



THE INTER-AMERICAN MESSENGER

In spite of disturbances and upheavals, the work of God in

Central America **ADVANCES**

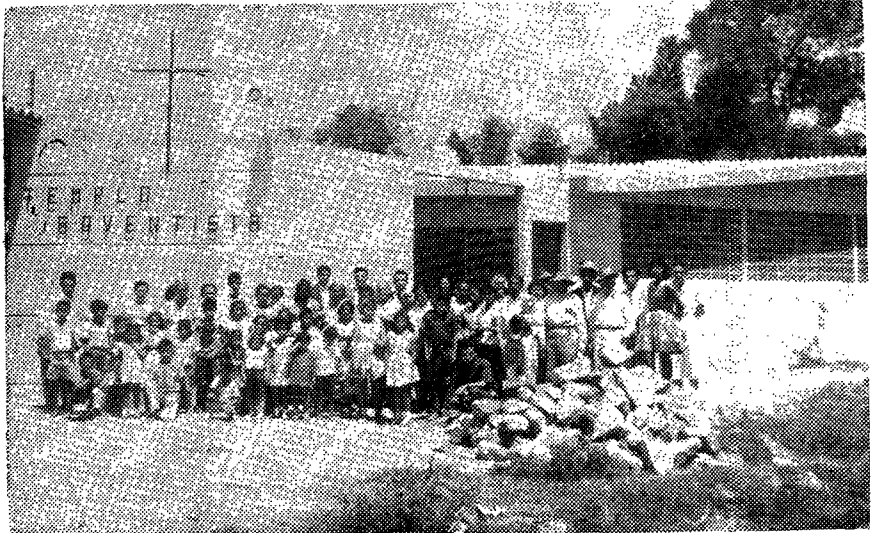
By **L. L. REILE**
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CENTRAL AMERICA was plagued with political disturbances as well as upheavals in nature during 1963, but the greatest manifestation of power was wrought by God in changing lives of men, sinners converted to become heroes of salvation. Men and women dedicated to vice, violence, and sin are now respected neighbours and friends.

The most colourful soul-winning activity within this union was realised among the San Blas Indians of the Panama Conference. Brother and Sister Claudio Hernandez started a day school on Rio Sidra Island, which has fathered an organised Sabbath school on that island and two branch Sabbath schools on other islands. Calls are coming from surrounding islands to open work among them. The first aid that the Hernandezes administer is successfully winning friends for God's truth.

Throughout the Panama Conference workers and laymen are participating in an active evangelistic programme, which resulted in almost 600 baptisms last year. E. E. Maxson is leading a strong, spiritual, progressive programme, loyally supported by the entire staff.

Efraim Murillo was conducting an effort in Limon, Costa Rica, when he was invited to pray for a very sick man. This man was suffering from a tumor that medical specialists apparently could not remove. After anointing and special prayer, the stricken man vomited the tumor and its contents. Today he is a happy, active Seventh-day Adventist. Almost 300 were baptised in Costa Rica during 1963. David Garcia is president of this field.



Pictured above is the third church to be built in the city of San Salvador. Located in the Villa Delgado area of the city on a donated lot, the church was started in November, 1963, and completed February 9, 1964, at a cost of less than \$2,500. Church members donated the labour. Orley Ford inspired this project for the benefit of a small Sabbath school which met in this suburb, and today at least 60 attend services each Sabbath, 10 have already been baptised, and 15 others are studying our truths in the baptismal class.

In Alajula, Costa Rica, we have Colegio Vocacional de America Central. Under the able direction of T. J. Harper, the dedicated staff is working unitedly to help youth prepare for heaven and to aid in the finishing of God's work on earth. More than half of the workers in this union territory are graduates of Colegio Vocacional. This year 335 students from the seven Central American countries are studying and working to fit themselves for service. Many help defray their expenses by working in one of the industries: the bakery, the print shop, the

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Messages to the Church

By JACKSON A. SAXON, M.D.

Is

God

Particular?

DOCTOR, do you think just a little coffee will hurt me? Do you think that a vegetarian diet is healthful enough for children? Is God really so particular when it comes to following our health message?

A number of times following health talks that I have given, these questions have been asked. In the thinking of many Seventh-day Adventists, the modern trend seems to be the judgement that God isn't so particular. Too many Adventists seem to believe that many of the principles concerning healthful living can be accepted or rejected at the whim of an individual.

I am often amazed at the confused ideas some Seventh-day Adventists have concerning health principles. In spite of the very specific directions the Spirit of Prophecy gives us, this phase of our religion has been pushed into a corner.

