

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HEALTH PRINCIPLES

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Health principles are a historic part of Seventh-day Adventist belief and teaching. These principles came to us as a direct result of divine inspiration. At the time when the Lord began to give light upon this subject to this people, and our Leaders began to agitate the question, these principles were not popular in the world. We did not receive them from the scientists nor from the medical practitioners of the world. The teaching of these principles came to be known among us as health reform.

There are certain unique and distinctive features of this message which set it apart from all other religious systems. As examples of these features, we may mention Sabbath reform, the preaching of the three angels' messages, the second coming of Jesus, the nature of man, and the state of the dead. In later years even the world has come to recognize that Seventh-day Adventist teachings and practices involve certain important health principles. Today many individuals and organizations are teaching and advocating certain of these; large institutions have been built up, in part at least, upon the practice of these principles. In many leading mental hospitals at the present time, hydrotherapy is used as a means of treating the mentally sick. More and more the world is coming to recognize and appreciate these principles. Nevertheless, Seventh-day Adventists still have a distinctive mission in the proclamation of certain great health principles, which are also a distinctive feature of this message. How important that every believer in this message should not only believe these principles, but practice them as well!

"I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body."—*Testimonies, Vol 3, page 161.*

"When the third angel's message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements. Then the right arm will serve and protect the body."—*Id., Vol. 6, page 327*

The principles of health reform rest upon a sane, rational basis, and are very comprehensive. "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power, —these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them."—*Ministry of Healing, page 127.*

When our health principles first began to be advocated, as we have already indicated, there was much opposition to them. This opposition sprang from two sources: ignorance regarding the principles involved; and secondly, the fact that these principles cut across the practice and the perverted appetites of many. The acceptance of these principles was to those who received them an act of faith. As the years have passed there has been an unfolding of light upon these principles that has demonstrated their scientific value. As a boy, I can well remember the derisive ridicule heaped upon Adventists as they were termed "bran eaters." Today great corporations spend huge sums of money in advertising and producing whole-germ products. They explain to the consuming public why such products are more wholesome and nutritious. The value of the mineral and vitamin content is emphasized. The use of fruit and vegetable products is now advocated by many on every hand.

Every year thousands of people have recourse to our sanitariums and health institutions in order to derive benefit from their rational dietary, as well as from the treatments given in an effort to regain their health. Even physicians of the world recognize the value of our system of treatments.

Just following the great influenza epidemic of 1918, I visited a physician in his office. In telling me of his experience, he showed me his book in which were recorded the calls he made. This man had been going constantly, day and night, for days, waiting upon the large number of people who were calling for his services. As he related his experiences, he said to me, "One day when I came into my office and sat here, I suddenly realized that I myself had contracted the influenza. Being worn out with my days of incessant toil in behalf of others, I knew that it might go very hard with me. I went to the telephone and rang up Mr. So-and-So (whom I recognized as one of our Seventh-day Adventist church members in that place, who was a machinist). I told this man that I had the influenza and was going home and to bed, and I wanted him to come and take care of me; that he was to give me hot fomentations; that if I became unconscious, he was to keep up the treatment until I was either dead or better." This doctor was not willing to trust his own case to the medicines he had prescribed for others, but he turned to a Seventh-day Adventist church member, whose medical training consists of his ability to give fomentations, to carry him through a siege of the influenza. The doctor made a good recovery under the treatment.

With the world coming to appreciate and advocate these principles more and more, there is abundant reason that Seventh-day Adventists should have confidence in them. The time has certainly come when every believer in this message should be an earnest, ardent advocate of the well-rounded, sensible health principles for which this denomination stands. Today we appeal to all of our church members, as this important subject is under consideration, to give earnest attention to these important health principles. There should be a recognition of the great fact that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost. The real principles of healthful living should be lived out, in order that we may maintain our bodies in a state of health and efficiency, and thereby be enabled to render better and more efficient service for the Lord. If church members will diligently study *Ministry of Healing, Counsels on Health, and Counsels on Diet and Foods*, they will become well instructed in these principles and will learn how to avoid all fads and extremes and to live in a wholesome manner. Thus the following words by the messenger of the Lord will come to occupy a larger place in the life and experience of every believer: "I was shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord."

