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MUSICAL CITY OF IBAGUE, COL. RESPONDS TO EVANGELISM—We are now in the midst of an evangelistic campaign in the musical city of Ibague, Colombia, the capitol of Tolima—a district that was besieged with political violence a few years ago. In this city we have two Adventist churches, 500 active members, and two church schools.

We began the campaign February 14 with the graduation of 1,035 students from the Voice of Prophecy course, and then with the help of Dr. Daniel Gonzalez of Barquisimeto we initiated a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Even with two sessions each night it was impossible to accommodate all the 3,500 smokers who desired to enter, and hundreds followed the plan standing in the aisles and around the sides of the tent. We calculate that 2,450 smokers abandoned the habit by the close of the plan, and the newspapers carried stories that it had an impact on the sale of cigarettes in the city. This was a marvelous experience.

We are receiving invitations from different parts of the city to give lectures. A battalion of soldiers with their officers are planning to come next Tuesday night to hear a topic they have especially requested.

On the opening night of the evangelistic series there were 1,900 present, but the attendance has increased to approximately 4,000 each night in two sessions. It is impressive to see the long lines around the block waiting to enter, and when the doors are opened and they rush in, it inspires us to preach dynamically that many may be prepared for the coming of Jesus.
—Jose Osorio,



Dr. Daniel Gonzalez (left) with Evangelist Osorio in Ibague, Colombia Five-Day Plan.



1976 EVANGELISM PROGRESS

—George Carambot, president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, is holding evangelistic meetings in Cartagena (photo above). Workers associated with him in the campaign are district pastor, Oscar Ortiz; ministerial intern, Hernando Villarreal; and Bible worker, Alix Martinez. Between 500 and 600 persons attend the nightly meetings, and 200 are attending the baptismal class, which figure equals the current membership of the Cartagena church.

Norberto Carmona, president of the Pacific Colombia Mission, indicates that he and all the departmental directors are engaged in evangelistic campaigns.

Ernesto C. Santos, president of the West Venezuela Mission, opened a series of meetings on March 7 in Ciudad Ojeda, close to Maracaibo. The other administrators, all departmental directors and pastors, as well as many laymen, will be engaging in evangelistic campaigns throughout the mission.

Robert Folkenberg, president of the Central American Union, states there were 559 persons baptized in that union during the first two months of this year, which is double the number baptized the same period a year ago.

Cami Cruz, president of the El Salvador Mission, reports that 70 evangelistic campaigns are being conducted by laymen alone, and every pastor in the mission has a campaign in progress.

As a result, 300 persons were baptized in that mission during the first two months of the year.

Luis Alaña, president of the Panama Conference, has opened a series of evangelistic meetings in the city of Santiago, where we have not previously had any work established. Approximately 250 adults are attending, with separate meetings for more than 100 children each night. The workers of the Panama Conference have each pledged a third of their salary for this new work so that when the campaign closes a church will be established in Santiago.

Evangelistic meetings were begun Feb. 22 in the Kerlys, Martinique church. As part of this crusade, Marcel Abel, IAD Temperance director, conducted Temperance Week with 400 attending.

Samuel Guizar, secretary of the Mexican Union, informs us that for the first two months of 1976, 1,089 new members were baptized in that union.—Carlos Aeschlimann.

CARIBBEAN UNION COMPLETES INGATHERING IN THREE WEEKS—

The Guyana Conference completed its Ingathering goal in only one week, and latest reports reveal that the entire Caribbean Union Conference captured its Ingathering mountain summit goal of TT\$ 370,000 in just three weeks, and has gone beyond by TT\$ 8,167.
—T. T. Billingsy.



