

# Messenger Flashes

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**DISASTER STRIKES ARUBA**--As a consequence of exceptionally heavy rainfall, the island of Aruba has suffered losses in property and animals. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, through the Netherlands Mission Lay Activities Department headed by Israel Leito, was present to alleviate the situation. In the photo a family who lost all they had can be seen with district pastor Jeddy Hooker, who helped coordinate the assistance given to the needy.--*Israel Leito.*

**CHANGES OF PERSONNEL IN THE MEXICAN UNION**--At the seventh quadrennial session held in Mexico City December 9-11, 1973, Xavier Soto was elected to lead out in the union Lay Activities and Sabbath School Departments, and Francisco Flores Chable, to head the Communication and Public Relations departments. Four new mission presidents and one secretary-treasurer were also appointed. Inter-Oceanic Mission president, Jeronimo Madrigal; North Mission president, Pedro Arano, secretary-treasurer, Samuel Mesa; Pacific Mission president, Jaime Castrejon; South Mission president, Jacob Savinon.--*Jose H. Figueroa.*

**ORDINATIONS**--The following were ordained recently in different fields of the Inter-American Division:

East Puerto Rico Conference--November 24, at the Elias Burgos Camp, district pastors Julio Cesar Rivera, Ivan H. Omana and Senez Rodriguez.

South Caribbean Conference--December 1, at the Chaguaramas Convention Center--district pastors Haskell G. Edwards and Clarence Kirk, and conference executive secretary Slimen Saliba.

Antillian Union College, December 7, theology teacher Elias Padilla.

Central Mexican Mission--December 15, at the Mexico City Evangelistic Center --district pastor Eliseo Caamal, and departmental secretary Humberto Carpiette.--*B. L. Archbold.*

**TEMPERANCE NEWS**--Recently the film "Verdict at 1:32" was shown to the students of the Police Academy in Guatemala City. The film was followed by a lecture by Central American Union Publishing Department secretary Claudio Ingleton-- *D.G. y Poyato.*

**TWO CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN WEST VENEZUELA**--Recently the congregations of Barinas and Bethel in the state of Carabobo, were organized with 64 and 56 charter members respectively. The West Venezuela Mission has established a record organizing four churches in six weeks.--*Alfredo Gaona.*



CONGRATULATIONS--The Book and Bible House of the El Salvador Mission headed by Ventura Rivas, reached its 1973 sales goal with the sum of \$77,747.17 (US\$31,098.87). The goal of 45 colporteurs was also reached.--Cami B. Cruz.

TRIENNIAL SESSIONS IN MEXICO--Two of the Mexican missions, Central and Inter-Oceanic, held their respective triennial sessions December 14-23. Elders Velino Salazar, Samuel Guizar and Enrique Gil represented the Mexican Union at the sessions. Elder A. H. Riffel of the Inter-American Division, also attended the meetings. Humberto Carpiette was elected Lay Activities and Sabbath School secretary for the Central Mission, and Cristobal Werekeitzer was called to the same departments in the Inter-Oceanic Mission replacing Xavier Soto Valle, who is now serving in the same capacity at union headquarters.--A.H. Riffel.

GRATITUDE-- The Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering for Inter-America on June 30, 1973, was US\$193,197.00, according to a report from General Conference undertreasurer M. E. Kemmerer. The Colombia-Venezuela Union will receive 50% of this offering for two projects, and the Mexican Union the other 50% for three projects. This is the largest thirteen Sabbath offering ever received by the Inter-American Division, and we are very grateful to the Sabbath School members around the world for their generosity.--Tulio R. Haylock.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE EAST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE -- Two hundred sixteen young people were invested in a very impressive ceremony, the first one in Antigua. This was the fruitage of many months of training and preparation under the dynamic leadership of Alpha Josiah, SDA Youth Federation president for Antigua. This investiture was the climax of a full week end program which included a Pathfinder Staff Training Course with 110 graduates.

°More than 100 young people planted the first trees on the new camp site situated in Antigua. This significant step marked the beginning of a dream to develop the first camp site in the conference. Plans are in progress for a Senior MV Camp during the summer of 1974.

°One hundred Senior MV's and Pathfinders responding to the invitation of the local government, participated in a march to celebrate the seventh anniversary of independence in Barbados. One hundred uniformed MV's do look good in a parade.

°Pathfinders of the Pilgrim Road Club in Barbados, were featured in the news painting up oil drums, green and gold with their club name inscribed. The drums were placed on the street as garbage cans, as part of a campaign to "Keep Barbados Beautiful and Healthy". The paint was donated by a paint manufacturing company. The Government Hill Pathfinder Club engaged in a similar project.--Everette W. Howell.

TWO CHURCHES INAUGURATED--The West Church in Barquisimeto and the Duaca congregation in West Venezuela have recently inaugurated their new church homes. Participating in the services were West Venezuela Mission treasurer Ismael De Angel, mission president Alfredo Gaona ; Elders Jorge Gonzalez, Mario Nino and Regulo Rivas, and laymen Jose A. Rodriguez and Silvino Revilla, who like modern Nehemiahs had directed the construction.--Alfredo Gaona.

FAREWELL-- After nine months of being Elder Collins' right hand at the print shop, Claribel Olivero said good-by to us as she went back to her native Dominican Republic for health reasons.

WELCOME -- Mrs. Lea Hise, wife of the Miami Spanish church pastor, comes to us from Argentina and is the latest addition to our duplicating department. We wish her much success in her work.