Teaching Health Principles

The following recommendations were adopted at the Inter-American Division Council in December, 1949.

WHEREAS, The Lord has counselled the remnant church regarding the principles of health reform in all of its phases, indicating that "the work of health reform is the Lord's means of lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church," and that "this work bears the signature of Heaven, and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths," (*Counsels on Health*, pp. 443, 444); and

WHEREAS, There is a great need for a positive approach to this important question in the matter of health instruction in our churches; and

WHEREAS, We recognized that it is within the realm of God's providence and program for His church, that the time has come when every member is to be a medical missionary;

We recommend, 1. That more attention be given by administrators of the work in all of its ramifications, as well as by all conference, mission, and institutional workers, to the matter of living according to the health principles laid down for us in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy writings.

2. That definite plans be laid for all of our unions and local conferences and missions, for a positive presentation of health principles before the members of our churches, educational and medical institutions, ministerial institutes, and all other gatherings of our people.

3. That these principles be presented in the broad outlines according to the counsel which God has given to his people.

4. That as workers in the cause of God, we pledge ourselves to the best of our ability and purpose, to live up to the instruction and counsel that God has given to us along these lines.—*From Inter-American Division Committee Minutes, page 1914, See also: Inter-American Division Messenger, February, 1950, page 12.*

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The Story of San German Church

A church school teacher in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Amelia A. de Morales, told us the following incident which occurred in 1937. A certain Catholic family had gotten along well together. The husband and the wife respected and loved each other. But after a time something came into their lives to disrupt this harmony, and they had strong differences of opinion.

The husband became interested in another religion, and because the wife objected to this, the peace of the household was greatly disturbed. Often the lady, in her distress, prayed to the saints and to the virgin, asking them to bring the family back together and restore its former harmony. But her prayers were not answered.

One day she was walking along a country road with her two children and a young servant girl that she had recently employed. The little servant girl was grieved by the sadness of her mistress, and suggested to her the question: "Have you ever thought that maybe you yourself are not keeping all of God's commandments? Have you ever thought that possibly you should be keeping another day than Sunday?" To these pointed questions the woman replied, "No;" for she was doing what she had been taught to do since early childhood, and was sincere about it.

"Well," said the young girl, "I counsel you to read a book called, 'The Holy Scriptures,' which tells us to keep all of God's commandments, the seventh day of the week too."

After a little time the girl continued her persuasive



Seventh-day Adventist elementary education is growing also in the Dominican Republic. During 1949 there were more than 330 students enrolled in our nine schools that are taught by twelve teachers. Herewith we present a picture of our Escuela Particular Mixta, at Jababa, Mocca, Dominican Republic. Teacher Salvador Alvarez stands behind his pupils. Valentin Schoen is educational secretary in the Dominican Mission. A.H.R.

conversation by saying, "By the way, today is the Sabbath day. And that's why I joined you on this little trip to the country. I know where there is a little group of people just a short distance from here, who worship on the seventh-day Sabbath, as taught in the 'Holy Scriptures.'

Wouldn't you enjoy going to church at that place? Let us go and see what they do there."

So the lady and her two children went with the servant girl to the little Adventist church. After the lady returned home she reported that she was as thrilled as she had ever been. She enjoyed the simplicity of the service; she enjoyed the sincerity of the people; and she enjoyed the happiness that seemed so apparent in the whole meeting. She also remarked that the return journey seemed so light and easy.

She studied further. The husband was told about the Sabbath keepers, and he became very much interested also. Eventually both husband and wife began to keep the seventh-day Sabbath.

Sister Morales told us that this lady soon began to hold a little meeting for Juniors in her own home. The group became larger and larger, and in time some of the parents of the Juniors came to the meetings also; and it was not long before some people from the conference office visited that community and held some meetings. A baptismal service followed, and this lady and her husband as well as a number of their friends became real Seventh-day Adventists. A new church of about 32 members was organized at a place called San German.

