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BARRANQUILLA FOR CHRIST

Easter week signified another golden opportunity in Barranquilla to present Christ to sincere hearts. As a preamble to the week, Pastor Senez Rodriguez presented lectures of special interest to youth, closing the week with a beautiful Lord's Supper.

April 3 was the beginning of an evangelistic fervor in the city with laymen joining the pastor in preaching on the crucifixion in six different centers. The day commemorating the Lord's resurrection, eight persons were baptized, and many others responded to Pastor Rodriguez' call to accept Christ and prepare for future baptism.

Easter week was not the culmination of evangelism in Barranquilla, but only a parenthesis in the regular Bible Evangelism campaign. God is not dead. He lives and reigns, and works still in the hearts of sincere people.—*Ruth Barrera.*



The West Puerto Rico Conference conducted six Christian education rallies during the months of March and April. One of the large concentrations was in San Sebastian where a recent evangelistic series had added many new families to the churches in the area. The Educational directors of the conference and the Antillian Union, Francisco Vega (left) and Wilson Roberts (center), and Eunice Vargas (right), director of the San Sebastian Adventist Educational Center, presented topics on the importance of Christian education to all school-age children and their parents.—*Wilson Roberts.*

MOTHER WON BY INVITATION TO HER CHILDREN

A school teacher (left in photo below), the mother of three children, sent the following testimony to the West Mexican Mission:

"I thank God that He saw fit to bring me as a lost sheep to His fold. I was reared in the Catholic church, but saw many deceptions, and my faith was reduced to nothing.

"One day my children were invited by Miss Yolanda Guerra (right in photo) to the Sabbath school in the Adventist church near where we live in Tepic, Nayarit, and they returned very enthusiastic. I respected their desires to go again, not knowing anything about the place they were attending.

"After a few weeks I felt I should investigate the place, and when I accompanied the children to my surprise I found they were receiving instruction of a positive nature.

"There came to my memory the experiences of my childhood when I was attending the Catechism class. I was interested in the system of instruction at the Adventist church, as well as the content of the programs. I was so impressed with the message that my visits ultimately resulted in my baptism and the initiation of a new stage of life within the faith of Christ our Saviour."—*Carlina de Villaseñor.*

—*Jorge Dzul.*



500 JAMAICAN STUDENTS READY FOR ADVENTUROUS VACATION

It was the privilege of the writer to be in Jamaica March 27 - April 6 in the interest of the student crusade program in Adventist high schools. The itinerary was climaxed with the regular recruiting and student training program at West Indies College. The response was very good, and more than 500 students are looking toward the adventures of sales and soul-winning during the vacation period.

Last year these student colporteurs sold close to a quarter of a million dollars worth of our literature and returned to school with an all-time record of close to two hundred scholarships earned, and many students achieved double scholarships!

In spite of the economic conditions, we can truly say, "This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." (*Mark 12:11*)—*I. B. Benson.*



Sabbath, February 12, the young girl pictured above introduced herself to the Grande Riviere du Nord church in the North Haiti Mission, and stated she had a firm determination to remain a faithful Adventist all her life. The church elder tactfully asked who had won her to the message. She quickly replied, "Not anyone in particular, but rather by a study of the magazine *La Sentinelle* (the French *Sentinelle*) which has impelled me to make this decision." We praise the Lord for this silent but forceful witness to the truth in the conversion of individuals.—*Samuel Doltenus.*

BAPTISMAL REPORT

March 31, 1977

	PRAYER OBJECTIVE	First Quarter	
		1976	1977
ANTILLIAN UNION	6,400	828	792
CARIBBEAN UNION	6,300	557	887
CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION	7,200	1,742	1,684
COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION	8,000	1,165	1,320
FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION	7,300	1,198	1,699
MEXICAN UNION	12,000	2,446	2,831
WEST INDIES UNION	8,400	900	1,932
CUBA	800		
IAD TOTAL	56,400	10,306	11,145



Usher, the young man pictured above, is only 20, but has already been a church elder in a small church in the Belize Mission for four years! He typifies the spirit of youth in the Central American Union who want to finish the work.—*Israel Leito.*



An inspirational Laymen's Retreat was recently held in the Panama Conference. Luis Alaña, conference president, is pictured in forefront of photograph with the champion laymen in attendance, each of whom had brought at least five persons to Christ during the first quarter of 1977. —*Tevni Grajales.*



The Guatemala Mission has presented 90 homes to families in the city of Jalapa who had lost everything in the earthquake. General Ricardo Peralta (right), president of the National Committee for Reconstruction, accompanied Alfredo Gaona, president of the Guatemala Mission, and Jose Gonzalez, treasurer, in the presentation ceremony. —*J. Gonzalez.*



A new School of Nursing at the Adventist Hospital at Ranchi, in the country near Calcutta, will be the recipient of a portion of the 13th Sabbath overflow. Under the direction of Dr. C. K. George, the hospital is a successful institution of the Southern Asia Division. Dr. Lizzy George, wife of the director, has received government acclaim for her rural public health work. A School of Nursing is needed and has government approval. The Adventist family in India and around the world will give for the project on June 25, 1977.—*W. H. Mattison.*