

# Messenger Flashes

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**A WORD FROM ELDER DOWER**—"Heartiest congratulations on achieving your 200,000 baptismal goal set five years ago. This is a tremendous accomplishment which has been achieved under the blessing of God. We are praying that God will continue to bless the program of evangelism in your division and want to express to every leader, minister, evangelist and worker our admiration for the spirit of cooperation which has existed. May God grant that the next five years will go way beyond anything that we have dreamed about in years gone by."—*N. R. Dower.*

**TRANSFER**—Kenneth Jeffers, his wife Elaine Speers Jeffers, and their two children, Kenneth Earl and Steven Paul, left Miami for Jamaica, where Brother Jeffers will be manager of the college press at West Indies College. Bro. Jeffers has been in charge of the press at the Franco-Haitian Seminary since late 1973. He replaces Neal Scott, who has been appointed business manager at West Indies College.—*Charles R. Taylor.*



**WOMAN PREPARES 205 FOR BIBLE COURSE CERTIFICATES**—Mrs. Gilbertina Sánchez, seen in the photo receiving an award from Inter-American Division auditor R. R. Drachenberg, took 205 persons through different Bible correspondence courses and was present to see them graduate at the large ceremony held in Panama just before the recent evangelistic crusade was launched. Eleven of her graduates have already been baptized, and 50 others are attending an effort being conducted by a layman in a suburb of Panama city.—*Héctor Jurado.*



**LAYMAN WINS 74 SOULS**—Daniel López, lay champion of the South Mexican Conference who won 74 souls last year, appears in the photograph with the projector and film strips he received as a prize. At his right is Israel López, who occupied second place with 54 souls. At the far left of the picture is Xavier Soto Valle, director of Lay Activities in the Mexican Union, and at the right, Xavier Peregrino, director of the same department in the conference.—*Xavier Soto Valle.*

**GRADUATIONS IN FIVE UNIONS**—In all of Inter-America except Central American countries and part of Colombia, May through July is graduation time. The first of the five college graduations was held at Antillian College, May 9 - 11, with Dr. Garland J. Millet from the General Conference as guest speaker. The others are scheduled as follows: West Indies College, May 30 - June 1; Caribbean Union College, June 13 - 15, and Montemorelos University, June 14. The Franco-Haitian Seminary will have no graduation this year because of the transition to the License in Theologie program.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

**MEETINGS FOR WOMEN**—The Adventist Women's Club of El Salvador celebrated the first anniversary of its founding recently. Elder Alfredo Aeschlimann, who founded the club, was affectionately remembered. More than 70 women from all parts of the country attended the cooking and nutrition school and participated in the making of delicious vegetarian dishes. In the photograph, some of the women are seen with their president, Mrs. Brunilda Cruz.—*Dagoberto Barrios.*





**INSPIRING COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE**—The more than fifty colporteurs (see photo) who attended the recent East Caribbean Conference colporteur institute held in Barbados, received not only inspiration but practical instruction for their work. There was not a dull moment from 8:30 in the morning until 6:00 in the evening as Pastor Robinson, editor of the *Message* magazine, Pastor I. Benson of the Inter-American Division; former Publishing leader A. R. Haig, and Caribbean Union Publishing director C. Williams held them enthralled, inspired, impressed, and quite often in stitches. Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson gave daily challenging messages that called for deeper consecration on the part of all.—*W. W. Thomson.*

**TRAINING COURSE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS**—This course, which was offered in the central church in Ponce, Puerto Rico from April 25 to 27 had a very good attendance. West Puerto Rico Conference Sabbath School director Rafael Colón Soto, and Antillian Union Sabbath School director César Funes were instructors for the course which closed with a simple but meaningful graduation ceremony at which 26 Sabbath School teachers received certificates.—*César Funes.*

**COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE**—An inspiring combined institute for the literature evangelists of the Panama Conference and the Costa Rican Mission was conducted in Chiriquí, Panama in the month of March. The outlook and opportunities for the Literature Evangelist Ministry in these two fields is encouraging. Contributing to the success of the institute were: Claudio Ingleton, enthusiastic director of the Central American Union Publishing Department; Brother Magdaleno Bartuano, director of the Publishing Department for the Panama Conference, and Salvador Mairena and Gabriel Aguire, director and assistant director respectively for the same department in the Costa Rican Mission. The writer also attended the institute.—*Raúl Rojas.*



**STUDENT COLPORTEURS BLESSED WITH SUCCESS**—

A bulletin just received from the General Conference Publishing Department announces that the Lord has blessed the student colporteurs of Inter-America with outstanding success during 1974. Students from the schools of this division lead all other overseas divisions in number of literature evangelists (1,109), and in number of hours worked (299,327). They also lead in the number of student colporteurs achieving scholarships with 663, as compared to the next overseas division with 440. Still to be recorded are the number of souls that will be won as a consequence of the truth-filled books and good missionary work of our young people. Literature evangelism continues to be the prime industry in the Seventh-day Adventist school system of Inter-America! —*L. A. Ramírez.*

**THIRD PRIZE IN GENERAL CONFERENCE PATHFINDER ESSAY CONTEST AWARDED YOUTH OF FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION**—

At a dignified ceremony in Cap Haitien, Haiti, especially organized for this purpose, Rémus Cesar, third prize winner of the General Conference Pathfinder essay contest, received a check on the National Bank of Miami, presented on behalf of the MV Kit by the Franco-Haitian Union youth director, Guy S. Valleray. Many of his Pathfinder friends who were present expressed their admiration with words and flowers.—*Guy S. Valleray.*



**VETERAN LAYMEN HONORED**—At the lay congress held on the new San José Hatillo campground in Costa Rica, three veteran lay workers were honored: David Abbott, founder and leader in the Puerto Limón church, who is 92 years old and has been in the message 70 years; Federick D. Sewell, aged 73 years, and an Adventist for 55 years; and Ridley Pottinger, a lay worker for 47 years, and a strong supporter of Christian education. All seven of Mr. Pottinger's children graduated from our college in Costa Rica and are in the organized work. In the picture with the three laymen honored are: local pastors M. Reynolds and E. McField; Mario Muñoz, Lay Activities director for Costa Rica; Héctor Jurado of the same department in the Central American Union, and A. H. Riffel from the division.—*A. H. Riffel.*

**GUYANA YOUTH ATTEND BIBLE CONFERENCE**—

Elder Peter Van Bemmelen of Caribbean Union College has just completed a very inspiring Youth Bible Conference at Camp Goshen. The book of Daniel was studied in depth. A tremendous response of commitment to service and to faithfulness resulted. 110 campers gave testimonies of the blessings of God during camp and then promised to share these blessings with non-SDA friends. Many indicated their desire to attend Caribbean Union College in September, and were recruited into the colporteur ministry for a summer of canvassing.—*Everette Howell.*