



# Flashes

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**THE CD. VALLES CHURCH** with only 25 members is the most recently organized of any in the North Mexican Mission, and when 250 laymen from the Mante, Tampico and Valles districts met there on May 8 it was a great encouragement to the members in that small church. After the Sabbath sermon the laymen went out two by two and visited 1,000 homes in the city.

Two radio stations granted free time to inform the listeners about the meetings and invite them to attend. At the close of the congress one of the radio stations granted a half-hour interview at which Pastor Alfredo Aeschlimann, administrative coordinator of the Montemorelos University, and the principal speaker at the lay congress, gave a complete report of the beliefs and activities of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, and Pastors Josafat Romero, Antonio Estrada and Marcelino Chavez covered the activities of the local church.—*Armando Miranda.*



Radio announcer interviewing Pastor Aeschlimann and district pastors.

**THE NORTH DOMINICAN MISSION** designated the weeks of May 15 to June 26 as "Total Evangelism" time with every administrator, departmental director, pastor, teacher, colporteur and office secretary joining with the laymen in evangelistic meetings. There are sixty campaigns in progress during this period, and the baptismal goal is 1,000.—*J. P. Valentin.*

**THEOLOGY STUDENTS** of Colombia-Venezuela Union College are using the method of combining the medical work with the preaching of present truth in new areas. They have organized themselves into teams which are conducting Five-Day Plans to help people quit smoking.—*Marcos Terreros.*

*NOTE TO IAD NEWS WRITERS: Black & white action pictures are most appropriate.*

**A YOUTH RALLY AND HEALTH SEMINAR** was recently held on the island of St. Croix. A Youth Federation was organized with Delvin Chatham as president. Dr. V. S. Sparks, IAD medical director, was the speaker at the Health Seminar and emphasized the relationship that exists between air, exercise, diet, water and health. Present also on this occasion were the officers of the North Caribbean Conference. The events were organized by Orien Fleming, conference youth director, and Everette W. Howell, youth director of the Caribbean Union, who challenged the Federation to accomplish great deeds for God. Immediately following, a similar Health Workshop was held in St. Thomas, and there also a Youth Federation was organized with Mr. Carl Barclay as president.—*Everette W. Howell.*

**ALMOLONGA** is a town situated in the mountains of western Guatemala where the Adventist message had never penetrated until recently when Pastor Rolando Giron made plans for its evangelization. He was unable to rent a hall or church for the meetings, but he secured permission to hold them in the municipal market building. Each night approximately 400 persons gather to hear the Divine message, and many fervent people have requested Bible studies, including the mayor of the town.—*Alfredo Gaona.*



Early arrivals in the Almolonga market waiting to hear Pastor Giron.



**A LADY COLPORTEUR** recently sold a set of **THE BIBLE STORY** to a distinguished neurologist, Dr. Ovidio Duarte, and is pictured making the delivery together with the publishing director. This conscientious physician has been reading the Spirit of Prophecy books and has begun to close his clinic on the Sabbath. We believe he will soon be added to the more than 626 new members who have made their decisions for Christ and have been baptized in 1976 in the El Salvador Mission.—*Esriel Romero.*

**THE RESPONSE SURPASSED ALL EXPECTATIONS** in the Cap-Haitien, Haiti Reaping Crusade, and many came after each service requesting baptism. We had three large Sabbath celebrations in which the church provided a fellowship luncheon especially for the 250 visitors. Before the departure of the writer (the evangelist in the campaign) there were four baptismal services in which 75 persons were baptized with their Lord, and that many more remain to be followed up.—*M. G. Nembbard.*





**SITUATED IN CHIAPAS, SOUTH MEXICO**, is the scenic campus of Linda Vista Academy, which is nestled in a beautiful valley surrounded by majestic trees and verdant hills. Here about 250 students receive a Christian education from a dedicated group of teachers.

The writer, accompanied by Francisco Jimenez, publishing director of the Mexican Union, along with the directors and associate directors of the South Mexican Conference and the West Mission, assembled at Linda Vista from March 23-28, 1976, for the annual student colporteur recruiting and training.

Half of the student body responded to the challenge of the summer through Literature Evangelism, which is a record response for this school. With the dedication manifested during the training sessions, there is no doubt that this will be a very outstanding summer for these student literature evangelists.—*I. B. Benson.*

**THE FESTIVAL OF FAITH** lectures began at Black Rock, Bridgetown, Barbados on Friday evening, July 2, with R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as the guest speaker. There were nearly 3,000 eager listeners in attendance as he presented his subject for the opening night, "Why Do Innocent People Suffer?"

Dr. Wayne McFarland from the General Conference is also giving health lectures each evening. A great interest has been aroused.

Participating in this crusade are the churches in the Bridgetown area, the ministers of the adjacent districts, and a large number of members who have volunteered to do Bible work. With the interest that has been aroused and the 1,200 that are in the Bible correspondence school, we are praying that there will be the greatest harvest of souls that Bridgetown has ever experienced.

Inasmuch as the world president will not be able to spend more than two weeks, he will be followed by W. W. Fordham, regional secretary for the North American Division, who will be in Barbados for one week, after which a very well-known evangelist from the South Caribbean Conference, S. Purcell, will take over.—*M. G. Nembhard.*

#### OBITUARY

**RODOLFO LEAL**, renowned in the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico as chief justice, judge in Montemorelos, philosopher and anthropologist, passed to his rest May 10, 1976. After his retirement from public office, he served the University of Montemorelos for several hours each day as an outstanding teacher and lawyer, and did much for the establishment of the Normal and Business Administration Departments of the college. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the University of Montemorelos at which students, faculty and friends paid tribute to his life of service.—*A. Miranda.*

**SANTIAGO, PANAMA**, a city with 20,000 inhabitants, had no Seventh-day Adventist church members until recently when the conference committee requested the conference president, Luis Alaña, to do initial evangelization together with several teachers and Pastor Magdaleno Bartuano. The first phase was Bible courses, from which 893 students graduated, followed by a Five-Day Plan in which 237 persons gave up smoking. At the close of the evangelistic campaign itself 59 persons were baptized.—*Luis Alaña.*



Pastor Alaña presenting "When God Speaks" certificate to a graduate in Santiago, Panama

**A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE HAZARDS OF SMOKING** was recently conducted in a Catholic church in the Netherlands Antilles. Participants were Dr. J. Simpson, I. Leito, mission temperance director; and Mirtho Presentacion, publishing director. Arrangements for this unusual presentation were made by two colporteurs.

Under the dynamic leadership of Pastor Presentacion, the work of colporteurs is bringing the Word of God to unknown places on all three islands of the mission.—*I. Leito.*



**BY THE UNITED EFFORTS** of the members of the Soto Mayor Adventist church in the city of Bucaramanga, Colombia, these nice classrooms were recently completed for the 80 church school students who attend. Teachers are Margarita Amaya, wife of the pastor, and Miss Sara Duran.—*Joel Manosalva.*