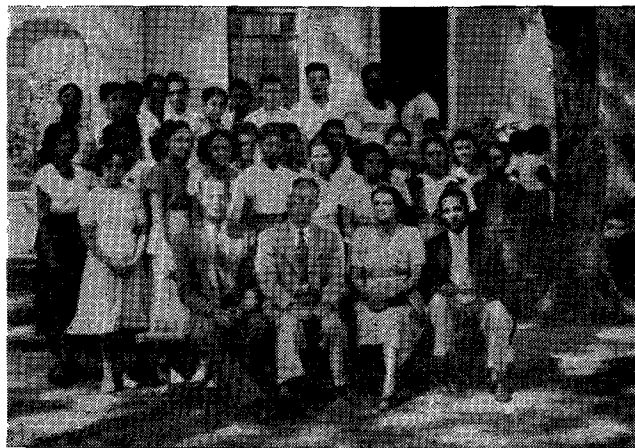
These new believers are now gathering funds and materials week by week, for the construction of a little church of their own. Some bring money, some bring bricks, sheets of roofing, or other things. Mrs. Morales told how the little pile of bricks is growing week by week. Each piece of building material must be purchased according to specified size and quality, for the brethren already know what materials they will need for the building; and when someone buys a piece of lumber,—a two-by-four, perhaps, or when somebody brings a brick, he brings the size that has been specified.

One day Elder S. L. Folkenberg, the president of the field, came to the believers at San German, and said: "I'm

going to give you some money which will be to you like the talents mentioned in the Bible. I want you to put this money to use, and then bring it back with interest or with profit." Most of the people took some of the money. Some took two dollars, some five, and some ten. Much of this has already been returned with as high as six times the amount that was given. Very soon these new believers expect to have a new church building in San German.

We were greatly interested to learn that it was Sister Morales herself who had the trouble in her home, and who was led to Christ by the young Christian girl who knew the way to the little Adventist group who worshiped on the seventh-day Sabbath. Mrs. Morales is now a church school teacher in Puerto Rico, and told the story of her conversion at Camp Guajataca. Her story has a very fine ending, for her conversion led still others to the light of God's truth, and resulted in the establishment of the San German church. The story also beautifully illustrates the results of even a little servant girl's efforts to share her faith with others.

—A. H. ROTH



Professor Clyde Bushnell, principal of the Puerto Rico Academy, here presents to us his secondary teachers and students at Santurce, Puerto Rico. In addition to the twenty-nine secondary students that were taught by four teachers, the Academy also had an enrollment of 126 pupils in the elementary grades one to eight, during 1949.



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Blowing the Gospel Trumpet

(Continued from June Issue)

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To the remnant people, living and working amid the turmoil and dangers of the last days, God says, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of

thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

Surely the Lord is putting forth His hand a second time to save the remnant of Israel. With this thought riveted in the minds of the workers and laity in the British West Indies Union, and under God's guidance, we are working and hoping and praying that no less than 3,000 souls will be brought into the message during 1950.

Believing the words of the servant of God as recorded in the *Review and Herald*, of February 25, 1902, that multitudes will come into the truth in one day, surely we can go forward in faith, and with courage in our hearts. Here is the passage to which I refer:

"Among the earth's inhabitants scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people. In Africa, China, South America, and the islands of the sea, and in the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a multitude of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amid the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law."

I thank God that the islands of the sea are mentioned in this quotation, and surely in every island of the British West Indies Union the transforming power of obedience to God's law is seen.

Under the capable leadership of Pastor R. W. Numbers, our union president, and his corps of workers, and with our faithful laymen and laity on the whole, and believing that through God great things can be accomplished, we press on to our goal of 3,000 souls to be won in the British West Indies Union Mission during 1950.

We solicit your prayers and your loyal support of the work, to this end.

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A Worthy Example

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"Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" Joel 3:10. This prophecy of the prophet Joel, as all recognize, has reference to the preparation among the nations, for the last conflict of earth. But it can also be fittingly applied to a Spirit-filled soul who is burdened to work for the salvation of others.

In the New Testament we read, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9. And again, through His messenger in these latter days, God sends us this word: "Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on God."—*Prophets and Kings*, pages 174 and 175.

