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THE LA FLORIDA church in Guatemala City, completed by the Maranatha group, was inaugurated February 26. The mayor of the city, Leonel Ponciano, attended the service with his wife, and not only cut the ribbon in the inauguration ceremony, but gave a speech which was a real Adventist sermon.—*Alfredo Gaona.*



COLPORTEUR deliveries in 1976 in the Southeast Mexican Conference doubled 1975, US\$495,000 total. Conference president Israel Guizar (left center) congratulates Vicente Madrigal and Publishing associates for 1976 achievement. Madrigal has just been named associate Publishing director of the Mexican Union.—*L. A. Ramirez.*



THE IMPACT of 12 radio programs and one on TV is being felt in the North Caribbean Conference, and plans are to extend this medium of communication. The encouraging word from IAD is that this is the most of any field in the Caribbean Union.—*J. C. Shillingford.*

IAD VISITORS: Dr. & Mrs. Raymond D. Neufeld, returning to Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana, accompanied by Dr. & Mrs. Jess Holm, going for relief service at Davis. Dr. Holm will go on to Montemorelos, Mexico as a hospital surgeon and medical school teacher.—*J. H. Figueroa.*

THE BIBLE SOCIETY received from the East Puerto Rico Conference \$600 for this year's distribution program, and the directors are pictured presenting a sample copy to the conference representatives, Loren Gallardo (right) and Eli Toro (left).—*Jorge Escandon.*

EVANGELIST L. V. McMillan, president of the Bahamas Conference, began a seven-week series of meetings March 6 in Nassau. Prayers are requested for the 1,500 persons who are attending each evening and following the Bible marking plan.—*C. A. Holness.*



EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS are being conducted by the writer in three different places in the East Puerto Rico Conference: Caparra, Humacao, and Caguas, with more than a thousand people attending nightly. As a preliminary to these meetings Jorge Escandon (seated on platform) and Dr. Victor Marcial (speaking) conducted Five-Day Plans to Quit Smoking, and a partial view of those who were successful in quitting the habit are pictured in the air tent.—*Carlos E. Aeschlimann.*

INTER-OCEANIC MISSION HOLDS SESSION AND ACHIEVES CONFERENCE STATUS

The Inter-Oceanic Mission held a beautiful session in Puebla February 27-March 1. A survey commission had recommended conference status, which had been approved by the Mexican Union and the Inter-American Division. Velino Salazar, union president, made this a very solemn service. After an outline was given of what conference status means, the delegates voted to accept the responsibilities it brings, and a new constitution was adopted.

"The Challenge of a Shattered World" was the keynote address given by B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division. The Division secretary, J. H. Figueroa, also contributed to this historic session.

Officers of the former mission were re-elected to serve as officers of the new conference:

Agustin Galicia, President
Samuel Meza, Secretary-Treasurer
Departmental directors elected:
Ismael Castillo, Education and Stewardship
Luis Flores, Health, Temperance, and Youth
Natan Werekeintzen, Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Religious Liberty
Alfonso Gil, Publishing
Carlos Salome, Auditor and Communication

On Monday evening the 170 delegates enjoyed a colorful "Noche Mexicana" with food, music, and costumes typical of various sections of the country. In an original pageant an elderly lady (representing the old mission) bequeathed to a young girl (representing the new conference) many customs and traditions and wished the new organization success.

Nine churches were organized during the past triennium and accepted into the sisterhood of churches. Tithes and mission offerings doubled during this period and the number of colporteurs and their deliveries of Adventist literature tripled.

President Galicia gave a tremendous challenge for the next triennium: to baptize 2,500 in 1977, 3,500 in 1978, and 4,000 in 1979—a total of 10,000 new members in the next three years. They expect great things from God. Pray for them.—*B. L. Archbold.*



A VISIT TO PUERTO LIMON

The church for English-speaking Adventists in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica (above) is too small for the large number of members, mainly youth, who meet there. When I visited, although a separate meeting was held for children, the church was full. Most of the people are Jamaicans who have settled on the coast, and they are proud of their heritage. They were happy for my visit and even the Baptist preacher came to the Sabbath service.

There is also a growing Spanish-speaking group (pictured below with their pastor at right) who meet in the same building Sabbaths at 8:15 a.m. They are enthusiastic, and are building themselves a new church.

Between Thursday and Sunday I preached eight times, and many responded to the appeal for surrender to Christ. We thank God for the faithfulness of those who accepted the message in the early days in Puerto Limon, and for their descendants who are holding the banner of truth.—*M. G. Nembhard.*



"PREPARING THE WAY" was the theme of the Cali, Colombia Youth Bible Conference under the direction of Bernardo Rodriguez, assisted by Pastors Darayl Larsen and Hector Ramirez.—*Norberto Carmona.*

LATEST EVANGELISTIC RESULTS

Sergio Ortiz has baptized 138 persons thus far in Hatillo, a previously unentered town in West Puerto Rico. The president's report of this campaign will appear in *IAD Review*.

By the end of the first month of Guy Valleray's evangelistic series in the auditorium in Port-au-Prince, South Haiti, 166 have been baptized.

THE 1977 SDA YEARBOOK is off the press, and may be ordered from your Adventist Book Center, US\$18.50 cloth binding or US\$16.50 paper binding.

TO NEW POSTS:

West Mexican Mission:
Natan C. Werekentzen, President

West Puerto Rico Conference
Luis Hernandez, Treasurer
Miguel A. Ramos, Lay Activities and Sabbath School Director
Misael Santiago, ABC Manager

Inter-American Division:
Clayton V. Henriquez, IAD Youth Director, formerly same position Colombia-Venezuela Union



TEACHERS of the Upper Magdalena Conference met recently in Bucaramanga for a council under the direction of Jose Leal. The instructors, Dr. Esteban Beleno and Dr. Humberto Hernandez of Colombia-Venezuela Union College, gave them a better understanding of what it means to be an Adventist educator, with the theme "Preparing to Serve Better."—*Joel Manosalva.*



WORKERS OF THE GUATEMALA MISSION, in their first Ministerial Council of 1977, set a super goal of 2,000 baptisms for this year.—*Alfredo Gaona.*



LAYMEN of the Pacific Colombia Mission were encouraged by the experiences related at their recent council, and pledged together to hold 305 evangelistic campaigns this year.—*Miguel A. Puentes.*