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LAY EVANGELISM COURSE--Antillian College has started a program for lay workers. Every Monday, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., lay evangelism classes are conducted. Ninety-five laymen are enrolled in this course, which will inject new life into the churches.--*Salim Japas.*

HEALTH AND WELFARE CENTER FOR EL SALVADOR--Final arrangements have been made for the opening of a Health and Welfare Center in the city of San Salvador to be operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The government agreed to let us use their warehouses to keep clothing, foods and medicines until we build our own storehouses.--*Camí B. Cruz*

WEST JAMAICA REPORTS--Elder Vassel Kerr baptized 128 on Sabbath, March 17, 1973, and hopes to reach a total of 200 soon. These are the fruits of a campaign he held in a place located about 25 miles from West Indies Union College in Mandeville.

*Elder L. C. Thomas so far has baptized 85.

*Departmental secretary C. R. Perry has baptized 48 so far.--*B. L. Archbold.*

MISSIONARY MAILMEN CONGRESS--February 9-10, 1973, a congress was held for the missionary mailmen of two districts of the Inter-Oceanic Mission in Mexico. Mission departmental secretary Mauro Reyes and the local pastor, Jairo Flores, led out in the meetings.--*Prof. D. G. y Poyato.*

1972 BAPTISMAL REPORT--The Central American Union is full of enthusiasm as a result of Evangelism '72. Our goal was 4,600, but we baptized 5,285. El Salvador Mission, with 1,400 baptisms doubled its 1971 baptismal figure, and the Honduras Mission tripled its baptisms of the previous year with 1,050 new converts.--*C. E. Aeschlimann.*



LAYMEN WHO HELPED THEIR PASTOR BECOME A 1972 CENTURION--Our picture shows the excellent laymen of the Talipula church in Chiapas, Mexico, who working shoulder to shoulder with their pastor, Pascual Camaal, helped him to win 107 souls in 1972. Pastor Camaal appears with them in the first row, second from right.--*Loren Gallardo.*

FIRST INTER-AMERICAN PUBLISHING COUNCIL FOR COORDINATED PLANNING--Chaired by IAD president B. L. Archbold, the council convened March 8-13 at Pacific Press headquarters in Mountain View, California. During the session discussion was given to the coordinated plan which encom-

passes the entire sales program, including units of sales for every category of colporteur in the principal languages of Inter-America, to be promoted and stocked by our Book and Bible Houses and Publishing Houses until the end of 1975; likewise, the Spirit of Prophecy books to be promoted in the churches during 1973 and 1974. The need was stressed for a well-organized training program for the Publishing Department and Book and Bible House leadership to better serve the 5,000 literature evangelists being recruited in Inter-America.--*IAD Publishing Bulletin.*

DOUBLE CENTURIONS--Inter-America has 134 double centurions who during the combined years of 1971 and 1972 won 200 or more souls. The centurions are distributed in the following unions: Antillian, 14; Caribbean, 16; Central American, 14; Colombia-Venezuela, 9; Franco-Haitian, 27; Mexican, 24; West Indies, 30.

TOBAGO'S FIRST NUTRITION SCHOOL--A two-week nutrition school was conducted at the Roxborough Seventh-day Adventist church. On January 31, 1973, 65 persons were awarded certificates at the Anglican School hall. Each member of the class prepared a dish, and the program ended with a sampling party.--*Naomi Modeste.*



TESTIMONY COUNTDOWN--The East Puerto Rico Conference conducted a Testimony Countdown seminar in the Youth Center, under the leadership of Elders Paul Gordon of the General Conference and Marcel Abel of the Inter-American Division. Our pic-



tures present a partial view of the public and Elder Gordon and his translator, Elder C. Dionisio Christian.

1973 BAPTISMAL RECORD--Up to the end of February, a total of 1,247 have been baptized in Mexico.--*Samuel Guizar.*

SUMMER STUDY SESSION BEIRUT 1973--Loma Linda University offers an opportunity to study next summer in the Middle East. *Place:* The campus of Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon, an institution affiliated with Loma Linda University. *Dates:* June 17 to August 19, 1973. *Cost:* \$1,490 (based on current fares and exchange rates, subject to change). For details please contact Loma Linda University.

ANOTHER FIVE-DAY PLAN IN WEST VENEZUELA--Two hundred twenty-three attended the Five-Day Plan held in Guanare, Portuguesa. This is the fifth plan conducted in the last twelve months by Dr. Daniel Gonzalez and Mario Nino, West Venezuela Mission temperance secretary.--*Mario Nino.*

MV RETREAT--District pastor Blas C. Covarrubias and Inter-Oceanic Mission MV secretary Mauro Reyes organized a Master Guide Club among the 35 young people of the Veracruz, Mexico, church who attended a spiritual retreat March 2-4.--*Mauro Reyes.*

WEEK OF PRAYER--Colombia-Venezuela Union College faculty and students spent the week of March 23-31 in a Week-of-Prayer crusade conducted by division president B.L. Archbold. This is Elder Archbold's first crusade for Evangelism '73.--*Dora Reed.*

LAY CAMPAIGNS IN EL SALVADOR--Impelled by their desire to finish the work, the laymen of El Salvador have launched 74 campaigns throughout the country.--*Camí B. Cruz.*

WORLD'S LARGEST FIVE-DAY PLAN--Twelve hundred persons quit smoking in Mexico City as a result of the Five-Day Plan clinic sponsored by the Temperance Society of Mexico and co-sponsored by the Mexican Social Security Institute. Almost 3,000 persons crowded night after night into the hall provided by that government agency. The clinic was conducted by Drs. Braulio Perez Marcio and Vernon W. Foster and Pastor Pedro Arano Molina. Also co-operating on the part of the Social Security Institute were Drs. Roberto Sandoval, Aguirre Zozaya and Roberto Robles Garnica, the latter director of the Department of Preventive Medicine. All expenses, including 3,000 booklets used for the plan, were paid by the Social Security Institute.--*Pedro Arano Molina.*