Brother L. de Graven, of the Paramaribo church, was

discharged from the leper asylum about three years ago. That terrible disease, leprosy, has left its marks upon him. His hands and feet are deformed and his face is twisted. At a glance one would know that he had been a leper, and would avoid coming too close to him. Of course this good brother is aware of the caution of other people as they associate with him; but he does not take offense at their prejudice. Rather, he is entirely reconciled to his condition, and is apparently thankful that his condition is as good as it is. When once you know him, you admire him.

This good brother attended our colporteur institute and thereby received an inspiration to help spread the gospel by the sale of our truth-filled literature. He told me of his desire, but I tactfully put him off, because I felt that he could never sell books. Still the brother was not satisfied. He approached me again, and repeated his request. This time I promised to take the matter into consideration.

But without waiting for my answer to his request, he called at our office and requested that he be allowed to take some small books to sell. To this I reluctantly acquiesced, and gave him a few small books. After a day or two, he returned with all the books, stating that bad weather had prevented his accomplishing anything. Of course, I felt that he had failed, but had used the weather as an excuse. However, to my surprise, when the weather improved, Brother de Graven returned to get his books. Before he left the office this time, I knelt with him in prayer, and entreated God's presence with him as he should go out into the vineyard to labor.

The following morning Brother de Graven was back to buy some more books. Since then, this brother has been making regular calls every morning at our Book and Bible House to purchase supplies for his work. He has developed into one of our most faithful small-book and magazine workers.

As I checked over the records, I discovered that in his first month of work,—and he could work only sixteen hours per week,—Brother de Graven had delivered more than one hundred gilders' worth of our fine literature.

Truly, "there is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—*Ministry of Healing*, pag 159.

How about you, Friend?

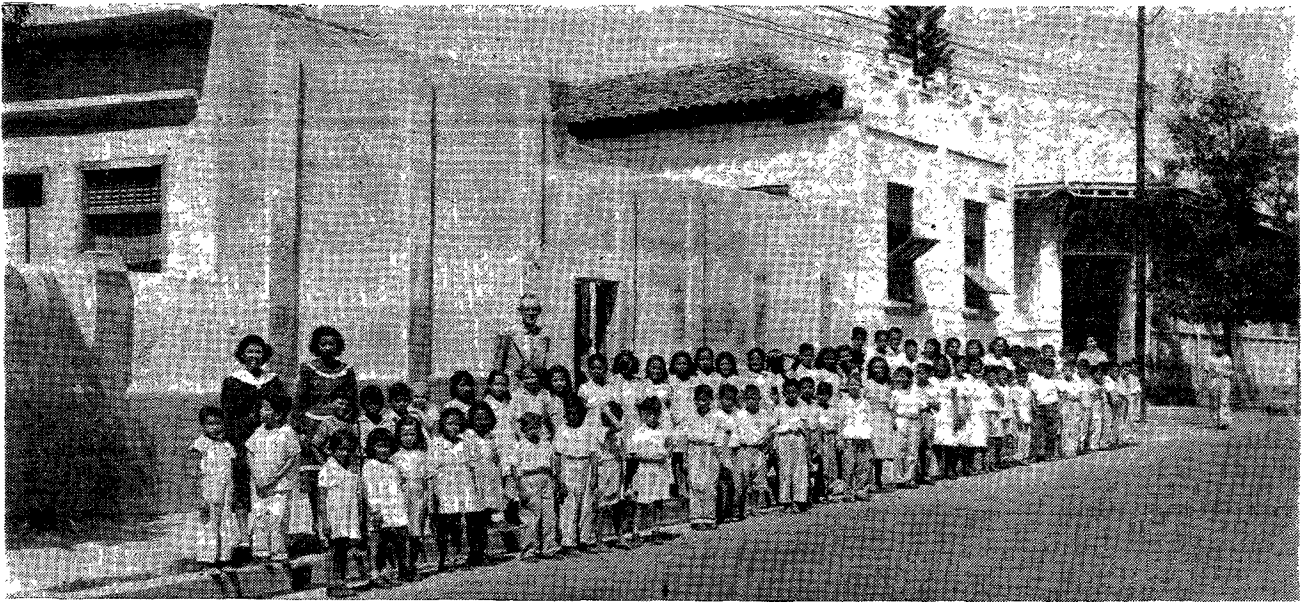
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The Second Effort in Panama City

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The messenger of the Lord speaks of holding two efforts, one following another, in the same city. (See *Evangelism*, page 79.) For five months in 1949 we held a large effort



The Model Church School of San Salvador

in Panama City, baptizing as the result of that bi-lingual meetnig a total of 203 precious souls.

