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UNAD Opens Agriculture Laboratory

The Canadian Embassy and the Dominican Adventist University (UNAD) recently inaugurated the Agriculture Machinery Laboratory. This ADRA project was financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through ADRA/Canada, with director John Howard and Inter-American Division ADRA director Sidney Cole.

The project had a value of \$40,000, which was used to construct a 1,600-square foot cement block building with parking area and purchase welding equipment and tools. The project will provide a modern facility and equipment to teach agronomy students of the university and sponsor community seminars on maintenance, repair, and setting of agricultural equipment. It will also give the farm enterprise of the school an up-to-date building in which to maintain and repair their equipment.

Russell W. Stubbett, consul of the Canadian Embassy for the Dominican Republic, cut the ribbon to inaugurate the laboratory. Also participating were Felix Rios, president of the Antillian Union; Luis Sanchez, president of UNAD; and Ralph C. Wood, dean of the Department of Agronomy and

project director. Other dignitaries on hand included the governor, senator, military commander, and police chief of the province; the mayor of Bonao; school board members; agronomy students; and professors of the university.

This ADRA-sponsored project is the second agricultural program supported by CIDA in as many years. The first was a poultry project which provides fresh eggs for the school and a teaching laboratory for the agronomy students in poultry production.

—Adventist Review

300 Caribbean Teachers Attend Seminar

"Teaching for Eternity" was the theme of a teachers' seminar held at Caribbean Union College from July 21-28, 1991. Approximately 300 elementary teachers came from the six conferences and missions of the Caribbean Union Conference. The

aims of the seminar were to reinforce commitment to the mission of the church and to strengthen the resolve to provide for Adventist youth education for this life and for the life to come.

Presenters included: Drs. Paul and Lenore Brantley, professors at Andrews University; Dr. Raymond and Mrs. Dorothy Moore of the Moore Foundation; Elders L. Herbert Fletcher and K. Eugene Forde, directors of Education of the Division and Caribbean Union, respectively; and Dr. Vernon E. Andrews, union associate Church Ministries director.

To climax the seminar, 204 teachers received awards for outstanding teaching service to the church. Exceeding all the recipients in length of service was Miss Winnifred Granger, who with 40 years of service, recently retired as head teacher of the SDA school in St. George's, Grenada.

—Augustine B. Noel



Russell W. Stubbett (left), Canadian consul to Dominican Republic, and Luis Sanchez, president of UNAD.



Left to right: Myrna Alexander, L. Herbert Fletcher, K. Eugene Forde, Hilary Bowman, Miss Winnifred Granger (receiving award for 40 years service), Peter Archer, and Mrs. K. Eugene Forde.

Three Colombian Fields Hold Sessions

Pacific Colombia Conference

From July 14-16, one hundred and forty delegates, representing 82 churches and 24,515 members, met in Cali, Colombia, for the seventh triennial session of the Pacific Colombia Conference. During the last three years, eight churches were organized and the church membership increased by 21.89 percent. During the session eight workers were ordained to the gospel ministry.

The administrators and departmental directors elected for the next triennium are as follows:

President, Alirio Amaya; Secretary, Mario Villegas; Treasurer, Luis David Carbonell; Auditor, Alvaro Naranjo; Church Ministries, Oscar Ortiz; associates, Aimer Sarria, Jose Uriel Barrero, Evelio Castrillon; Communication, Aimer Sarria; Education, Mario Villegas; Health and Temperance, Ministerial and Evangelism, Evelio Castrillon; Religious Liberty, Alirio Amaya.

Upper Magdalena Conference

One hundred and ninety delegates, representing 32,118 members and 120 churches attended the tenth session of the Upper Magdalena Conference, held July 17-20. During the last triennium 41 churches were organized, 175 new companies were formed, and five districts organized.

The following officers and departmental directors were elected to serve during the 1991-94 triennium:

President, Arturo Weisheim;

Secretary, Benigno Nova; Treasurer, Raul Cardenas; Auditor, Miller Tobon; ADRA, Armando Pinzon; Church Ministries, Armando Pinzon; associates, Arturo Gonzalez, Jeremias Marin; Communication, Arturo Gonzalez; Education, Benigno Nova; Health and Temperance, Ministerial and Evangelism, German Alferez; Religious Liberty, Arturo Weisheim.

