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FESTIVAL OF FAITH CRUSADE

—Barbados was host to Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference; Dr. Wayne McFarland, associate director of the General Conference Health Department; W. W. Fordham, General Conference director for Regional Affairs; K. S. Wiggins, Caribbean Union evangelist; and Stephen Purcell, South Caribbean Conference evangelist, for a four-week Festival of Faith Crusade. Elder Pierson was the preacher for the first two weeks, baptizing 85 persons. Elder Fordham followed for one week and 56 baptisms were added. Elder Purcell was the preacher for the fourth week and baptized 60, bringing the total number of baptisms from this campaign to 201. Pastors Allan Williams and David Bryant are continuing the meetings and leading out in the follow up.—*Roy L. Hoyte.*



TEACHERS' CONGRESS—Educators of the Pacific Colombia Mission recently gathered under the motto "And He Gave Some....Teachers" (Eph. 4:11). Pastors Joel Manosalva and D. D. Larsen, Colombia-Venezuela Union and mission educational directors, and Norberto Carmona, mission president, presented counsel on administration and techniques of teaching for the strengthening of the educational institutions.—*N. Carmona.*



CURACAO—Jose Osorio, Colombia-Venezuela Union evangelist, recently visited the Netherlands Antilles Mission in preparation for the evangelistic effort which will begin in Curacao in the month of October. Mini evangelistic campaigns began in all the churches in Curacao the first of August in preparation for the major evangelistic thrust of Pastor Osorio in October. Members of the churches are working hard giving Bible studies in preparation of the coming meetings.—*I. Leito.*

BELIZE—Teachers of the Belize Mission are currently attending the first Extension Course to be offered on the campus of the Adventist Vocational School in Calcuta, Belize, by Central American Union College. The six-weeks course is under the direction of visiting professors Samuel Ortiz, Eliseo Escalante and Wesley Taylor. G. O. Gregory, mission president, and D. Lin, acting director of the academy, were also present for the opening of the course.—*G. O. Gregory.*



Pastor & Mrs. R. H. Pierson



CENTRAL MEXICAN CONFERENCE—A total of 368 new believers were baptized in Cuautla and Yau-tepec Morelos by the close of the campaign in July, 1976, many of whom are pictured with Evangelist J. Arcadio Gonzalez and his team (Jose Aviles, Silvia Neri and David Zarate).—*Carlos Aeschlimann.*



TEMPERANCE WEEK was observed in the Surinam Mission May 22-29, and on June 5 a Temperance Contest was held in the Centrum church with participants from five churches in the area. Youth submitted original entries of songs, poems, jingles, posters, and speeches. Left to right in photo: Mrs. G. E. Keizer, temperance director of the Surinam Mission and sponsor of the contest; Romeo Gesius, with his prize-winning poster; George Elshot, master of ceremonies; and Ewald Greb, winner of first prize in the speech contest. This was the first such program in the Surinam Mission, but the excellent attendance and enthusiasm indicate it should not be the last.—*Everette W. Howell.*



A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER has been called for November 6, 1976 in Inter-America and the whole world field. On this same date the Annual Week of Sacrifice Offering will be received. The treasurer of the General Conference, Kenneth H. Emmerson, writes: "Lay before our people the importance of finishing the work, especially in the areas that seem to be fast closing to the spreading of the gospel. We are living in the last days of this world's history. We do not have too much more time, especially in some areas of the world. Would it not be pleasing to the Lord if we were to place special emphasis on this offering this year so as to take advantage of the opportunities still open to us at the present time."—*R. R. Drachenberg.*

PRISON WITNESSING—Since 1972 Mrs. Maria Susana Henriquez has been doing a praise-worthy work of witnessing to prisoners in her home town in the Dominican Republic. Desiring to share her faith with others, she distributes food, clothing and medicine to prison inmates.

Her contacts with the prison officials have been so effective that they assigned to her a dining hall in which to hold Sabbath services. They also permitted her to have a small baptistry constructed within the prison, and here 28 inmates have demonstrated their desire to bury their past sinful lives and be a part of the family of heaven.

In her prison work, Mrs. Henriquez is often accompanied by other sisters of the church, and from time to time by the district pastor.—*Diogenes Suero.*

PHYSICAL FITNESS was stressed at the recent meeting of the Central American Union Committee held at the Valle de Angeles Adventist Hospital in Honduras. Fifteen workers voluntarily submitted to a physical condition examination during which they were timed as they ran a mile and a half. Afterward the physician gave his analysis, classifying each worker as excellent, good, medium or poor condition. Using Biblical texts which categorize spiritual condition, he counseled committeemen to strive for perfection in both their spiritual lives and physical condition.—*R. McBroom.*



ON THE ISLAND OF BONAIRE, in the Netherlands Antilles Mission, Dr. J. Simpson and Pastor I. Leito recently conducted a Stop-Smoking Course in which 87% of those attending, including the Governor of the island, quit the smoking habit.—*I. Leito.*



MARTINIQUE—After years of successful service as a literature evangelist, Camille Lucien has assumed responsibilities as Publishing Director, and is doing a remarkable work recruiting. Literature evangelists and instructors are pictured in recent annual institute.—*Raul Rojas.*