FOODS AND NUTRITION COURSE

—Women delegates from the churches of the West Venezuela Mission attended the foods and nutrition course taught by Mrs. Amilia F. Lopez in Barquisimeto. The plan is that these ladies will be instructors for the course back in their home Dorcas societies. —*Iris Santos.*



126 GAIN VICTORY IN FIVE-DAY PLAN IN RIO PIEDRAS, P. R.—In February of this year Pastors Felix Rios and Jorge Escandon conducted a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in the recently completed Adventist Welfare and Cultural Center in Rio Piedras. Of those attending, 126 gained the victory over tobacco and expressed their deep gratitude to the Adventist church and the Temperance Society. —*Jorge Escandon.*

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—*Miriam Wood.*

ELDER CHARLES DIRGOONANAN was born November 13, 1893 at Cocoyea Village San Fernando, Trinidad, and passed away February 17, 1976. Elder Dirgoonanan was converted from Hinduism to Adventism in 1916 while attending an evangelistic crusade conducted by M. B. Butterfield. He was so eager to share his new faith that he joined the ranks of pioneer literature evangelists of the South Caribbean Conference and served in this phase of the gospel ministry throughout the Caribbean Union for 35 years. For 15 of the 35 years he served as publishing secretary in the East Caribbean Conference, the South Caribbean Conference, and the then Guyana Mission.—*P. Rambharose.*

TEN CHURCHES ORGANIZED AND ONE TEMPLE DEDICATED IN THE EL SALVADOR MISSION

—In the first two months of 1976, the El Salvador Mission has organized ten new churches, bringing the total number of organized churches in the mission to 58. There are plans to organize 12 more churches in the near future.

When the Adventist church in Santa Tecla was dedicated recently, the press gave ample coverage of the event, for this new church is truly one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. Assisting in the act of dedication from the Central American Union were: Robert Folkenberg, president; Aristides Gonzalez, secretary; and Francisco Arroyo, auditor; and from the El Salvador Mission: Cami B. Cruz, president; Sinfioriano Alvarado, secretary-treasurer; Raul Rodriguez, departmental director; and others.—*Cami B. Cruz.*

EAST PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE COLLECTS \$20,000 IN 10 DAYS FOR GUATEMALAN RELIEF—The 102 churches of the East Puerto Rico Conference responded unanimously to the SOS sent to them by the conference lay activities director. A gigantic campaign on two weekends resulted in approximately \$20,000 donated for Guatemalan earthquake relief.—*Loren Gallardo.*



Isaac Suarez (right) conference president, and the writer, director of SAWS, presenting check for Guatemala to Antillian Union treasurer, Angel Perez (left).

THANK YOU FROM GUATEMALA—

In the name of the Executive Committee of the Guatemala Mission, I wish to thank the General Conference, the Inter-American Division, other world divisions, and unions and local fields of Inter-America for the generous aid they have sent to assist the people of Guatemala who suffered from the terrible earthquake that struck on February 4. This aid was channeled through the Inter-American Division and Central American Union, and has enabled us to give assistance in the name of the Adventist churches in Guatemala. We appreciate also the arduous work and support of each employee of the Central American Union to which we belong, from the president to the office boy. We are grateful to everyone for everything. —*Alfredo Gaona.*



EL SALVADOR MV'S CAMP IN MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS—One hundred forty Missionary Volunteers and counselors of the El Salvador Mission gathered amid trees and majestic mountains during the last week of January, 1976, to hold an MV Camp. Under the leadership of their youth director, Elder Raul Rodriguez, assisted by Elders Hector Jurado and C. Dionisio Christian, Central American Union and Inter-American Division youth directors respectively, precious days were spent in spiritual, educational and recreational activities in La Toma, Quezaltepeque, El Salvador.—*C. Dionisio Christian.*

COLLEGE DAY AT ANTILLIAN COLLEGE, BICENTENNIAL THEME

—The program committee in charge of organizing all the activities of College Day at Antillian College on March 21, has titled the celebration "Day of Christian Education in the Bicentennial Year". In this manner, the college paid tribute to the ideal of christian education, and at the same time to the patriotic ideal of the great American nation.—*Israel Recio*

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