This year we have held a thirteen-week revival in a tent in Ancon, Canal Zone, a place adjoining Panama City. On April 30 we had the first baptism, and 73 persons became the first-fruits of this, our second bi-lingual effort. Two other baptismal services are planned for a little later on, as the revival work continues in two of the largest Adventist churches in Panama City.

During these efforts the offerings have been good, and practically all the funds the conference has had to expend, is the salary of the workers, which includes the support of A. A. Grizzle, J. A. Maynard, Oswald Gordon, Cecil King, and three lay members; namely, Mrs. Mowatt, D. Hibbert, and V. Robinson, who received some remuneration as Bible workers; and of course, Mrs. Delafield and myself.

The six churches of this district, and the entire membership, have co-operated in a fine way all through the efforts, right up to the end, as have also our two doctors who are living here on the Zone; namely, Doctors Zerne and Bowland. The four choirs have also done excellent work in connection with the evangelistic efforts here; and we give God all the glory for the results thus far apparent.

A Model Church School

By ORLEY FORD, *President*
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"Colegio Modelo" is the name of our church school in San Salvador, and we are convinced that it truly merits this name. Practically every child in the Sabbath school is also a student in the day school. The church members are faithful in supporting this church school with regular offerings, and these, with tuitions, support the school.

The attendance of the model church school is 86 this year; and the school consists of four class rooms of modern construction, three full-time teachers, and the student body.

Grades one to six are taught; and when students are ready for graduation the Salvador government examiner of schools comes in and gives full examinations to our students. During the past five years not one of our students has failed in these tests, and the government officials say that our school has the best record of any school in the city. Upon the completion of their primary grades, many of the students of the model church school go to Costa Rica to our academy for higher training, or take special courses offered here in the city. We need many more schools of this type in the Salvador Mission.



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Families Leave Cities in Colombia

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Of the changes noted during the past year in Colombia's Pacific Mission, perhaps the most impressive has been the large migration of our members to rural places. From Cali alone, nine families have already moved, and four others are contemplating a change of location to the country or to smaller towns and villages. Some will go to places where there are a few lonely believers; and some have already gone to places where our truth has never yet reached. Other families, of more comfortable means, have bought farms in distant sections of rich valleys, have built homes far out in the country, or have established a new business in some

quiet village. Even Dr. Luis Carlos Ortiz has moved his home and practice into a village high up in a mountain fastness, hardly accessible except by a small plane.

As we see vacancies from Sabbath to Sabbath in the pews of our city churches, and realize that these vacancies are increasing, we are convinced that God's people are taking seriously the instruction to come out of Babylon before it is too late, and to separate from every unclean thing in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

At first it was with some alarm and misapprehension that I went out to visit some of these conscientious families who had gone from the cities into the country. But, happily, I observed that in most cases, although they were still unsettled, there reigned among these dear believers in their new homes, a serene courage, and a calm satisfaction. Faith seemed to be rekindled, and hope burned more brightly in this new and freer atmosphere. Latent attributes and unrecognized talents are now being exercised, which perhaps would otherwise have gone undiscovered.

In view of these things, I have come to the conclusion that our lay missionary program is moving steadily and strongly into new places where honest souls await the coming of the gospel worker. Just as naturally as the transient fowls of the air pursue their unerring course from season to season, as they migrate through the immeasurable zones of the sky, so also is our God leading His human children in their onward course in these latter days. As He led the early Christian to places of safety in ancient times, so surely is He leading His people of the last generation, that they may escape from the complacency and from the contamination of modern Babylon.

We are living in the days just before the time of trouble. I truly believe that this voluntary redistribution of membership is in complete harmony with God's divine plan for His remnant church. If His instruction is followed, we shall witness ere long, an even greater movement toward the decentralization of church membership. God's work on earth will not and cannot be finished in any other way.

