

# Flashes

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**EVANGELIZATION WITH PUBLICATIONS**—When the territory was divided to form the Central Mexican Conference and the West Mexican Mission early in 1975, leaders of the Central Mexican Conference realized they were left with only three licensed and eight new colporteurs. Under the circumstances, we did not know how we could reach our annual goal for deliveries of Ps 1,000,000 (US\$ 80,000). However, the Lord has blessed our publishing leader, Pastor Humberto Carpiette, and the publishing program in such a marvelous way that we have not only reached but surpassed the goal suggested by the Union, with a total of Ps 1,367,542.10 message-filled books distributed by the end of the third quarter. The 11 colporteurs that we had at the beginning of the year have now been increased to 33; and, with the help of God, we expect to recruit a record number of Literature Evangelists by the end of the year. We thank God for the opportunity to distribute the blessed printed page in Mexico City.—*Jorge E. Campos.*

**BAPTISMAL REPORT**—The Mexican and Central American Unions are leading in baptisms, with 9,500 and 6,500 reported respectively so far for 1975.—*C. Aeschlimann.*

**YOUTH EFFORT IN CURACAO**—Following a successful youth effort in Curacao, 42 persons took their stand and were baptized at sea, with Pastors Theo. Grep, Israel Leito, and Jan Brinkman officiating.—*I. Leito.*



**LAY ACTION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DAY IN PANAMA**—The Adventist churches in Panama recently held a Lay Action and Public Relations Day. About 100,000 homes were visited and as many tracts were distributed. Those visited were also invited to pray for the health of government officials. Notices of this special day were presented to the press. Adventist church pastors invited local officials to especially prepared programs and presented to them gifts of Bibles and other literature. As part of Public Relations Day a carefully worded letter was sent to the President of Panama. Upon receipt of the letter, an interview was granted to Elders Israel Williams, Luis Alaña, and J. Parchment of the Panama Conference by the Chief of Staff. The delegation presented a pictorial report of Adventist work in Panama and the gift of a Bible and various Adventist books to the official (left in photo).—*Luis Alaña.*

**LITERATURE EVANGELISTS' SPIRITUAL RETREAT**—In the picturesque, country atmosphere of San Rafael, near Guatemala City, the first retreat for literature evangelists in the history of the Guatemala Mission was held. In the front row of photo (left to right) are Isidro Valdes, Jeremias Duarte, Max Mendez, and Cruz Ixcot (ABC manager and publishing leader and associates). By the time of writing, the Guatemala Mission has five associate publishing directors.—*Alfredo Gaona.*







**NEW INDUSTRY ADDED AT LINDA VISTA ACADEMY**—With more than 200 students, there has been a need for more industries. A student was sent to the city to learn sweater making by machine. She is now back teaching this art to other students in a new industry.—*Marcel Abel.*

**ORDINATION SERVICE IN WEST PUERTO RICO CONF.**

—Nine workers were ordained to the gospel ministry in an impressive ceremony in Mayaguez on Sabbath, December 6, 1975, as follows: *Luis E. Boneta, Eliezer Castañón, Abner Gomez, Miguel A. González, Walter Mardones, Ireneo Martínez, Pedro A. Ramos, Carmelo Rivera, and Francisco J. Vega.* Pastor David H. Baasch, associate secretary of the General Conference, preached; Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann, ministerial secretary of the IAD, offered the dedicatory prayer; Pastor J. H. Figueroa, secretary of the IAD, gave the charge; and Pastor Félix Rodríguez, president of the Antillian Union, welcomed the brethren to the ministry.—*Carlos Aeschlimann.*

**CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN WIN ART CONTEST**—

The Art and Culture Minister of Education of Panama has announced that the winners of the International Children's Art contest are Carlos Fetcher, aged 8, and Helenica S. Headley, aged 11, students of an Adventist church school in Panama. Prizes were awarded by the Embassy of India, the country which sponsors the contest each year.—*D. G. y Poyato.*

**PASTOR JAMES ZACKRISON**

—Elder and Mrs. Zackrison and their three children have spent 16 1/2 years in Inter-America, most recently in Honduras where he was mission president. Due to Mrs. Zackrison's health they are in Miami, and while here Elder Zackrison is being used by IAD as a translator.—*J. H. Figueroa.*



**SONSONATECO ADVENTIST SCHOOL, EL SALVADOR**—

At the end of the second week of prayer of the 1974 school year at Sonsonateco Adventist School, an 11-year-old girl gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized. When the writer made a call for surrender from the baptistry, her parents and sister responded with tears in their eyes. This school year, 1975, at the close of the week of prayer, the whole family were baptized. The Sonsonateco Adventist School continues its educational and soul-winning work.—*Cami B. Cruz.*



**LAY EVANGELISM IN PANAMA**—Twelve persons were baptized following the lay effort in David, Panama conducted by Prof. Emiliano Lezcano. With the help of God he hopes to continue the harvest.—*L. Alaña.*

**TO NEW POSTS**—In the Antillian Union, Pastor Eligio Contreras will be director of the Lay Activities and Sabbath School Departments; Pastor Mike Rivera, director of the Stewardship Department; and Ernesto Gil, auditor.

For the North Dominican Mission, Pastor J. P. Valentin has been appointed president to fill the vacancy created when Pastor Luis E. Leonor requested a study leave.

The Central Mexican Conference committee has elected Pastor Jeronimo Madrigal to fill the vacancy of president.—*J. H. Figueroa.*

**CHANGES IN POSITION**—Three women in the IAD office have been promoted to posts of greater responsibility. Faye Reid, who was secretary to Elder J. H. Figueroa, has been appointed as administrative assistant to the secretary. Beulah Peterson, who was an accountant, has been named as administrative assistant to the treasurer. Clarice Everest, who was an office secretary for the Transportation & Purchasing Service, was placed in charge of this service upon the retirement of Elder D. J. von Pohle.—*J. H. Figueroa.*

**THE EAST VENEZUELA CONFERENCE** has named a new stewardship director, Pastor Jaime Acosta (right), shown counseling with the Colombia-Venezuela Union stewardship director, Mario Niño.



**IAD PUBLICATIONS**—The monthly Inter-American edition of REVIEW & HERALD is available in English and the REVISTA ADVENTISTA in Spanish. These magazines contain world Adventist news and general inspirational articles, with special pages edited in the IAD office entitled IT HAPPENED IN INTER-AMERICA. The good old REVIEW has been a *must* in Adventist homes for years, and in its 125th Anniversary is even better and deserves promotion in your field. When ordering these publications from your Adventist Book Center specify *Inter-American Edition.*

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