I believe the Lord gave us the Spirit of Prophecy writings in order to help us realise the need for more self-denial and strictness in our Christian experience. Why would God

have gone to all the trouble to record for us the principles of health if He did not expect us to utilize this information?

Mrs. White has written so simply and clearly that there is very little danger of misinterpretation or misunderstanding. The language used can be easily understood, and often shows us the deeper and more inclusive meaning of the Scriptures. Her writings help us avoid generalisations in the interpretation of the Bible. They make the standards of God very definite.

Mrs. White has recorded for our benefit numerous instances in which God sent information concerning the Christian experience of church members in order to show them their error. Many of these special messages concerned healthful living. Both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings show that God is a God of order and preciseness, and that there is no place in His plan of salvation for slipshod obedience.

Could the rationalisation that God is no longer particular in regard to health principles be a method of soothing the conscience or a way of justifying one's actions? Such rationalisation may easily lead to putting human judgement above that of God's. Rationalisation immediately makes the Christian way of living much less demanding, and requires less self-denial and control on our part.

The Bible is filled with instances showing how God especially blessed those who were particular in following His instructions. The story of Daniel and his companions is an outstanding example. Why do we hear so much about Daniel and his friends and so little concerning the hundreds of other young Israelites who were captured by the Babylonians? They were willing to recognise that God was particular, that His requirements should be honoured no matter what the cost may be.

It would have been easy for them to rationalise that the king's food, which was offered to idols, would

not hurt them because they had no faith in the king's idols. They could have decided to pick out the food they wanted at the table and thus get by. But Daniel and his companions knew that such action might constitute a stumbling block to some of the other young Israelites. They also knew that the king's food was not always prepared in the most healthful manner.

In order to adhere strictly to God's requirements they had to take their stand against what the king thought best. The blessings that they received from God showed that He approved this decision. Wisdom and power beyond their natural ability were given to these young men because they had the fortitude to be faithful concerning their food and drink. This same type of fortitude is necessary today for Seventh-day Adventists who are determined to be faithful concerning their food and drink.

Mrs. White tells us, "There are many among professed Christians today who would decide that Daniel was too particular, and would pronounce him narrow and bigoted. They consider the matter of eating and drinking of too little consequence to require such a decided stand,—one involving the probable sacrifice of every earthly advantage. But those who reason thus will find in the day of judgement that they turned from God's express requirements, and set up their own opinion as a standard of right and wrong. They will find that what seemed to them unimportant was not so regarded by God. His requirements should be sacredly obeyed." *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 30.

Such fortitude as exhibited by Daniel and his friends required strong convictions. Clear-cut convictions come from acquaintance with God's will. We must take time to think and meditate on the will of God. Definite convictions concerning His requirements give vitality and life to one's religious experience. It is the self-denial and effort to reach the standard that God has set that

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produces emotional and mental maturity.

Certainly the standard of Christianity that Christ left us is the epitome of mature thinking and action. Although God requires faithful obedience He does not sanction fanaticism. The life of a strict Christian may appear fanatical when compared with a life filled with the indulgences that are approved by many professing Christians today.

Indifference and the lack of strong convictions concerning the Christian way of life seem to be a mark of the times in which we live. I heard a young man who was the representative of a large group of Christian young people make a speech. He said their group had no stated goal. He gave the impression that the group was floating along with the general trend and hoping that some good would come from their lives. Could this lack of a goal be due to indifference or lack of convictions? Is this the type of Christian that the Bible says can be blown around "with every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:13, 14)?

The rationalisation that God is not particular is not new. Recorded in the Bible is the story of Naaman. He went to a lot of effort to reach the prophet who could cleanse him of his leprosy. But when he was told that to be cleansed of his disease he must go and dip in the Jordan River seven times, he immediately felt that he had a better way. He reasoned that the rivers of his own country, which were much cleaner, would be just as good as the muddy Jordan. He immediately set out for his own country. He was determined that he wasn't going to follow the simple directions he had received from the prophet, for surely his own way was best.

Fortunately, one of his servants saw the importance of being very particular in following the instructions that had been given. He was able to persuade Naaman to do exactly as the prophet had told him. When Naaman followed God's instructions he was healed of his leprosy. Had Naaman persisted in the idea that his way was surely as good as the prophet's way, and that it didn't really matter which river he dipped himself into, he would have failed to receive the blessing God had for him.

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My Shepherd Psalm

Arranged by Adria Bird House

The Lord is my shepherd

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are young" (Isa. 40:11).

I shall not want

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Ps. 37:25).

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

"And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isa. 32:18).

He leadeth me beside the still waters

"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High" (Ps. 46:4)

He restoreth my soul

"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate" (Ps. 34:22).

