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NOGALES, MEXICO—Two ministers were ordained in a ceremony in the Adventist church of this city during the workers' meeting of the Pacific Mexican Mission: ELIASIB SANCHEZ and CESAR GOMEZ. From the Mexican Union were Pastors Velino Salazar, president, who preached the sermon; Enrique Gil, treasurer, who gave the charge; and Samuel Guizar, secretary, who offered the prayer of consecration. Pastors Sanchez and Gomez were welcomed to the ministry by Jaime Castrejon, mission president.—*Jaime Castrejon*.

MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA—A youth Bible Conference held recently for the youth of the West Indies Union was a very interesting event for the 225 young people in attendance and for those of us who accompanied them. New decisions of faithfulness to the Lord and "the proclamation of the gospel to all that union in this generation" were made by the youth. It was our good fortune to take part in this activity with Elder C. A. Holness, youth director of the West Indies Union, and the youth directors of the local fields.—*C. Dionisio Christian*.

GUATEMALA

—Although several churches fell in ruins during the earthquake, others are being raised up for the honor and glory of God. One such example is the commodious church in Nueva Concepcion, which was dedicated March 8. Hundreds of people were present for the act of dedication, including Pastors Rolando Giron, Gustavo Bolanos, and the writer. The pastor of the Suchitepequez district, Elden Cruz, had joined the local elder, Tomas Miranda, in leading the members toward this goal.

February 14, only ten days after the earthquake, another beautiful church was dedicated in El Chalum, Huehuetenango. The laymen of the district came together for this occasion, and to those who combined their efforts in the winning of 100 new members during 1975, Pastor Escriel Romero presented meaningful certificates signifying this accomplishment.

—*Alfredo Gaona*.

MARTINIQUE—Pastors Guy and Joel Valleray, youth directors of the Franco-Haitian Union and Martinique Conference, held an inspiring MV Congress February 20-22. —*Marcel Abel*.



Fellowship at workers' meeting.

FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE

—Seven workers from Guadeloupe and one from French Guiana gathered here with the workers of Martinique. We enjoyed fellowship together as we received instruction on evangelism and our personal relationship with God from Elders E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference and M. G. Nembhard of the Division. We were all physically as well as spiritually benefited from being together. Elder Cleveland also spoke each evening to capacity audiences in the beautiful Ephesus church.—*G. M. Ellstrom*.



MAZATLAN, MEXICO—One hundred twenty Literature Evangelists from the Pacific and North Mexican Missions gathered for an unforgettable Colporteur Institute February 12, 1976 in this beautiful seaport city. Accompanied by the officers and publishing leaders of both missions, these consecrated colporteurs reported record-breaking sales and soul-winning accomplishments. Representatives of the Union, Division and General Conference were thrilled as new goals were set for individual and collective exploits for the Master in 1976. Local newspapers gave prominent coverage to the dinner for presentation of awards at the Decima Hotel (shown in background) which highlighted this publishing event.—*Francisco Jimenez*.



CARACAS, VENEZUELA—Two outstanding achievements were celebrated at the East Venezuela Triennial Session: the elevation of the mission to conference status, and the inauguration of the new office building purchased in a beautiful section of the city. Last year the East Venezuela Mission baptized 1,111 new members, and ministers and delegates to this triennial session of the conference (pictured in front of the new office) set a goal of 1,800 baptisms for 1976.
—Luis Florez.

MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA—An Educational Council (photo at right) was recently held in the office of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. The education directors from the seven local fields were present, along with representatives from each of the nine secondary schools and many teachers from Colombia-Venezuela Union College. With the valuable assistance of Dr. David Rhys, education director of the Inter-American Division, the council was an inspiration to all, and many expressed their appreciation to the writer, the union education director.
—Joel Manosalva.



MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA—After Pastors Sergio Moctezuma, F. L. Baer and L. A. Ramirez spoke to the workers at the Pacific Press in the morning chapel of March 1 regarding the terrible destruction of the Guatemalan earthquake, General Manager W. J. Blacker spontaneously gave an opportunity to the employees to take up an offering for colporteurs in distress and to replace literature display cases in the churches of Guatemala. As a consequence, the PPPA family of workers gathered \$2,210. The president of the Guatemala Mission, Alfredo Gaona, has indicated these funds have already been received, are much appreciated, and will be put to good use.—L. A. Ramirez.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS—The Colombian Islands Mission had a per capita per week giving to Adventist world missions in 1975 of US\$ 2.62. Sincere congratulations. This would be a good goal for other fields in 1976.
—Arturo Weisheim.



SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA—Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann (at pulpit), Ministerial Secretary of the Inter-American Division, initiated a series of evangelistic meetings in San Jose with the graduation of 1,064 Voice of Prophecy students. He is simultaneously conducting a School of Evangelism for the workers of the Costa Rica Mission and 22 junior and senior theology students from Central American Union College. During the first four weeks, 120 were baptized. There are good prospects for evangelism advance in this great capitol city.—M. F. Muñoz.