Atlantic Colombia Mission

From August 7-10, the Atlantic Colombia Mission held its sixth triennial session in the La Floresta Camp, in Santa Marta. One hundred and sixty-eight delegates represented the 76 churches. During the 1988-91 triennium 14 new churches were organized and approximately 5,000 new members were baptized.

The mission's Medical Center sponsors the "Health for Everyone" program as televised on TV Caribe, and is viewed in seven states.

The following persons were appointed to direct the departments:

Church Ministries, Misael Duran; associates, Pedro Iglesias, Edgar Redondo; Communication and Religious Liberty, Florentino Quintero; Education, Pedro Iglesias; Health and Temperance, Misael Duran; Ministerial, Edgar Redondo; Trust Services, Clodomiro Merchan.

We pray God's continued blessing on the leadership, workers and members of these three fields.

—Luis Florez



Testimony of an Attorney

Ramon A. Diaz Tacoronte (above), a prominent Puerto Rican attorney-notary, recently wrote a letter to Mrs. Annie Baez of Radio Paraíso in West Puerto Rico. He said: "We consider WTPM, Radio Paraíso a real musical paradise. Because of the beautiful music and spiritual counsel presented, all day long we listen to WTPM in my office. Since I do not wish to lose contact with the station, I also tune my car radio to WTPM." My congratulations to Dr. Ramon Diaz.

—Escriel Romero



Caribbean Union Student Graduates With Honors

Erna Josiah graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from Loma Linda University School of Nursing. At her graduation on June 4, she also received the President's Award which was presented to her by Dr. Lyn Behrens, president of the University. This award is given each year at commencement to an outstanding student. A cash award is included. Erna was born in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, but grew up in other West Indian islands and completed high school in St. Croix. She is currently employed at Loma Linda University Medical Center in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

—Naomi Modeste



Gerardo Garzon, Hector Gonzalez, Nelson Lopez, and Gustavo Zapata were ordained to the gospel ministry during the recent Upper Magdalena Conference session. With them are pastors Arturo Weisheim (left) and Luis Florez (right), presidents of the Conference and Union, respectively.



Church Dedication in Martinique

On Sunday, September 8, 1991, the Mount Nebo Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated to the Lord at Verrier, Bellefontaine, in Martinique. This church was built in 72 days, a record in Martinique's history, and has a membership of 45. Union and Conference administrators, and the Mayor, participated in the service.

—Jean-Pierre Midelton

Conference Sessions in the Caribbean

North Caribbean Conference

One hundred and twenty-two delegates from the 64 churches of the North Caribbean Conference, representing almost 16,000 members, attended the sixth conference session held August 25-18.

Inspired by the theme, "God's Commission—Our Mission", the delegates heard a stirring series of administrative and departmental reports which highlighted the progress of Adventism in the conference during the triennium ending 1990. During this period five new churches were organized and four church buildings dedicated. While the church membership showed a gain of only 113 new members, the conference experienced outstanding growth in tithes, offerings, and ingathering collections. The delegates laid a series of plans for the achievement of Global Mission during the next triennium.

The delegates re-elected Belgrove N. Josiah, president; Jansen E. Trotman, secretary; and Sonja Thomas, treasurer. Other personnel elected for the new triennium are as follows: Church Ministries, Samuel Joseph; associates, Peter Aaron, Silton Browne and Jansen Trotman; Education, Delvin Chatham; Health and Temperance, Arnaldo Gonzalez; Auditor, Campbell Rogers; Publishing, Cleaver Callender; Communication, Samuel Joseph; Ministerial secretary, Peter Aaron; Religious Liberty, Belgrove N. Josiah; ABC, John Simmons.

East Caribbean Conference

Over 199 delegates from 107 organized churches in the East Caribbean Conference assembled in high spirits in Bridgetown, Barbados, August 28-31, for the seventh triennial session of that conference. The delegates represented 29,671 members.

The youthfulness of the church in the East Caribbean Conference was highlighted by the fact that 69 percent of the 7,068 new accessions during the triennium were young people between the ages of 12 and 25. Further indication of the growth of the church is the fact that during the triennium five new churches were organized, 11 companies formed, 9 church buildings

dedicated, and 23 other church buildings are under construction.

