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**LAYMEN ON THE GO IN THE NORTH HAITI MISSION**--Some months ago Brother Jean - Charles was sent to Bombardopolis, a dying church of six or seven members. After holding a two-month evangelistic crusade, many former members were reclaimed and eight new members were baptized last September.

\*At l'Arbreville layman Jean Louissaint is doing an excellent work. There is a growing church there with baptisms held each quarter. Moreover, 40 people are attending a reading center operating under the direction of a layman.

\*A young layman, Josaphat Chery, was sent to Petit-Bourg of Borgne to strengthen more than 100 church members who had become discouraged over a three year period. In a short time church membership increased to 150 and seven new converts were baptized. Then Brother Chery started a church school and three of the students requested baptism the very first week the school was in operation.

\*The good work done by laymen Caleb St. Luc and Jacques Lafleur at Cotes-de-Fer and Philippe respectively, resulted in 25 new converts. (From a letter sent to Elder Archbold by mission president Isaac Jean-Baptiste.)

**FIRST RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORKSHOP HELD IN INTER-AMERICA**--Our union presidents who at the same time carry the Religious Liberty portfolio of their respective unions, attended the first Religious Liberty Workshop ever held in Inter-America. Meetings started Monday, November 5, under the leadership of Elder L. A. Ramirez. The guest speaker of the two-day workshop was Elder R. R. Hegstad of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department and editor of *Liberty* magazine. The second devotional was presented by Elder H. E. Walsh, pastor of the Miami Temple Church.



**FLOOD VICTIMS HELPED IN CENTRAL MEXICO**--Guanajuato flood victims were helped last September by the Central Chapter of the Civil Association of Welfare and Education (SAWS for Mexico).--*Velino Salazar.*

**TO NEW REGIONS**--The Southeast Mexican Mission has chosen Valladolid, Yucatan, as the new region to be entered in 1973. The results are heartening--17 new believers organized into a Sabbath school.--*Velino Salazar.*

**BAKERY**--The new bakery at Colombia-Venezuela Union College in Medellin, Colombia, opened its doors with great success. This industry employs 30 students and monthly sales are reaching the \$3,000.00 mark.--*Luis Florez.*



EVANGELISM '73--H. L. Lee and K. E. Forde, departmental secretaries of the Caribbean Union, baptized 59 in the first baptism of their crusade in the New Amsterdam church in Guyana.--G. R. Thompson.

\*The three campaigns conducted in Bucaramanga, Colombia, by theology students of Colombia-Venezuela Union College under the supervision of union evangelist Eliezer Benavides and theology teacher Lucas M. Diaz, have netted over 500 souls.--Luis Florez.

\*Caribbean Union evangelist K. S. Wiggins reports 301 baptized and a new church organized as first fruits of the evangelistic crusade he is holding in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. For the time being the new converts are meeting in the Dutch Reformed Church.--G. R. Thompson.



SCHOLARSHIPS HIGHEST EVER--Antillian College in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, received the largest colporteur-scholarship checks ever received in its history--\$50,325.24 from the two Puerto Rican conferences--from the dedicated efforts of nearly 60 student colporteurs during the summer of 1973. Pastor Jose Chavanz, new administrator of Antillian College, is receiving the checks from the presidents of the two conferences in the photo. Fidel Ferrer, a Dominican student, delivered publications worth more than \$10,000 during the summer.--R. H. Howlett.

TWO CHURCHES DEDICATED IN WEST VENEZUELA--On Sabbath, October 6, two prosperous churches were organized in Barquisimeto. The South Church has 50 charter members and the North Church, 80. Both congregations own their church homes. The following took part in the dedication services: district pastor Jorge Gonzalez, mission secretary-treasurer Ismael De Angel; mission president Alfredo Gaona, and book center manager Franklin Caicedo.--Alfredo Gaona.

CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION PUBLISHING COUNCIL--Recently a union-wide publishing council was held at Central American Vocational College in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The publishing secretaries and their associates from all the missions attended the council along with 150 student colporteurs, the college staff, and members of the college church. Dr. Fernando Chaij of the Pacific Press, presented a series of challenging themes on the Tower of Success.--Claudio Ingleton.



FIRST COLPORTEUR CAMP FOR EAST VENEZUELA--Forty-nine literature evangelists attended the retreat held at Venezuela Vocational Academy. Elders Benjamin Riffel of the Pacific Press and Romulo Lozano of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, were also in attendance.--German Cortes.

CENTURIONS--The South Mexican Mission reported ten centurions at the end of October, 1973.

WELCOME--At the beginning of October, 1973, Mrs. Elina Castro, daughter-in-law of IAD stewardship secretary Gabriel Castro, joined the Publishing Department as office secretary. As we welcome her, we wish her many years of happy service in Inter-America.

As we go to press the IAD Year-end Meetings are in progress with division staff members joined by 25 delegates representing the General Conference, our unions and institutions.