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever" (Isa. 32:17).

Yea, though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

For thou art with me

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isa. 43:2).

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me

"I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him" (Isa. 57:18).

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).

Thou anointest my head with oil

"Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving of his right hand" (Ps. 20:6).

My cup runneth over

"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot" (Ps. 16:5)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

"Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men" (Ps. 31:19).

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

"Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified" (Isa. 60:21).

REVIEW AND HERALD

The Adventist Home

Christ works with

By MRS. E. G. WHITE

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER

turning the common water of life into the wine of heaven.

I WISH to arouse parents to see the importance of their position. Few parents take time to think of how much depends on the instruction and training a child receives during the early years of its life. It is at this time that the foundation of a child's character is laid. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it," are the words of the wise man. The lessons a child learns at the mother's knee determine its future experience.

How few parents realise this as they should. As I have called mothers' attention to the wrong habits they were encouraging in their little ones, some have listened indifferently, while others have said, with a smile, "I can not bear to cross my children. They will then be ashamed of these passionate outbursts. It is not well to be too strict with little ones. They will outgrow the inclination to tell untruths, to meddle, to be indolent and selfish."

A very easy way truly to dispose of the matter, but a way that is not in harmony with the will of God. If a field is left uncultivated, a crop of weeds is sure to appear. So it is with children. If the soil of the heart is uncultivated, Satan sows his seeds of anger and hatred, selfishness and pride, and they quickly spring up, to bear a harvest that parents reap with bitter regret. Too late they see their terrible mistake. The wrong they have done can never be wholly undone. Even if the child, by patient, untiring care, is at last won to the Saviour, his character will always bear the marks of Satan's seed-sowing.

Children left to themselves grow up selfish, exacting, unlovable. Unable to enjoy their own society or the society of others, their lives are filled with discontent.

Aided by the grace of Christ, mothers have it in their power to do a great and grand work. This Satan knows, and he works with all his power to prevent them from doing this work. He seeks to fill the mind with thoughts of fashionable dress. Thus he absorbs the time and strength of even Christian mothers so that they have no time to give to the training of their children or to self-improvement.

When the enemy thus secures the attention of the mother, he rejoices; for he knows how much he has gained. He looks on the children as an easy prey; for he has the mother. She thinks more of display, more of what others think and say of her, than she does of the training of the precious souls in her care.

As she sets her feet in the path of fashion, she becomes infatuated. In order to keep pace with the demands of the bondage in which she has sold herself, she works early and late, overtaxing mind and body. She becomes so wearied with remodeling unfashionable garments and making new ones, that she has no heart to read her Bible or to pray. She is too tired to give time to her children.

She becomes perplexed and distressed. The yoke that she is trying to bear is very galling; but she imagines that it must be borne, and martyr-like she toils on, struggling under her self-imposed burden. Jesus is calling, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,

and I will give you rest . . . My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." But she does not hear the gracious invitation. The Saviour's voice is drowned by the clamorous demands of fashion.

Mothers, do not forget that God requires you to give your children constant, loving care. He does not want you to be a slave to your children, but He does want you to teach them to live for Him. Day by day give them lessons that will prepare them for future usefulness. One lesson that you will have to repeat over and over again is the lesson of obedience. Teach your children that they are not to rule, that they are to respect your wishes, and yield to your authority. Thus you are teaching them self-control. Give them nothing for which they cry, even though your tender heart would lead you to indulge them. If they gain the victory once by crying, they will expect to do so again, and the next time they will be harder to control.

Children inherit inclinations to wrong, but they also have many lovely traits of character. These should be strengthened and developed, while the tendencies to evil should be carefully guarded against and repressed. Children should never be flattered, for flattery is poison to them; but parents should show a sanctified, tender regard for them, thus gaining their confidence and love.

When children lose their self-control, and speak passionate words, the parents should for a time keep silent, neither reproving nor condemning. At such times silence is golden, and will do more to bring repentance than any words that can be uttered. Satan is well pleased when parents irritate their children by speaking harsh, angry words. Paul has given a caution on this point: "Fathers' provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." They may be very wrong, but you can not lead them to the right by losing patience with them. Let your calmness help to restore them to a proper frame of mind.

Jesus loves children and youth. He rejoices when he sees Satan repulsed

in his efforts to overcome them. Many a youth is in imminent peril through manifold temptation, but the Saviour has the tenderest sympathy for him, and sends His angels to guard and protect him. He is the good shepherd, ever ready to go into the wilderness to seek for the lost, straying sheep.

Mothers, do you sigh for a missionary field? In your home you have a missionary field in which you may labour with untiring energy and unflagging zeal, knowing that the result of your work will endure through all eternity. Are not the souls of your children of as much value as the souls of the heathen? Then tend them with loving care, bringing God into their thoughts.

