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**BIBLE INSTITUTE IN MEXICO**--Eighty young people of the Isla, Santiago Tuxtla and San Andres Tuxtla districts in the Inter-Oceanic Mission, attended the MV Bible Conference held in Guinda, Veracruz. The instructors were Elders Eliezer Melendez of the Mexican Union, and Xavier Soto Valle and Mauro Reyes of the mission.--*Mauro Reyes.*

**EDUCATION--SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOK FOR 1974**--All SDA's who do not yet have this book by Mrs. Ellen G. White in their libraries should take advantage of this opportunity and purchase it. The special price for 1974 will be US\$1.00 a copy. Hasten to order your copy through your Adventist Book Center.--*C. R. Taylor.*

**FROM THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES**--Four films have been shown on both the Curacao and the Aruba TV channels as part of the mission's temperance program. They are: "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt," "Verdict at 1:32," "One in 20,000", and "A Crutch for All Seasons."

\*In co-operation with the ministers of the mission, Dr. J. Johannes, medical director of the Antillean Adventist Hospital in Curacao, is holding free clinics at various places in the mission territory. He also had some talks on TV in co-operation with mission temperance secretary Israel Leito.



\*Elder Theo. Grep conducted one of the most successful evangelistic efforts in the history of the mission. So far, after a three week-series, 45 have been baptized on two separate occasions. Our picture shows one of the baptisms.

\*Mission president Jan Brinkman is leading the workers of the field not only with counsel, but also with his example. After his second effort for the year, a good number of new believers is ready for baptism. The first group of 15 was baptized on Sabbath,

October 27.--*Israel Leito.*

**SPANISH REVIEW AND HERALD**--The Spanish edition of the *Review* will be published monthly beginning January, 1974. There will be a copy for every SDA family in Inter-America. It will bring messages for the church, editorials and world and Inter-American news. We believe that the *Revista Adventista* will be a real blessing to the Spanish-speaking constituency of our division.

**VETERAN RETIRES**--After 38 years of faithful service in Puerto Rico and Panama, in the cause we love so much, Elder Juan R. Castanon is leaving the ranks of the active workers of the East Puerto Rico Conference. Before retiring, in spite of ill health, Elder Castanon conducted a successful evangelistic crusade in the Pitahaya church.--*Jorge Escandon.*



**DOMINICAN COLPORTEURS SURPASS GOALS**--On October 4, the colporteurs of the North Dominican Mission held a victory meeting to celebrate the surpassing of two goals. Their annual sales goal of D\$40,000 (US\$36,363) was topped by D\$3,630.47 (US\$3,000.00), and their 1973 colporteur recruiting goal of 45 was surpassed by nine. This is a great victory, for early in February, 1972, the three colporteurs then working had monthly sales of only D\$800. We can truly say, "To God be the glory."--*Samuel Orozco.*



**OFASA HELPS FLOOD VICTIMS**--The newspapers in Venezuela and in some other countries as well, recently carried the news of floods devastating several regions of Venezuela. One of the places that had suffered most because of the overflowing of the Morere river, was the town of Carere. Thousands had lost their homes, animals and implements. Without delay, the modern OFASA (Spanish name for SAWS) van of West Venezuela delivered food and clothing to help alleviate the situation of the flood victims.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

**DORCAS AND GOOD SAMARITAN RALLY**--On November 4, the Youth Center of the East Puerto Rico Conference hosted a Dorcas and Good Samaritan Rally attended by 1,500 church members and guests. Elder Jorge Escandon was the main speaker. Present were all the administrators and ministers of the conference and the Antillian Union. There was also a delegation from Antillian College in Mayaguez. The college choir, under the direction of Prof. Harlan Miller, furnished the musical numbers. Special guests attending the event were Col. Pedro Negron, private school supervisor for Puerto Rico; Mr. Jose Molina, president of the Exchange Clubs on the island; Dr. Florencio Saez, who has helped the Temperance Department in 5-Day Plans; Civil Defense program organizer Col. R. E. Irrizarry and his wife, and members of the family of the late Roberto Clemente, a good Samaritan himself. His young son Luis, was presented with a set of Bible Story.--*Luis E. Leonor.*

**FROM INSTIVOC**--The 1973-74 school year at Venezuela Vocational Academy started with 257 students enrolled--28 in the primary school and 229 in the secondary course. Sixty-three per cent of the students come from SDA homes.

\*Elder M. Ramirez, pastor of the academy church, started a baptismal class that meets Sabbath mornings at 8:00 o'clock.

\*The company of believers in Nirgua is being taken care of by Brother Victor Reyes, the school builder.

**TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION TO BENEFIT FROM 13TH SABBATH OVERFLOW OFFERING FOUR DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS**---At this time of the year friends and relatives are remembered with presents and cards.

We ask you to think beyond the day of "Peace and good will to men" and stretch your budget to take in December 29 when the 13th Sabbath Offering Overflow will be received.

The Malamulo Publishing House needs a new building. The girls' dormitory at Helderberg College needs an annex to house the overflow. Our young people deserve the best, and as you sit in Sabbath school on Sabbath, December 29, remember them with a bumper gift.--*Timothy V. Gorle, Sabbath School Secretary, Trans-Africa Division.*

