

# INTER-AMERICAN Messenger Flashes

No. 99

October 22, 1974



**FIRST BOARDING ACADEMY IN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES INAUGURATED**—Sunday, September 29 was a joyful day for the 2,000 church members and guests who attended the inauguration of the new school near the south coast of Martinique. Among our people the school is called “Rama” after the schools of the prophets. Three important government officials attended the festivities. In the photograph at the left is the girls’ dormitory, and at the right, principal M. Rosseau, conference secretary S. B. Jean-Elie, union president G. M. Ellstrom, conference president Roy Perrin, IAD secretary of education, and little “Miss Martinique” holding the scissors for cutting the ribbon.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

## EVANGELISM '74

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER







**BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL UNDER A TREE**—The children who appear in the photo are members of a branch Sabbath school that began under a tree in the town of Maunabo, Puerto Rico. A brother from the church met a group of children as he was returning from missionary work, and invited them to have Bible studies on Sabbath afternoons. After holding several meetings under a big tree, they moved to the home of one of the children. This branch Sabbath school had begun with 7 children, and at the time of writing this note, 17 were in attendance.—*Loren Gallardo.*

**RETREAT FOR TEACHERS**—Elder Darayl Larsen, Department of Education secretary for the Pacific Colombian Mission, organized a retreat for all the church school teachers in the mission. It was held at a camp named "El Llani-to" from the 18th through the 21st of August. Classes on the importance and technique of lesson plans in the teacher's program were presented by Prof. Maury, treasurer of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. Elder C. V. Henriquez, Department of Education secretary for the union gave classes on the philosophy of Christian education.—*C. V. Henriquez.*

**A SACRISTAN IS CONVERTED**—Brother Eleuterio Castillo, who appears in the photo at the moment of his baptism, was the sacristan in the Catholic church of Escuintla, Guatemala for more than 20 years. He was invited to attend a week of revival meetings held by Elder Escriel Romero in the Adventist church, and after reading the tract *The Faith of Jesus*, he requested baptism. On June 29 he was baptized during a large lay congress conducted in the Escuintla district.—*Alfredo Gaona.*



**VOICE OF PROPHECY GRADUATION**—The San Cristobal church in the Central Dominican Conference held a gala graduation ceremony recently for more than 200 persons who had completed the adult and junior Bible courses. Each one was happy to receive his diploma. Elder J. Espinosa, president of the conference, gave the graduation sermon. The entire audience responded to the call that he made. Conference treasurer, Jose Piantini and the writer were also present.—*Eligio Contreras.*

**CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IN EAST PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE**—Elder Raul Villanueva, secretary of the East Puerto Rico Conference and a long-time evangelist and pastor, was elected president at a meeting of the conference committee held on Monday, September 16, at the Rio Piedras church. All ministerial workers and church elders were invited to this meeting. Elder H. J. Brignoni, who was the president elected at the last session, resigned from his responsibilities the week before. He and his family have moved to the United States. A new secretary will be chosen later by the conference committee.—*Jose H. Figueroa.*

**BAPTISM AT THE PETEN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL**—In the Photograph nine students from the Peten Agricultural School in Guatemala appear with Elder Ever Garcia, who baptized them in the river that runs through the property. They are continuing their preparation to be of service in God's cause.—*D. G. Poyato.*

