

# Messenger Flashes

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**FIVE DAY PLAN IN BARRANQUILLA**—On February 25, a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was initiated in Barranquilla, Colombia, for the third time. The health side of the instruction was given by Elder Moisés Bolaño, temperance director for the mission and the psychological aspects by Elder Mario Niño, temperance director for the Colombia-Venezuela Union. Of the 18 enrolled, 14 broke the smoking habit. During the time of the Five-Day Plan, the state governor, Dr. Roberto Gerlein Echeverría, was interviewed. He was much interested in the course and gave it his complete backing. He had quit smoking ten years ago. Appearing in the photograph from left to right are: Brother Félix Archbold, treasurer of the mission; Elder Joel Leiva, new president of the field, and the governor.—*B. Maine.*

**PUBLISHING COMMITTEE IN SURINAM**—The accompanying photograph shows the group which was present at the publishing Committee of the Surinam Mission held on February 9, 1975. From right to left they are: L. A. Ramírez, F. L. Baer, Mrs. G. Keizer, L. Keizer, T. Billings, J. Roseval, C. Williams, and W. Milliard. Profitable instruction was given on new policies of the Pacific Press and the Inter-American Division regarding publishing work, and the improvement of Adventist Book Centers.—*W. Milliard.*



**ANTILLIAN COLLEGE CELEBRATES STEWARDSHIP WEEK**—From the 10th to the 15th of March, Elder Gabriel Castro of the Inter-American Division presented the principles of Christian Stewardship to the faculty and students of Antillian College in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. On Sabbath the college auditorium was filled to capacity with representatives from nearly all the churches of the West Puerto Rico Conference.—*Gabriel Castro.*

**NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN VILLAHERMOSA**—Recently the directors of education of the Southeast Mexican Conference, the Mexican Union and the Inter-American Division, Elders Guillermo Illingworth, Guillermo Kriehoff and Charles R. Taylor, visited the new secondary day school in Villahermosa, Tabasco. This is the tenth secondary school to be built in Mexico, and represents the reaching of a goal set by the union Department of Education in 1970. Prof. Valencia is the principal of this new school which gives a good image to our work in that city.—*Charles R. Taylor.*



**DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING**—On Sabbath, May 10, the annual pro-disaster and relief offering will be taken up. This division received much benefit from these funds when Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras last year and SAWS approved relief funds totaling \$30,000 aside from the supplies sent. Let us give a liberal offering to help disaster victims in all parts of the world.—*A. H. Riffel.*

**PANAMA CRUSADE**—The evangelistic crusade in Panama is already producing results. On March 22, 106 persons were baptized, bringing the total so far to 221. The thirty teachers who have been spending their vacation time helping with the effort, prepared 62 of the candidates that were baptized on March 22. On March 29 a large English Voice of Prophecy graduation was held, and the English tent effort was launched the following night by Elder Claudio Ingleton, publishing director for the Central American Union.—*B. L. Archbold.*



**COL-PAC FOODS**—The foods industry at Pacific Mexican Academy in Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico, had 2.24 million Mexican pesos in sales in 1974. This was more than double the sales in 1973 and 30 times as great as five years ago. During the last five years, the number of full-time employees has increased from two to ten, and the number of student employees from five to 34. The main product of the factory is Soyapac, a texturized soy bean preparation which is 50% protein, and comes in beef, chicken and ham-like flavors. The factory also produces Tri-Soy, a ready-to-eat wheat and soy cereal. This industry enables students to earn part of their school expenses.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

**COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE**—A very successful colporteur institute was conducted recently at the Hotel La Fuente in Choluteca, Honduras, for the colporteurs of the Honduras and Nicaragua Missions. Present to give guidance and instruction were the colporteur directors of both missions as well as Elder Claudio Ingleton, publishing secretary of the Central American Union, and Raúl Rojas of the Inter-American Division Publishing Department. The group that attended the colporteur institute can be seen in the photograph.—*Raúl Rojas.*



**LAY EVANGELISM SCHOOL IN GUADELOUPE**—A four-day lay evangelism school was conducted recently in Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe under the leadership of pastors Guiscard Sablier and Jean-Pierre Chery from the mission, Anthony Henry from the Franco-Haitian Union and A. H. Riffel of the Inter-American Division. The evangelism school was attended by 70 enthusiastic lay preachers from the different churches on the island.—*A. H. Riffel.*

**EVANGELISM IN THE WEST INDIES**—Evangelism is in full swing in the West Indies Union beginning with the union president himself. Elder H. S. Walters is holding a huge tent effort in Montego Bay, Jamaica. On March 23 a large baptism of 205 persons was conducted, and plans are under way for another baptism of 200 in the near future. Elder S. N. McKinney, president of the Bahamas Conference, has baptized 108 to date from his tent effort in Nassau, Bahamas. They now have a pool in the tent and will hold a baptism every night until the close of the effort on March 30. West Indies College is engaged in on-campus evangelism. At the close of the recent Week of Prayer, 41 students were baptized.—*B. L. Archbold.*



**TEACHERS' INSTITUTE**—Appearing in the photo is part of a group of 46 teachers and workers who met in Tijuana, B.C., México in the Pacific Mexican Mission from the 21st to the 24th of February for a teachers' institute. Teachers came from Guasave, Hermosillo, Nogales, Mexicali, Ensenada and Tijuana. The organization and instruction were carried out by Jaime Castrejón, Guillermo Krieghoff, and Charles R. Taylor, education directors of the Pacific Mission, Mexican Union, and Inter-American Division respectively.—*Guillermo Krieghoff.*

**NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN GUATEMALA**—On February 23, 500 persons were present for the dedication of the new church in Ipala, Guatemala, which was constructed largely with funds contributed by the local congregation. Mr. Hugo Peña, mayor of the city took part in the special ceremony. Guatemala Mission president Alfredo Gaona, pastors Héctor Jurado, Víctor Morales and Rolando Girón, and church members Juan Girón and Rosendo Hernández were in charge of the different parts of the program.—*Alfredo Gaona.*

**FIVE BAPTIZED IN PUNTA GORDA**—Ellis Coe (upper right in photo), a lay worker who is supported by a member in the United States, has raised up a company in Punta Gorda, which is the southern-most district in the Belize Mission. Recently the mission president baptized five candidates that Bro. Coe had instructed. Among them was a Carib.—*D. G. y Poyato.*

