in the Comaguela church November 18, 1972.-Cesar Funes.

EVANGELISM IN NICARAGUA--Central American Union evangelist Jose P. Valentin and nine of the local workers toiled for three months, in-



spired by the Holy Spirit and helped by the constituency of the central district. This brought about a great revival in the three churches in Managua and a harvest of 105 souls.--Noel Ruiloba.

NEWS FROM SOGAMOSO--Colegio Libertad in Sogamoso, Colombia, received great blessings this school year. The government accepted its legal constitution and granted full accreditation. This sounds incredible, since usually no school is granted both these privileges in the same year. We are most thankful to Mrs. Trumerth for giving us the fine building where the school is operating.--Juan A. Diaz.

14,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ONE MONTH--With the cooperation of the West Puerto Rico Conference Publishing Department and the local church pastors, Pacific Press promoter for the Centinela magazine Jose Luis Campos organized a one-month campaign during which 14,000 subscriptions were sold by the members.--Claudio Ingleton.

WEST VENEZUELA PUBLISHING SECRETARIES MEET--For the first time in the history of the field, the publishing secretary of the West Venezuela Mission and his four assistants, Jose Gabaldon, Ruben Blanco, Luis Quinonez and Catalino Torres, met December 26, 1972, to study methods that would be of help to the colporteurs. Instructors for the occasion were mission president Alfredo Gaona, mission publishing secretary Ramon Urda neta, and Book and Bible House manager Franklin Caicedo.--Alfredo Gaona.