The delegates elected Dr. Leon Phillips as conference president. Re-elected to a second term as the secretary is James Daniels; while Edson L. Bovell was elected treasurer. The departmental directors elected are: Church Ministries, Irwin Phillips; associate, Samuel Tellemague; Health and Temperance, Irwin Phillips; Education, Hilary Bowman; Publishing, Richard James; Auditor, Courtenay Pilgrim; ABC manager, Sylgene Clarke; Religious Liberty, James Daniels; Ministerial secretary, Dr. Clarence Pamphile.

The session concluded with an impressive ordination of three young men to the gospel ministry.

—George W. Brown

Adventist Hospital Gets Recognition

Hundreds of adults and children were treated at the Valley of the Angels Adventist Hospital in Honduras between March 1989 and March 1991, as part of a program financed by the Panamerican Development Foundation.

The beneficiaries were Honduran



Mrs. Eneida Jurado, Valley of the Angels Hospital administrator, accepted the award in Washington D. C.

and Nicaraguan victims of civil conflicts in a region with no medical and surgical services available. During this period more than 1,065 persons were treated, approximately 1,209 major surgeries and more than 6,600 minor surgical procedures were performed, and housing was provided for many families.

The Valley of the Angels Adventist Hospital was elected among others. The PADF said: "The Adventist medical and nursing personnel, and support groups worked as a great family dedicated to curing physical, emotional and spiritual wounds. As a result, we have been able to return to society people capable and prepared to begin useful and productive lives."



Antigua Holds Youth Revival

The week of June 8-15, 1991, will long be remembered by the church family on the island of Antigua. Pastor David Cuke, a Master of Divinity student at Andrews University, and singing evangelist Ullanda McCullough lifted the hearts of the young people to celestial heights. At the close of the week's revival, 31 precious souls were baptized. Kneeling in front of the candidates are Pastor Cuke and Ullanda McCullough.

—Samuel H. Joseph

On April 19, 1991, the Pan-American Development Foundation publicly recognized the Valley of the Angels Adventist Hospital and gave it the Inter-American Humanitarian award. The ceremony took place in Washington D. C., and Mrs. Eneida Jurado, hospital administrator, attended.



Champion Literature Evangelist

Hugo Solano has been working as a literature evangelist in the Costa Rica Mission for 12 years. Some years ago he was introduced to the *seminary method* of selling publications, and he has used this method to reach people in the mid and upper class in San Jose, the capital of the country. In 1990, Brother Solano had the joy of seeing 21 persons accept the Lord and baptized into the church. During his 12-year service he has won over 500 people to Christ. In the last 12 months he delivered the equivalent of US\$40,392.00. He says, "Only the method of Christ is good enough to succeed in influencing people and bringing them back to God".

—Ricrdo A. Rodriguez



Healthful Living Institute Opens in Mexico

On August 27, 1991, the leaders of the North Mexican Union dedicated the Healthful Living Institute in Guadalajara, Jalisco. This is the first of its kind in Mexico. Pastor Donato Ramirez, president of the Union, presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony. In the opening address Pastor Ramirez indicated his total support of the institution. Dr. Fernando Becerril Mar, director of the institution, presented some of the projects and goals. He stressed the need to apply more fully the basic principles of healthful living as found in the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and science. In the photo above Pastor Ramirez presents the opening address.

—Fernando Becerril Mar



East Colombia Conference Holds Youth Rally

Four hundred young people attended the first youth rally of the East Colombia Conference held in the facilities of the Maranatha Camp in Cachipay, from July 2-6. The theme was, "Preparing to Meet Our God". Pastor Luis E. Ribero, chaplain of the rally, presented the devotional messages, and at the end of the meetings 18 young people united with the church by baptism.

—Alirio Quintero



Child Evangelism Seminar

The Central Dominican Conference Church Ministries Department recently conducted a workshop for teachers involved in child evangelism. Luz Maria Luna, coordinator of Child Evangelism Ministry of the Conference, directed the program, and Evelyn Leger, Bertha German and Mercedes Acosta were the instructors. Approximately 200 persons attended the seminar and were awarded certificates.

—Carlos Reyes

WIC Trains Police in Computer Use

Five members of the Mandeville Police force received a one-month intensive training program in Computer Application at West Indies College, and received certificates at the 1991 Summer Graduation. West Indies College is doing its part to help with the government's recently announced plan of computerising the police force islandwide.

West Indies College has a two-year Computer Science program leading to a diploma, and students from all disciplines have an exposure to the use and application of the computer.

—Beverly I. Henry