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BARBADOS PREPARES FOR PIERSON CRUSADE

Plans for the Pierson Crusade (officially called "The Festival of Faith Crusade") are moving along nicely. The Bridgetown churches are busily engaged in taking Bible lessons to the people in the area. We have over 2,000 enrolled in the Caribbean Bible Institute course.

We have received the shipping papers on the tent, which should be arriving in Barbados shortly. It will be pitched on the main road near the University of the West Indies.

We expect Elder and Mrs. Pierson, Dr. Wayne McFarland, and a friend of the Piersons, to arrive in Barbados on July 1 for the start of the crusade Friday, July 2. Elder Pierson will be with us until the 18th. Elder W. W. Fordham will come in for follow-up from July 19 - 26, and Elder Stephen Purcell from July 26 to August 8.

We are outfitting the tent with new equipment, including a portable baptismal pool which has been ordered from the U. S. We have also acquired a Baldwin organ.

Our young people are involved in the planning and preparatory phases, blazing a trail for the senior church to follow. The Crusade Choir is building up its repertoire under the direction of Pastor Cameron Bowen.

We want everything to be representative of the message we will be proclaiming, and on our part we are investing for success. The spirit here is infectious, because Elder Fitzroy Maitland, the crusade director, is giving strong, enthusiastic leadership.

Elsewhere in the East Caribbean Conference we also have a strong program in progress. Crusades are currently being held in Grenada, in St. Vincent, in Barbados, in Dominica, in St. Lucia, and in Micoud.

We are investing much in these meetings, and by God's grace we are working for the optimum success. Barbados has never had a major break-through in evangelism like Trinidad and Jamaica, and we pray that in these days of Pentecostal power Elder Pierson's Crusade will be just the break-through that will bring a large harvest of souls in the city of Bridgetown, Barbados.—Roy L. Hoyte.

EVANGELISM REPORTS

Carlos E. Aeschlimann, division ministerial secretary, together with Pastors Mario Muñoz and Haroldo Ruilobo, just concluded an evangelistic series in San Jose, Costa Rica, with the result that 404 persons were baptized and two new churches were organized. Pastor Aeschlimann considers this a new day for San Jose, which has been one of the most difficult cities of the division. The Costa Rica Mission now has 90 percent of its 1976 baptismal goal, and hopes to reach 100 percent within a few days.

K. S. Wiggins, Caribbean Union evangelist, is now holding evangelistic meetings in St. Augustine, Trinidad. Dr. Oliver Headley of the University of the West Indies was the inauguration speaker for the series of meetings, and gave the official welcome to those in attendance. The meetings are going forward nicely, and there are prospects for a rich harvest of souls.

Velino Salazar, president of the Mexican Union, gave a report at a recent division morning worship that his union has already baptized 4,500 persons thus far in 1976. Hundreds of laymen are preaching and aiding the pastors in the winning of souls.

Pastor Lester C. Thomas of the West Jamaica Conference has just concluded a tent effort in the district of Chambers Pen in which 206 persons

were baptized. This has created the need for a larger church building since over a third of the members cannot be housed in the present building. The challenge is great, but with the help of God and the brethren a new church is contemplated. In the meanwhile a makeshift tabernacle accommodates the overflow.

Fred Hernandez, president of the West Puerto Rico Conference, is holding evangelistic meetings three nights a week in the city of Moca, and has had 80 decisions for baptism so far.

Following a recent My Bible Speaks course in the La Bondad church in Santo Domingo, Pastor Danilo Rodriguez conducted a two-week series of evangelistic meetings and baptized 20 persons.

Thirty-three persons were baptized at the conclusion of Pastor Th. Grep's evangelistic series on the island of Aruba, which represents an achievement on that island.

Antony Henry, ministerial secretary of the Franco-Haitian Union, reports that evangelistic meetings are in progress every night of the week in 90 different places in that union, including every church and company in the Guadeloupe Mission. A new church of 60 members will soon be organized in Mirageane, Haiti.—Editor.



THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA, Honorable Daniel Oduber, received Pastors Guillermo Melendez, mission president; Carlos Aeschlimann, IAD ministerial secretary, and David G. y Poyato, and they explained to him the type of subjects to be presented in the San Jose evangelistic series. Hon. Oduber expressed his appreciation especially for those themes directed towards the problems of youth.—Mario Muñoz.



THE YOUTH OF CURACAO worked as a Marantha team under the direction of the Netherlands Antilles Mission youth director, and as a result Pastors Jan Brinkman and I. Leito are pictured above as they baptized 23 persons.—*I. Leito.*



THE MARTINIQUE CONFERENCE has 35 evangelistic crusades in progress, and the 11 persons pictured above are representative of the 208 baptized thus far this year as first fruits of these meetings. —*M. Linzau.*



GONZALO BENTANCOURT, a layman (seated at right) with the Naranjos, Mexico district pastor, Proceso Echavarri, and the seven persons won to the message by him and baptized since the first of the year. —*Natan C. Werekeintzen.*



LAYMEN OF THE COSOLEACAQUE DISTRICT, Southeast Mexican Conference, who under the dynamic direction of Pastor Efrain Ruiz, won 122 new members for the glory of God during 1975.—*Rafael Chan.*



THIS FINE GROUP OF LAYMEN in the El Salvador Mission were prepared for lay evangelism by Juan O. Perla, mission lay activities director, and district pastor Petronilo Quiejer, and have set a goal to hold 15 evangelistic crusades between now and the end of the year.—*Juan O. Perla.*

FOUR PRISONERS were baptized on March 16 in the Comalcalco, Mexico Seventh-day Adventist church. Prison authorities made all the necessary arrangements for transportation and guards in order that the four might be baptized by Pastor Tomas Luna of the Southeast Mexican Conference. After the ceremony they were welcomed by Pastor Rafael Chan. The Messengers of the King had worked extensively in the prison, not only delivering Bible correspondence lessons, but giving Bible studies as well.

April 10 was another happy occasion in the same prison when 20 inmates received their Voice of Prophecy diplomas from district pastor Jose Luis de Jesus and the writer —*Daniel Sosa.*

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