May he give us each more extensive insight into the magnitude of the unfinished tasks which await our attention in 1950! And may He imbue us each with spiritual insight, and with wisdom to extend the far-flung battle lines on all fronts, and to all unentered portions of the great world field, is my prayer.

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Half Century Anniversary in Mexico

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In the year 1900, Aurelio and John C. Jimenez, of Ixtaltepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, went to a grocery store to purchase some provisions. When they returned home, they found that the groceries had been wrapped up in some pages from a religious periodical. They examined this literature, and immediately became impressed with the things they



This Illustration Shows a Small Part of Group Assembled at the time of Corner-stone-laying Service for the New Church and Evangelistic Center to be Built in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

read. They noticed especially a Bible text in one of the paragraphs.—Matthew 24:27. Never before had they read so startling a declaration at this: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." They tried to get somebody to explain to them more about the coming of the Lord, but without avail. They tried to find out where this part of a paper was published, but did not succeed. However, their interest did not wane, and they were continually on the look-out for further light on this particular portion of the Scriptures.

Several months went by, and the father of these two young men was taken ill. The family sent to Mexico City for some medicines, and then they came, again they were wrapped in printed matter; and this time it was a full issue of the same periodical which had fallen into their hands as wrappings from the grocery store some years ago! They read with joy the title of the paper,—“The Messenger of Truth,” and learned that it was published as our missionary paper in Mexico, by G. W. Caviness. The Jimenez family got in touch with Elder Caviness, took some Bible studies of him, and it was not very long after that, until he organized this family and some others into the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Mexico.

John Jimenez started out to canvass shortly after having discovered present truth. One of his converts became a very zealous lay worker, and contributed enough of her life's savings to build a chapel in the town where she lived. Another lady who was one of his converts could neither read nor write, but in spite of this handicap is said to have been influential in bringing 300 people to a knowledge of the truth. These first believers in South Mexico were enthusiastic missionaries. There seemed to be no sacrifice too great for them to make in supporting and advancing the cause of truth.

The South Mexican Mission, embracing the territory of the States of Chiapas and Oaxaca (pronounced Wahaca), called a special session on February 24, 1950, to celebrate the half-century anniversary of the conversion of these first believers, and the establishment of the work in South

Mexico. At that celebration there were between sixty and seventy delegates present, these believers having come from the 37 churches and 30 companies of South Mexico. A number of other brethren were also in attendance, including H. J. Westphal, K. H. Emmerson, D. J. Thomann, C. R. Taylor, and Ben Maxson from the union headquarters in Mexico City. Cleofas Valenzuela, the director of the Southeast Mission, and Emiliano Ponce, director of the Inter-oceanic Mission, also attended this important gathering; as did W. E. Murray of the Inter-American Division headquarters staff.

All those who attended this meeting in South Mexico came with great enthusiasm. Twenty-six persons walked for two full days in order to enjoy this inspirational celebration of the beginning of the work in their field; and a smaller group walked for several days. Special interest was evident when the reports of lay missionary work were taken up. One layman reported that he had won 30 souls during 1949. Others reported the winning of 6, 8, 10, 13, and 20. A number of others brought in varying smaller reports of soul winning; but all were happy to have a part in the work.

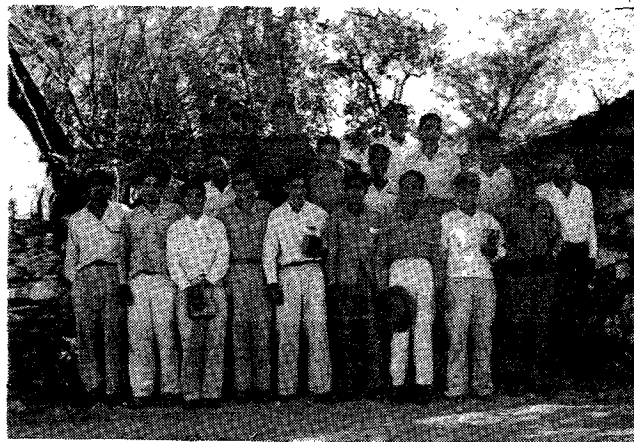
The Home Missionary secretary reported that there were 99 lay preachers in the mission; and Elder Xavier Ponce, the director of the South Mission, presented the matter of the goal for baptisms for 1950. During this part of the meeting the interest ran high, and these people volunteered for the service of God in a very excellent way. The final goal for baptisms was set at 1,000 new members before the close of the present year.

