



Flashes

586 NEW MEMBERS FROM GEORGETOWN CRUSADE

The crusade in Georgetown, Guyana, which opened on September 26 and closed on November 28, resulted in the baptism of 586 precious souls. We have witnessed many miracles, including a miracle of healing from blindness. Some of the converts had interesting testimonies of their decision to come out of other churches, including: Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witnesses, Nazarene, Full Gospel, Pilgrim Holiness, Church of God, Anglican, Bahia Faith, Assembly of God, Spiritual Church, Baptist, House of Israel, Rasta-Fari, Lutheran, Methodist, Salvation Army, Christian Church, Brethren, and Hindu. Among the many careers represented by these new members were: lawyers of well-known firms, a professor at the University of Guyana, a Lutheran evangelist and singer, the secretary of the Medical Board of Guyana, a teacher from the Ministry of Education, a jeweler from Switzerland, a head school master, laborers, and craftsmen. We spent not one cent for gifts or prizes for attendance. We offered only the preached Word and the Holy Spirit.

—Don Crowder



VETERAN WORKER RETIRES

Consuelo Rivera has recently retired after 42 years of treasury work in the Inter-oceanic Conference. She began denominational work when that field was known as the Tehuantepec Mission of Mexico. For three years she was the treasurer and the remaining years secretary to the treasurer, serving under 12 presidents and eight treasurers. The conference secretary and treasurer, Efrain Piedra and Samuel Meza, are pictured (left to right) as they presented a certificate of appreciation to Miss Rivera for this outstanding record of faithful and efficient service.

—Daniel Loredó

MIRACLES OF EVANGELISM

During a rain storm in Caracas, Venezuela, a young woman stood on a street corner trying to hail a taxi. She had not planned to take a taxi for an important appointment, but with the heavy downpour she really needed transportation. A couple of taxis stopped, but when she explained that she had only 10 bolivars the drivers sped off after telling her they would need at least 50 to take her to that address.

The next cab to stop was driven by a Seventh-day Adventist. "Sir," she began, "No one wants to take me to an urgent appointment because I have only 10 bolivars with me. Could you possibly take me for that amount in this rain?" "Of course," the driver replied, "I am ready to serve you." He courteously put her in the cab, and then began telling her about a special service to be held at his church the next Saturday and invited her to attend.

The next Sabbath morning she was sitting in the Adventist church, and came again and again in the weeks that followed. When she was baptized after three months the taxi driver gave her another invitation, this time to become a colporteur, suggesting she begin with magazines.

The new colporteur recruit was given a territory in downtown Caracas known as El Silencio. She used her artistic talent to draw a picture for a



SDA CHURCH ON POSTAGE STAMP

The Bahamas Postal Authority has released six stamps featuring churches of the Bahamas as their Christmas 1982 issue. One of these, a 12-cent stamp, pictures the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Stamp collectors interested in obtaining this special issue are invited to write to the Communication Department of the Inter-American Division.

—Fred E. Hernandez

huge billboard, depicting the advantages of good nutrition, the problems of smoking, etc., and calling the attention of passers-by to *Life and Health* and *Sentinel* magazines in Spanish. Soon she was selling an average of 500 magazines every day. She secured the addresses of her most interested customers and visited them in the evenings to give them an opportunity to purchase books.

This young woman was successful in her colporteur work from the beginning, but soon asked the Adventist Book Center for a three-month leave of absence so she could return to her home in Peru. Upon her arrival in Lima she told her relatives she had something she wished to share with all



NEW BOOK ON ADVENTIST CHURCH HISTORY

Eric John Murray, the president of the Caribbean Union, is pictured presenting a copy of his new book, *A History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Trinidad and Tobago*, to Olive Fletcher, the IAD librarian. The book was published by the Caribbean Union College Press, P. O. Box 175, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

