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NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR THE WEST VENEZUELA MISSION—Within a short time, the West Venezuela Mission in Barquisimeto will be moving into its new headquarters which has not only the mission offices, but also a SAWS clinic, the Adventist Book Center, El Centinela, and the Adventist Youth Center. The photo shows a partial view of the building on this beautiful property which has an area of 3,320 square meters.—*M. J. Rosas R.*

COURSE FOR MV COUNSELORS IN GUATEMALA CITY This course took place in the Florida Church from the 4th to the 6th of July. A good group of young people graduated under the direction of pastors Ixcot and Jurado.—*AGB.*

FIRST AID COURSE—Doctors and nurses from the Red Cross taught a class in First Aid to 265 young people from our college in Costa Rica and from the Alajuela district. The program was coordinated by Elder Eliseo Escalante, pastor of the college church, and Brother Milton Castillo, director of MV classes.—*Mario F. Muñoz.*



NEW BOOK—Dr. Mario Veloso, ex professor of Theology at our colleges in Chile and Argentina, and at the present time, director of the Department of Education for the Austral Union, has just published his doctoral thesis in the form of a book of 320 pages, *El Compromiso Cristiano*. The seven chapters deal with missionary activity in the Gospel according to Saint John, emphasizing in the fourth chapter, the intense missionary activity on the Sabbath day in the life of Christ. The favorable reviews of this book by prominent Catholic priests will give it a wide circulation among persons not of our faith. The price is \$3.00 and orders may be sent to Home and Health Education, Venustiano Vegara 3227, Florida, Buenos Aires, Argentina.—*C. R. Taylor.*



SEVENTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD MAN DEDICATES FULL TIME TO LAY EVANGELISM—Seventy-seven-year-old veteran lay preacher Alexander Byass (see photo) of Georgetown, Guyana is extremely active for his age. Since his retirement from government service he puts in full time as a lay evangelist. He has raised up several companies and churches. In 1974 he prepared 20 convicts in the New Amsterdam prison for baptism. Eight persons have been baptized as a result of his recent effort for East Indians in Gangaram, and 22 are preparing for the next baptism.—*A. B. Johnson.*

MEDICAL STUDENT WINS CONVERTS—Uriel Perales, a medical student at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico, makes time in his crowded schedule for medical-missionary work and for giving Bible studies. On May 17 he had the joy of witnessing the baptism of five of his Bible students. One of them is already a literature evangelist.—*Jorge Dzul.*



NEW SABBATH SCHOOL IN TIJUANA—As a result of the missionary zeal of a young lady doctor, Dr. Beer, and Miss Moncada and Pastor Argumedo, a new Sabbath School with 60 members has been organized in the city of Tijuana. Twenty of these are preparing for baptism. We hope that this will be the beginning of another new church in this city. The photo shows Mexican Union president Velino Salazar, extreme left, and Pastor Argumedo at the back with the Sabbath School members.—*Jaime Castrejón*.

FIRST CENTURION IN EAST PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE—Elder Pedro López and his evangelistic team have baptized 104 souls so far as the first fruits of their first evangelistic effort this year. A new church has been organized in the city of Toa Alta with these new members. Elder López will begin his second effort in the month of August in the towns of Naranjitos and Barranquitas simultaneously. He hopes to organize two new churches in these towns at the close of the effort. He has confidence that the Lord will help him to reach his goal of 400 souls by the end of 1975.—*Loren Gallardo*.

LITERATURE MINISTRY GOES FORWARD IN GUYANA—This summer has seen a big upsurge in the literature ministry in Guyana under the leadership of Brother Reynold Howell. He has recruited around 100 youth, some as full-time and others as part-time literature evangelists. Some are working for scholarships to enter Caribbean Union College in the fall. We expect a good harvest of souls from the work of these fine young people.—*W. W. Weithers*.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE FILLS CHURCH—Thunder showers and counter crusades by other denominations were not able to slacken the attendance at a tent effort conducted by Pastor Alvinus Bhola and his team in Ewarton, Jamaica. So far 113 people have been baptized and the church, formerly half empty, is now filled to capacity on Sabbath mornings. In the photo, Pastor Bhola (seated in center of first row) appears with his team and the new converts.—*K. C. Henry*.



NEW OUTREACH FOR THE FIVE DAY PLAN—An exciting Five Day Plan presented in the city of Barquisimeto, Venezuela from the 15th to the 19th of June came to a close with 100 persons securing a divorce from the cigarette and signing cards to join the Non-Smokers Club. This group consisted of professional people and students. The Temperance secretary plans to use this club to carry out special functions connected with Temperance and to make the Five Day Plan a major force in fighting the vice of tobacco.—*Elías López*.



EL CENTINELA PROMOTION IN COLOMBIA—The photo shows Elder José Luis Campos from the Pacific Press promoting the Spanish missionary magazine, *El Centinela*, in Colombia. During his visit to that country, church members secured over 5,000 subscriptions.—*Arturo Weisheim*.



PASTOR AND LAYMAN CONDUCT EFFORT—The accompanying photo shows those who were baptized as the result of a combined pastoral-lay effort. Pastor Danilo Rodríguez and first elder Pimentel appear with the candidates. Of the 90 who graduated from the Bible correspondence course, 45 have already been baptized, and others are preparing for baptism. In the Dominican Republic pastors and laymen work together to win souls.—*Diógenes Suero*.