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GUATEMALA CITY—Forty-three ministers of the printed page attended a Spiritual Retreat which was recently held for them and their publishing directors and the manager of the Adventist Book Center in a picturesque setting. Among those giving instruction were the administrators of the Guatemala Mission, and from the Central American Union: Claudio Ingleton, Victor Collins, and David G. y Poyato.—*Alfredo Gaona.*

"MARANATHA" AT ICOLVEN

An inspirational week of prayer and spiritual emphasis was directed by Jose Osorio, Colombia-Venezuela Union evangelist, at ICOLVEN (*Instituto Colombo-Venezolano*) in Medellin September 3-11. The theme was: "Maranatha": To Love, To Proclaim, To Hasten, and To Be Ready For the Second Coming of Jesus.

The morning and evening meetings were well attended by students and faculty, as well as neighbors of the college. At the conclusion of the week 46 persons were baptized, and 80 others made their decision for future baptism.—*Marcos Terreros.*

LOSS OF FAITHFUL COLPORTEUR

With sadness we have received the word of the loss of one of the ministers of the printed page of the Costa Rica Mission, Brother Eduardo Ballester, who was drowned during a storm as he sailed to the place where he was to make his deliveries of the gospel seed.

We extend to his loved ones and his companions in the publishing work our most sincere sympathy. May they find comfort in the blessed and glorious hope of the resurrection and a new day when all the faithful servants of God will rejoice with the gift of eternal life.—*Raul Rojas.*



CALI, COLOMBIA—More than 1,500 attended the Trust Services Congress held June 14-27 for the nine churches of Cali. Pastors Gabriel Castro (right) of the Inter-American Division, and Ramon Maury, of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, gave instruction on wills, inheritances, and trusts. Many requested personal counsel and are being assisted by the treasurer of the Pacific Colombia Mission, Haroldo Cardenas, in this important phase of Christian stewardship.—*Norberto Carmona.*

PANAMA CONFERENCE REACHED 1976 BAPTISMAL GOAL BY JUNE

Emphasis has been given this year in Panama to "The Bible Speaks" program, which has resulted in 5,800 graduations from the course, and the Conference reaching 100 percent of its baptismal goal for the entire year by mid-year.—*Luis Alana.*

CURACAO—Several months ago a layman gave a copy of *Steps to Christ* to a Catholic nun, who has now requested copies in Papiamento for a Bible class she is conducting.—*I. Leito.*



VILLAHERMOSA—This past summer the Southeast Mexican Conference celebrated the 50th Anniversary of MV Camping with outstanding camps for both junior and senior youth, one of which is pictured above. More than 200 certificates were issued to campers for MV honors earned, and 43 youth finished the MV Leadercraft Course. A baptism was conducted at each camp, and many expressed appreciation for the instruction in victorious Christian living. The camps were under the direction of the writer and the youth director of the Mexican Union, Eliezer Melendez.—*Guillermo Illingworth.*



BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—The medical, dental, and engineering students of Bogota have organized an Adventist University Students Association to coordinate their missionary efforts. They are pictured above participating in a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in the San Isidro Catholic church with the writer (left to right), the parish priest who served as master of ceremonies, the Adventist pastor who gave the psychological instruction, and (right) the senior medical student who gave the scientific instruction.—*Raimundo Pardo.*



DYNAMIC LAY PREACHERS IN THE EL SALVADOR MISSION

Nine men of the Seventh-day Adventist church in historic 10th of September were recently ordained as local elders. All are dynamic lay preachers engaged in active soul-winning work.—*Escriel Romero.*



APPRECIATION FOR AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN MEXICO

Many suffered loss of homes, crops, and cattle in the floods that swept through sections of the state of Tamaulipas in July. Immediately after the catastrophe, Donato Ramirez and Josafath Romero of the North Mexican Conference, together with a number of laymen, organized relief supplies to be sent by SAWS.

With the special intervention of the wife of the governor of Tamaulipas, they were able to have a truck loaded with ten tons of clothing, shoes, food, and kitchen equipment, cross the border at Laredo, Texas. This material, together with that which the North Mexican Conference had prepared, provided much-appreciated help for those who had suffered tremendous losses.—*Daniel Sosa.*



NORTH HAITI—The baptism of more than 25 candidates who were left in the Bible class when M. G. Nembhard, assoc. director of IAD Ministerial Association, ended his meetings in Cap-Haitien, brings the total number from that crusade to approximately 100. We give praise and thanks to God for what has been accomplished. Candidates are pictured above with gift Bibles in hand.—*M. G. Nembhard.*



COLE BAY CHURCH DEDICATED

A new Seventh-day Adventist church with a seating capacity of 250 was dedicated at Cole Bay on the island of St. Maarten, in the Lesser Antilles, on May 23. E. F. Malone, pastor at nearby Philipsburg, had a full church with no space for expansion, so when he conducted an evangelistic crusade in Cole Bay and baptized 60 new members, a new church became a necessity.

Assisting Pastor Malone in the dedicatory service were W. W. Thomson and E. A. Blackman, president and treasurer respectively of the North Caribbean Conference, and I. I. Berkel, pastor of the St. Eustatius district. Leon Phillips, stewardship director of the Caribbean Union, preached the dedicatory sermon.—*W. W. Thomson.*