One of the outstanding meetings of the session was highlighted by the report of Brother Lucas Lopez, a Chamula Indian. Last year, at the regular session of the mission, the delegates were impressed that there should be a missionary to the Chamula Indian tribe, but the mission funds had already been distributed and there was nothing available for this new work. At this juncture twelve churches in the mission promised to support the Chamula Indian worker for the year 1949, each paying his salary and expenses for one month!

Brother Lopez carried around with him a phonograph, with which he played the Voice of Prophecy quartet records in Spanish, in connection with the meetings in the Indian villages. We are having a marvelous awakening among the Chamula Indian tribe in South Mexico, and Brother Lucas has been one of those principally responsible for this good interest.

A stone-laying service was held in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration; and a new chapel is now under construction in the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez. For many years our people in that district have needed a meeting place, and have planned to have one; but there have been many obstacles in the way. But now they have purchased a lot, held the stone-laying ceremony, and have begun to build the foundation for a church building. After the laying of the corner-stone, the delegation returned to the present meeting hall, and took up the question of paying for the construction of this new church home.

The Inter-American Division made an appropriation of 8,650.00 Pesos toward this project; and an appeal was made to the delegates for personal donations. During the mornig service when this building plan was under consideration, a total of Pesos 13,882.50 was donated by 133 donors! Of course this amount includes the Division appropriation; but is indeed a goodly sum nevertheless. Not only is it true that "God loveth a cheerful giver," but He also gives great joy and rich blessing to those who sacrifice for the promo-



These are the Delegates Who Walked Three or Four Days or More to Attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Beginning of the Adventist Work in the Southern Mexican Mission.

tion of His work on this earth.

At the close of the half-century anniversary celebration, the delegates returned to their churches with great courage, to raise a total amount this year of 35,000.00 (Mexican Pesos) with which to continue the work of the building for which the cornerstone service was held during the session. This amount of money will also furnish the church auditorium.

A special appropriation was passed to the Mexican Union Mission this year, which enables them to add 18 new workers. Seven of these were assigned to the South Mission during the anniversary meeting, and appointed to their respective fields of labor. At the closing meeting of the session, a little dedicatory service was held for these new workers. We had them on the platform in a semi-circle, and special prayer was offered for their protection, and for the success of their efforts. Elder Wesley Amundsen, who arrived on the last day of the meeting to begin a Laymen's Institute the following day, preached the closing sermon.

We earnestly hope and pray that the interest in the Advent message in the South of Mexico will prosper greatly during 1950. The brethren there, as well as the regular workers, are of good courage, and are eager to see these seven new workers enter upon their labors in new parts of the field. It is our prayer that God will open the way before them, and bless their labors, according to His good pleasure.

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Elder Braulio Perez, the speaker on the Spanish "Voice of Prophecy" programs, who began a public evangelistic effort in Guatemala City about the middle of April, reports that on May 13 they celebrated the first Sabbath school hour with the new believers. The meeting was conducted wholly apart from our regular church services in Guatemala City, and there were 150 persons present. On the following Sabbath the attendance was larger. In the evangelistic meetings proper, Elder Perez has had an attendance of from 700 to 1,000 each night of the meetings, and from among the best people of the city. It is reported that 90% of the congregation has indicated that they are regular listeners to the Spanish "Voice of Prophecy" broadcasts.

Approximately 600 persons have requested visits and Bible studies. Other appointments demand that Elder Perez leave Guatemala about the first of June, to continue his work on the radio programs in Los Angeles, California. Elder David Garcia will continue the good work so effectively and successfully begun in Guatemala City.

—W. E. MURRAY

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Elder R. E. Cash, the Home Missionary Secretary of the Central American Union Mission, spent February, March, and April visiting our six missions and conducting Lay-Evangelism Councils. He plans that 50 such councils shall be held in this union before the close of 1950. Elder and Mrs. Cash are now in Panama, enthusiastically working in the Ingathering Campaign. Their first reports are excellent ones, and we appreciate the willingness and earnestness with which they carry on their work.

