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"IT IS WRITTEN" GRADUATION—A graduation for the "It Is Written" Bible course took place in the central church in the city of Santiago, Dominican Republic, on Sunday, March 9. Appearing in the photo are the students who received their certificates.—*Samuel Acosta.*

EVANGELISM '75 PROGRESS REPORT

MARCH

UNION	GOAL	REACHED	PER CENT
Antillian	6,300	733	11.6%
Caribbean	6,300	253	4 %
Central America	5,752	796	13.8%
Col.-Venezuela	6,252	873	13.9%
Franco-Haitian	7,200	127	1.7%
Mexican	8,900	1,805	20.3%
West Indies	8,500	No Report	0 %
Cuba	800	No Report	0 %
Division	50,004	4,587	9.1%



LACANDON INDIAN CHIEF IS BAPTIZED—On Wednesday, March 5, I had the unusual privilege of baptizing the first members of the diminishing Lacandon tribe to become a part of the Adventist people in southern Mexico. After almost two years in which lay evangelism was skillfully combined with medical missionary work, Joaquín Trujillo, chief of the Mexaboc branch of the tribe, was baptized with his wife and 21 others from among his people. Perhaps the happiest ones present were teacher Saturnino Chan and his wife, who had left their home and comfortable way of life to work among this remote tribe, and have witnessed the complete transformation that has come about in the lives of these 23 people who have now become candidates for the kingdom of heaven. The baptismal service was preceded in the morning by a wedding ceremony at which six couples were married. The photo shows chief Joaquín Trujillo kneeling in prayer with his wife and others.—*Samuel Guízar R.*

EL SALVADOR MISSION CONDUCTS INSTITUTE—The annual literature evangelist institute for this mission took place from the 23rd to the 26th of March in a hotel in the city of Zacatecoluca. Besides the regular literature evangelists, 22 new recruits, who were to be initiated immediately after the institute, came. Elders Claudio Ingleton, Raúl Rojas and Ventura Rivas from the Central American Union, Inter-American Division and El Salvador Mission respectively gave the instruction. Elders Cami Cruz and Sinforiano Alvarado, president and treasurer of the mission, also attended and took part in the institute. The photo shows those who attended this profitable institute.—*Raúl Rojas.*



WHO'S WHO IN SOUTH LISTS OUR DIVISION PRESIDENT—Elder B. L. Archbold is listed in the latest edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. An individual's demonstrated merit, occupational stature, achievement and influence are the criteria for including him in this work. The fact that Elder Archbold's name is listed in this volume is good publicity for the denomination.

SCHOOL FOR LAY EVANGELISM INSTRUCTORS—

All the pastors of the Central Mexican Conference took part in a school for instructors in lay evangelism at a camp near Mexico City. All who attended were inspired and plans were laid for evangelism in that field for the rest of the year. Recognizing that laymen are a powerful soul-winning force, it was voted to have a permanent lay evangelism school in each district. Lay Activities director for the Mexican Union, Elder Xavier Soto Valle, was the main instructor for this school of lay evangelism. So far, in the Central Conference, six districts have already begun schools of lay evangelism in their churches, and the others have plans to do so soon.—*Jorge Campos.*



ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SCHEDULES YOUTH MINISTRY SEMINAR—

This seminar, which is designed to bring a renewal in the youth ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a greater outreach to the ever-increasing youth community in the world, has been scheduled at Andrews University September 8-18, 1975. It is co-sponsored by Andrews University and the Youth Department of the General Conference, and those enrolled will receive three seminary credit hours. Conference youth directors, campus chaplains, youth pastors, and laymen interested in youth ministry are invited to register for the course. Faculty will include personnel from the university and the General Conference. Cost for registration, tuition, room, and board for the ten days is \$185. Write the General Conference Youth Department for more information and registration blanks.—*John Hancock.*