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INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION REACHES QUINQUENNIUM GOAL—As of March 31 the Inter-American Division reached its quinquennium goal of 200,000 souls, and even went over the mark by 26 with the grand total of 200,026 baptisms. At the time the April 22 number of *FLASHES* was published, we did not have a complete report on first quarter baptisms from all the unions. Now that all the reports have come in, the first quarter report on baptisms stands as follows:

Antillian	1,020
Caribbean	1,649
Central America	1,324
Col.-Venezuela	877
Franco-Haitian	1,563
Mexico	2,016
West Indies	2,222
Cuba	117
Division	10,788

—B. L. Archbold.

VISITATION WEEK IN GUADELOUPE—March 22 to 29 was Visitation Week in Guadeloupe. During this time church members visited more than 4,000 homes, distributed 16,115 tracts, enrolled 1,037 persons in Bible correspondence courses and gave 2,863 Bible studies. On Sabbath March 29, 869 visitors were taken to Sabbath services, and 134 new Branch Sabbath Schools were organized.—*L. Marcel Abel.*

WELFARE CENTER INAUGURATED—The photo shows the new welfare center built next to the Rfo Piedras church in Puerto Rico. At the inauguration ceremony in March, Elder Félix Rodríguez, president of the Antillian Union, gave the main speech. Mrs. Mary Pérez de González, health and welfare coordinator for the East Puerto Rico Conference, and Mrs. Carmen Cruz, local director, also participated in the activities of the day. This new center will be an asset to Adventist work in the Rfo Piedras area.—*A. H. Riffel.*



THREE EX-WORKERS PASS AWAY—Elder Wesley Amundsen, who was Lay Activities director for the Inter-American Division for eleven years and author of "The Advent Message in Inter-America," passed away on March 27. From the division, he was called to the General Conference where he served until the time of his retirement. Elder Robert Gideon Jones, who worked for many years in the Central American and Antillian unions, died at the Adventist hospital in Nicaragua on April 2. Elder Jones and his wife initiated the idea of holding Branch Sabbath schools. Mrs. L. D. Minner died on April 10 in Loma Linda. She and her husband worked in Costa Rica and Panama as well as in Bolivia and Chile. Her services as a nurse were much appreciated by members, workers and others. The division regrets the passing of these three workers and remembers gratefully the devoted service they gave.

D. A. DELAFIELD VISITS INTER-AMERICA—From February 28 to March 23, 1975, the Inter-American Division had the benefit of a visit from Elder D. A. Delafield of the General Conference White Estate. The division Spirit of Prophecy promoter, Elder Marcel Abel, accompanied him on the trip which took in workers' meetings in Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, San Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Colombia and Martinique. At the meetings conducted at our colleges in Costa Rica and Colombia, the theology students showed a keen interest in all topics related to the work and ministry of Ellen G. White. This visit highlighted the importance of the Spirit of Prophecy in our preparation to meet Jesus.—*L. Marcel Abel.*

HAITI CLINIC EXPANSION MAKES PROGRESS—The photo shows the progress of the Diquini Polyclinic expansion in Haiti as of the first week in April. Plans were being made to pour the floor. This clinic, which is located on the campus of the Franco-Haitian Seminary, needs the new facilities which are under construction, so that adequate care can be provided for the many patients who come for attention.—*G. M. Ellstrom.*





CALI CRUSADE—Evangelist José Osorio's tent crusade in Cali, Colombia has attracted such huge crowds from the very opening night on March 29, that a double session is held every evening with a total attendance of around 2,300 persons. The tent crusade was preceded by efforts in all the city churches, which produced hundreds of people who are ready for baptism. At a special graduation service on March 26, 1,300 people received certificates for having completed Bible correspondence courses. At the Five-Day Plan conducted immediately before the beginning of the crusade (see photo), 80% of the 1,500 people who attended broke the smoking habit. Dr. Daniel González and Elder Osorio led out in this plan. Among those who quit smoking were the state governor's wife and the mayor's wife. Many who went through the Five-Day Plan are now attending the crusade.—*G. Carambot and N. Carmona.*

NORTH MEXICAN MISSION PERSONNEL HOLD EFFORTS—There is a regular attendance of more than 500 people at the meetings that departmental director Armando Miranda is holding in Gómez Farias. The president of the mission began his meetings in Tampico with a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking.—*Pedro Arano Molina.*

MINISTERS SET HIGH GOAL—Confident that many souls are ripe for harvest, the ministers of the East Venezuela Mission (see photo) set the challenging goal of 1,010 souls at their recent meeting to trace evangelism plans for this year. In a spirit of revival and dedication, each minister resolved to do all in his power toward reaching this goal, which is the highest ever set in the history of the mission.—*Luis Flórez.*



SAWS IN ACTION IN WEST VENEZUELA—A new day has begun for our welfare and disaster relief work in the West Venezuela Mission. The last earthquake which affected our territory, killed several persons and left hundreds homeless in the towns of San Pablo, Atarigua and Maracas. Elder Elías López, who appears in the photo, is the new SAWS director. He personally organized relief for these towns and took food and other supplies to the affected areas.—*Blanca Garrido.*

SAWS IN ACTION IN BELIZE—Seventh-day Adventists were first on the scene with disaster relief when a large fire raged down the main street of the city of Belize. The fire swept both sides of the street destroying 29 homes and places of business. Led by church pastor L. Pottinger and mission president L. V. McMillan, our members went from house to house helping those in danger and also assisted the fire department in fighting the fire. After the blaze was out, SAWS went into action distributing food, clothing and cash.—*Lois Day.*

BELIZE MISSION BAPTIZES 432 IN LESS THAN A YEAR—The Belize Mission has scored a "first" by baptizing 432 in less than a year's time. The last 209 baptized were the fruits of the "Belize Bible Festival" conducted in a tent by mission president L. V. McMillan for seven weeks. The accompanying photo shows the tent with signs advertising the meetings. The two churches in the city of Belize scored another "first" by reaching their Ingathering goals of \$1,100 and \$600 respectively in only 24 hours.—*Lois Day.*