—MRS. A. V. LARSON

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Radio Evangelism is moving on apace within the borders of the Inter-American Division! This youngest department of our organized work is rapidly producing soul-winning results in various parts of the field and the future presents unlimited prospects that cannot be accurately measured by obtainable reports alone. Repeatedly we learn of those who have listened to the broadcasts, accepted the message, and have begun keeping the commandments of God entirely unaware of the existence of an organization

of world-wide proportions, the very foundation purposes of which are the proclamation of Bible truth, and the preparation of a people to meet a soon-coming Saviour. Incomplete reports indicate that more than 3,000 persons have been baptized as the fruitage of radio evangelism during the last four years.

—E. A. J.

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At this writing, May 30, Division staff members are making final preparations for attendance at the General Conference Session in San Francisco. Elder A. H. Roth and his family, Mr. L. F. Bohner and another group of workers, have already left for appointments en route to the West Coast; and others will be leaving shortly. Elder Roth will speak at the graduation exercises of the Mexican Union training school early in June; the Division treasurer will spend some time auditing the books of the Mexican field; and others will also meet various appointments, including camp meeting assignments made by the General Conference.

—E. A. J.

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With grateful hearts we report that Elder Hackman seems to be making a satisfactory recovery from his recent illness. On the basis of his present rate of progress he should be able to resume his usual responsibilities within a short time.

—W. E. MURRAY

Elder and Mrs. L. A. Kraner, of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, report the addition of a little son to their family. Douglas Arthur was born on May 2, and was just three weeks old on the date of Elder Kraner's letter to Elder Hackman under date of May 23. The new heir has blue eyes and brownish hair, and has already brought great joy to the Kraner household. The Division family hereby extends best wishes to Douglas Arthur, and congratulations to his happy parents.

E. A. J.

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New reporters for the *Inter-American Division Messenger* have been appointed in two of our Union Missions; namely Mrs. Barbara Westphal, wife of the union president, reporting for the Mexican Union, as official reporter of progress in that interesting section of the Division. Judging from the results of this fine arrangement the pages of our Division paper should be increasingly readable and inspirational in the days to come. Perhaps some of the other fields will see light in definitely assigning reporters for the

current happenings within their territories. Contributions are always welcome from any of the workers who can give definite, brief, factual information from their respective locations.

E. A. J.

COMING EVENTS

August 5 Home Missionary Day
 August 12 Mid-Year Offering Service
 (Mid-Year Offering to Missions)
 September 2 Home Missionary Day
 September 30 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering
 (Overflow to Australasian Division)
 October 7 Colporteur Rally Day
 October 14 Voice of Prophecy Day
 November 4 Temperance Day
 Nov. 11-18 Week of Prayer & Sacrifice
 (Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering)

La Ceiba, Honduras, May 17—Our church schools have opened with a slightly increased attendance over last year. Our good colporteurs have delivered well over half the year's goal in book sales, during the first four months. Our baptisms are already within eight of being as many as we had for all of 1949; and many other baptismal services are to be held in the near future. Brother Cerna writes that there are more than 30 in the baptismal class in Tegucigalpa as the result of Pastor David Garcia's evangelistic efforts. We plan a Youth's Camp later in the year, which will be the first to be held in Honduras.

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Waldeck, Costa Rica, April 23—On Sunday morning April 23 the village of Waldeck was invaded by hundreds of people who came to witness the biggest baptism ever held in this section of the country. In spite of strong opposition and persecution, our Back-to-the-Bible and Back-to-God campaign moved forward to certain victory, and 33 souls were baptized on this occasion.

When the effort started, other organizations organized themselves for a religious war. One minister announced that he was going to Waldeck to straighten out the people, because Seventh-day Adventists had penetrated the village with false doctrines. He came, but God provided for every emergency, and our message went on, stronger than ever. The candidates who were baptized on April 23 are ablaze for God, and some are already giving Bible studies to their neighbors.

—R. T. RANKIN