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**PATHFINDER FAIR IN WEST PUERTO RICO**—As can be seen in the photograph above, the theme of the recent Pathfinder fair in the West Puerto Rico Conference was "Christian Fellowship." More than 950 Pathfinders from 26 different clubs attended this fair. Conference youth director Pablo Ayala was in charge of the varied activities.—*George W. Brown.*

**BAPTISMAL CEREMONY AT ANTILLIAN COLLEGE**—April 26 was a big day at Antillian College where 96 people were baptized, bringing a total to date of 112 to be baptized as a result of crusades conducted by ten groups of students. A total of 70 students participated in these campaigns, and five teachers served as counselors. These crusades began on February 9 in ten different places chosen by the West Puerto Rico Conference.—*Félix Ríos.*

**BAPTISM AT PACIFIC MEXICAN ACADEMY**—On Sabbath, April 19, after a successful Week of Prayer under the direction of Elder Eliazib Sánchez, who is in charge of the Tijuana district, 14 persons surrendered their lives to Christ and were baptized at Pacific Mexican Academy, Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico. In the photograph the candidates stand with Pastor Thelrow Harper, Bible teacher, and Pastor Sanchez on the left, and Daniel Molinari, pastor of the academy church on the extreme right.—*Daniel Molinari.*



**STUDENT CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS**—This new program which has been initiated in Inter-America, consists of inviting academy students to participate in the distribution of small books at a reduced cost, that deal with the problems brought on by the use of drugs and other vices which afflict humanity. With the purpose of introducing this new program in Inter-America, we received the visit of Elder Herbert White, associate publishing director of the General Conference, who was accompanied by his wife, and Brother Paul Turpel associate in the Book Department at the Pacific Press. In the photograph, making the symbolic sign of the division's goal of 2,000 student colporteurs, from left to right are: I. B. Benson and R. Rojas, associate directors of the IAD Publishing Department; W. P. Turpel from the Pacific Press; Mrs. White, Elder White, from the General Conference; R. Villanueva, president of the East Puerto Rico Conference; Elders C. Ramírez, J. Escandón and E. Toro, directors of the Publishing, Temperance and Education departments respectively, and R. A. Rodríguez, director of the Antillian Union Publishing Department.—*Raúl Rojas.*

**OUTSTANDING LAYMAN IN ANTIGUA**—Urbane Brown was honored during the recent lay school in Antigua, East Caribbean Conference. During 1974 he won a total of 32 souls and raised up a new congregation in Bethesda. Appearing in the photo from left to right are: N. M. Bailey, conference Lay Activities director; E. Daniells, local pastor; Urbane Brown, champion lay preacher, and A. H. Riffel, IAD Lay Activities director.—*A. H. Riffel.*







**THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING OVERFLOW—**Henrique Berg, president of the Mozambique Union, and Alberto Nuñez, president of the Central Mission, lay the first stone for the dispensary, which is part of the proposed Adventist Educational Center in Mozambique. Anxious youth look on. They hope that soon a school will be built and doors opened, offering them the opportunity to prepare to take God's truth to every part of their country. Your offering this 13th Sabbath will help make their dream come true.—*A. Codejon.*

**IAD HAS 169 CENTURIONS—**The Inter-American Division had 169 pastors who were Centurions during 1974. One of these workers baptized over 1,000 souls; three baptized over 500 each, one baptized over 400, four baptized over 300 each, 35 baptized 200 or more and 135 baptized over 100 each. The Mexican Union led the division in number of Centurions with 37.—*A. Aeschlimann B.*



**MV LEADERCRAFT COURSE—**Two hundred and eighteen adults and senior MVs from 13 churches in the Port-au-Prince area attended a 20-hour Deadercraft Course taught from February 7 to 16 at the Franco-Haitian Seminary. Instructors for the course were Guy S. Valleray, union youth director, and Bienvenu Théodore, mission youth director.—*Guy S. Valleray.*

**DEATH NOTICE—**On Monday, May 12, Sister Nélide Ramírez de Soto was laid to rest in Montemorelos, N.L., México. She was the wife of Elder Matías Soto, pastor of the Minatitlán, Veracruz district. Sister Soto graduated five years ago from the normal course at Montemorelos, where her mother worked in the college laundry and kitchen. She was a teacher at the church school in Minatitlán. Her death, at the birth of her third child, not only deprives Pastor Soto's home of a wife and mother, but also brings sadness to Adventist teachers throughout the Mexican Union and the Inter-American Division.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

**INCREASED BAPTISMS FROM PANAMA CRUSADE—**The evangelistic crusade in Panama City has been unique for conducting several simultaneous efforts in different sections of the city and adjoining towns. The last figures available show 441 baptisms, and another baptismal ceremony is scheduled for the near future. The news media have co-operated fully with the crusade giving free publicity in the newspapers, and on radio and television. Four interviews were granted by government officials, and several were present for the official close of the campaign held in the Panamanian government's congressional hall, as was the Five-Day Plan which initiated the crusade. The English section of the crusade, which was held in a large tent, had an average attendance of 1,100.—*Carlos E. Aeschlimann.*



**BIBLE SCHOOL GRADUATES JOIN CHURCH—**The picture shows Pastor M. Mahabee congratulating graduates of a Bible correspondence course. Pastor Mahabee conducted an evangelistic crusade at the Jointwood Seventh-day Adventist church in West Jamaica in affiliation with the Missionary Mailmen program. Seventy-five per cent of the graduates were baptized during the course of the effort.—*Cleveland A. Holness.*

**SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PROMOTION—**The photograph shows the Spirit of Prophecy promoters from the local fields of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, who are also Publishing directors. Elders D. A. Delafield of the General Conference and Marcel Abel of the Inter-American Division are also in the picture. The photograph was taken during the institute for Spirit of Prophecy promotion that was conducted at the college in Medellín recently.—*Rómulo Lozano.*

