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HEALTH & TEMPERANCE EXHIBIT

—More than 7,000 people at the Puerto Rican Fair stopped at the Adventist health and temperance exhibit to see films on liquor, tobacco and drugs, which were shown 115 times, and 15,000 pieces of temperance literature were distributed from the booth. The exhibit was presented by the writer, the communication and temperance director of the East Puerto Rico Conference, at the invitation of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. —*Jorge Escandon.*

WEST PUERTO RICO REACHES 112% OF 1975 BAPTISM GOAL

—The West Puerto Rico Conference established a new record for souls winning in 1975 with 1,517 baptisms, the highest number for any one year in the history of the conference. Four pastors reached Centurion status: Edgardo Nigaglioni, 146; Jose Lopez, 121; Carmelo Rivera, 110; and Irenio Martinez, 101. —*F. E. Hernandez.*

SABBATH SCHOOL ORGANIZED ON MEXICAN TOURIST ISLAND

—Until a short time ago the island of Cancun off the coast of southeastern Mexico had only 1,000 inhabitants, but it has been developed into a tourist center and now has 10,000 inhabitants. Esteban de la Cruz, a colporteur, was sent to the island, and he now has a Sabbath school organized with 30 members, and there are plans for a church to be built on the island soon. —*Rafael Chan Garcia.*



EVANGELISM IN COLOMBIA—Feb. 14, Jose Osorio, Colombia-Venezuela Union evangelist, began a school of evangelism in Ibague with a group of 25 theology students and workers. Between them they have set a goal of 500 baptisms by the close of the campaign.

On the same date, George Carambot, president of the Union, began a three-week evangelistic campaign in the city of Cartagena with an attendance of 500, and many more outside because of lack of space in the church. The following night was the same. With the blessing of the Lord, Pastor Carambot expects no less than 100 persons will be baptized as a result of this crusade. —*Dora Reed.*

ORDINATIONS IN VENEZUELA

—Sabbath, January 14, during the triennial council of the East Venezuela Conference, David Manrique, a district pastor, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann, the consecration prayer was offered by Pastor J. H. Figueroa, the charge was given by Pastor George Carambot, and the welcome by Pastor Luis Florez.

Sabbath, January 31, at the triennial council of the West Venezuela Mission, two workers were ordained to the gospel ministry: Israel de Angel, secretary-treasurer of the mission; and Manual Rosas, departmental director. Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann preached the sermon, the prayer was by Pastor George Carambot, the charge was given by Pastor J. H. Figueroa, and Pastor Ernesto C. Santos gave the welcome. —*Carlos E. Aeschlimann.*

MISSIONARY LAUNCH DONATED

—The medical work was opened in Puerto Lopez with a missionary launch donated to the Upper Magdalena Conf. The cost of this launch is small (US\$ 2,000) in comparison to its benefits for the many people who live on the banks of the Meta river.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

TO BE EXTENDED—The Upper Magdalena Conference recently purchased over 300 acres of level land on which to establish a new academy. This project will offer a Christian education to hundreds of youth who do not now have that privilege.

MEXICAN ACADEMY RECEIVES

STATE VISITORS—January 29, 1976 was an unforgettable day for the Mexican Pacific Academy at Navajoa, Sonora, Mexico, because they were favored with a visit by the Governor of the state of Sonora, Hon. Alejandro Carrillo Marcor, accompanied by other state officials. The object of his visit was to become acquainted with our school and its method of instruction and to inspect the food factory. In the photo, Mario A. Collins, director of the school, and some of the faculty members, welcome the Governor. The visitors were escorted to the school cafeteria where they were served a vegetarian banquet which included soybean products. The Governor expressed his appreciation for the type of education offered at the Mexican Pacific Academy and the good impressions he had of the school. —*Mario A. Collins*





YOUTH ATTRACTS YOUTH—

Winston Graham, a ministerial intern and recent graduate of West Indies College, began a four-weeks crusade in October in the Johnson Park church in Nassau with the theme *The Way to Eternal Life*. One evening a young man who was a drug sampler, restless, unhappy and discouraged, sat on the steps of the church looking dejected. He was invited inside and was impressed to ask for prayer, and stayed for the meeting. Later he introduced Bro. Graham to two of his friends, and after several discussions the three attended the meetings regularly and gave their hearts to the Lord along with five others.

After several weeks in the baptismal class the group pictured above were baptized by the youth director of the Bahamas Conference. Bro. Graham is continuing his Bible evangelism class and expects others will be ready for baptism in the near future.

CHURCH DEDICATION—

The Plaisance church in Georgetown, Guyana, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, January 18, 1976. Hundreds of people from all over the Georgetown area were present to take part in the dedicatory service. Elder Jose H. Figueroa, secretary of the Inter-American Division, presented the dedicatory sermon. Also participating in the service were representatives from the local conference, the Caribbean Union and the Inter-American Division. The church has a seating capacity for approximately 250.

—George W. Brown.

LOURDES RIVAS MAURY passed away February 2, 1976, at the age of 40, after a long illness. The funeral service was held at Colombia-Venezuela Union College, and the family requested that instead of gifts of flowers there be contributions to a Worthy Student Fund to be established at the College in her name. We extend our deepest sympathy to her three teen-age children and to her husband, Ramon Maury, treasurer of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. May they find comfort in the precious promises of a soon-coming Saviour. —B. L. Archbold.

PACIFIC COLOMBIA MISSION—For the first time in the history of this mission more than 1,000 new members were baptized in one year. Thanks to the inspiration of the administrators and departmental directors, the enthusiasm of the fifteen district leaders, and the fervor of the laymen 1,080 accepted the Saviour in 1975. There was an aggressive evangelism program throughout the field all year.

January 15 - 19 the Mission held a Ministerial Council in a beautiful camp near the city of Cali. Here the workers promised, by the grace of God and with the cooperation of the laymen, to win 1,200 souls for Christ in 1976. Elder Jose Osorio, ministerial secretary and evangelist of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, was present and gave valuable instruction to the ministerial body.—M. A. Puentes Urueta.

NEWS FROM CUBA—This past year 800 persons were baptized. The following appointments were made at the recent Session: for the work in general, president, Pedro de Armas; vice-president, Hector Torres; secretary, Arturo Broche. For the provinces, the following directors were named: Pinar del Rio, Rafael Rodriguez; Havana, Evaristo Gonzalez; Matanzas, Oliver Mastrapa; Las Villas, Nicolas Bence; Camaguey, Roberto Cols; Oriente, Alejandro Delgado. There are 12 students currently enrolled at the Theological Seminary.—A. Chavez.



MOTATAN, VENEZUELA FLOOD—

Twenty-two persons died in the flood in this area, and many lost their homes. Pictured above are the children who were left orphans. Pictured below, Pastor Elias Lopez, SAWS director for the West Venezuela Mission, distributed food supplies and stoves to flood victims.



NEW SCHOOL—District leader Amado Martinez and the laymen have recently completed the classroom pictured above at Nicolas Bravo Street, No. 10, Choapas, Ver., Mexico. Approximately 100 students are enrolled, the majority from Adventist homes. It is taught by Rafael Hernandez, principal, and Gladys Santos, and has already received government recognition.—Guillermo Illingworth