—Fred E. Hernandez

of them. Then she noticed that one brother was missing and learned that he was away at a seminary studying to become a priest. "I cannot start speaking until he is with us," she said. The brother secured a three-day pass so all the family could be together, and then she began telling them the joy she had found in her new faith. The entire family accepted the Adventist message. Today the brother who secured the three-day pass is preparing for the ministry at the Adventist college in Naña, Peru, and the colporteur sister is again distributing truth-filled literature. —Luis Florez

BRIEFS

* Workers of the East Jamaica Conference recently participated in a Public Affairs and Religious Liberty seminar with J. L. Campos of the IAD and B. B. Beach of the General Conference. Dr. Beach suggested Adventists should do more to communicate with those of other religious affiliations. "We need to become 'bridge builders' in understanding," he stated. The two guests accompanied N. S. Fraser and M. E. Weir in a courtesy call on the Governor General of Jamaica at King's House. —M. J. Grant

* The president of the Cayman Islands Mission, T. W. Thompson, reports construction on Edmer High School is nearing completion and will soon be ready for the 110 students and six teachers. The US\$70,000 building will have classrooms, office space, and an auditorium. —Fred E. Hernandez

* Daniel Loredo, communication director of the Inter-oceanic Conference, has completed an evangelistic crusade in Veracruz, Mexico, with the assistance of Victor Moreno, a ministerial intern, and Lucia Sanchez, a Bible worker. Eighty persons were baptized and more than 250 persons continue in the Bible study class.

* Four hundred persons attended the laymen's congress at Alajuela, Costa Rica, and 600 the congress in San Jose. The guest lecturer for both was Jose Espinosa, General Conference field secretary, who spoke on the central theme, "The Sanctuary." —Luis Alaña

OBITUARY

Jenny Rodriguez was born August 31, 1925, in Puerto Rico, and died November 23, 1982, in Texas. Her husband, Felix Rodriguez, was a pastor, evangelist, departmental director, and Antillian Union president. She shared in his ministry in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the United States. At the time of her death they were serving the San Antonio, Texas, Spanish church. With her family we look forward to the resurrection day. —Fred E. Hernandez

TO NEW POSTS



Central American Union

Three office secretaries have joined the union staff in Alajuela, Costa Rica: Isabel Badilla, from Costa Rica; Liatrica Williams, from Panama; and Nohemi Villegas, from Costa Rica. —Luis Alaña

Colombia-Venezuela Union

Itamar De Paiva, from the South American Division and a student at Andrews University, is now a theology teacher at the college in Medellin, Colombia.

RECENT GRADUATE

Olga Schmidt, a professor of Music at Montemorelos University, received her Doctor of Music from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA, this year.



VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE SCHOOL

A group of volunteer workers from Florida, USA, recently visited the North Dominican Mission and completed the building of Colegio Adventista in Puerto Plata. Our thanks to these good friends. —Abner Gomez



NUTRITION INSTRUCTION AT MONTEMORELOS UNIVERSITY

The Department of Nutrition at Montemorelos University, under the direction of Dolores LeGrand, dietitian, is inviting specialists in various areas of nutrition to serve as guest instructors. The most recent was Gloria Melendez of Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico, who was first a dietitian and then a medical doctor. Dr. Melendez is pictured (center) with this year's graduates of the nutrition course. —Alwyn Nicholas



HANDICAPPED SERVED IN CAYENNE

The Dorcas Society of Cayenne, French Guiana, recently presented a program in the La Perseverance School in honor of the handicapped. Mission officials and the president of the Society for the Handicapped of French Guiana were present. Thirty disabled persons received appropriate gifts. This was the first time the Dorcas women of Cayenne had organized such a program, but they promise such events will continue to be a part of their service to the community. —Melle Emmanuelle Rezaire



PATHFINDERS ON PARADE

Pathfinders and Master Guides of the Adventist secondary school at La Concepcion, Chiriqui, Panama, participated in the Flag Day Parade on national Independence Day in November. The club directors, Carlos Gomez and Alberto Dudley, teachers at the school, also led the youth in two recent week-end camp-outs. One was near the foot of Volcano Baru. —John Parchment