Who can do this work so well as a God-fearing mother? The work of

the mother who has a close connection with Christ is of infinite worth. Her ministry of love makes the home a Bethel. Christ works with her, turning the common water of life into the wine of heaven.

Christian parents, you are charged with the responsibility of showing the world the power and excellency of home religion. Be controlled by principle, not by impulse. Work with the consciousness that God is your helper. Allow nothing to divert you from your God-given mission. Be true to your trust. God will help you. Guided by Him, your children will grow up to bless and honour you in this life and in the life to come.

—Review and Herald

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So I got angry.
I slapped and scolded.
I raised my voice
I lost my temper.

Then it was over.
I stopped and looked an inward look;
And what I saw
Was shocking, ugly.

I was entrusted
With this little life
To mold and fashion
Into a character of beauty.

And I have failed—
Both Thee, and her,
Whom I was meant
To love and guide.

So oft I stumble.
So oft I disobey
My heavenly Parent
Who yearns to guide ME, too.

How differently
I'm treated than
This little child
Who's barely out of babyhood.

Thy gentle hand,
Thy kindly word
Lift and encourage me
From my grief and shame.

No heated words,
No angry accusations
At ME are hurled,
Though I deserve much more.

Make me like Thee!
Give me each day
The patience I must have
To rear this child for Thee!

Make

Me

Like

Thee!

By Meribeth McFarlane

Lord, forgive me.
Today my little girl
Failed to obey
An order I had given.

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farm, poultry, cement block making, or one of the shops.

The friendly care provided for the sick by Dr. Fred Moor, Jr. and his consecrated staff at the 25-bed Hospital Adventista in La Trinidad, Nicaragua, is known throughout the entire Republic. Our church is famous for the work of this hospital, which has made a favourable impression for the truth.

During 1963 our missionaries started working in the university city of Leon, and prospects are promising that we will soon have an organised church in this previously unentered territory. We look for marked advance in God's work in Nicaragua.

Mrs. J. L. DeWitt and the Eternity Builders donated a choice property to the Honduras Mission for school purposes. The late Dr. DeWitt's desire to establish a school for the Adventist youth of Honduras is soon to become a reality. James Bechtel is the director. Although there is an acute shortage of equipment and buildings, the staff and students have much courage and faith. This institution will soon be bringing blessing and help to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Honduras. W. H. Waller, the field president, and his loyal corps of workers are leading God's church to new triumphs.

F. A. Arroyo, president of the El Salvador Mission, always has a report of victory and progress. Last year several church buildings were completed and dedicated, while others are still in the process of construction. He and Orley Ford, veteran missionary to Inter-America, are now working on a new project which will give us a third church in the city of San Salvador.

Guatemala reported a total of 402 souls added to the church during 1963. W. T. Collins, assisted by his ministers and medical workers, has been leading a strong programme for the building up of the church. Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Graves are engaged in medical missionary work near La Democracia, which has already resulted in more than 80 baptisms, and Dr. Felicitio Fernando's missionary activities in San Cristobal, Totonicapan, and the surrounding area are preparing the way for the gospel message.

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In Other Lands

Indian Peoples of North America

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN, Secretary, North American Missions Committee

ONE of the interesting events taking place within the framework of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination at present, is the long-awaited recognition of the needs of the Indian peoples of North America. In 1940 L. M. Halswick, secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions of the General Conference, wrote that there were on this continent, (without Mexico) approximately 350,000 Indian people representing a variety of tribes. Today the number is double that of 1940 and still on the increase. As one anthropologist wrote recently:

"It may come as a surprise that there are about as many Indians in the United States today as there were when Columbus discovered America . . . In the 20th Century, their numbers have been steadily and rapidly increasing. Between 1930 and 1960 the American Indian population excluding Alaska—rose from 332,397 to 508,665, an increase of approximately 50%, roughly the same as the increase of the nation as a whole." *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 11, 1961.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, said of the Indian people in our land, "Our Indian reservations, our Indian people, are an undeveloped area." ACNS Press Release, May, 1961.

The Indian population of Canada has also been on the increase according to the following news dispatch:

"Canada's Indian population at the time of the first European settlements was about 200,000. After a 300-year decline the population began climbing in the 1900's and is now about 190,000." OTTOWA (Canada) News

Dispatch in *Washington Evening Star*, November 22, 1962.

Combining the Indian populations of the U.S. and Canada makes a grand total of approximately 700,000.

Who are the Indians? How shall they be considered? As one race or group? Dr. Sol Tax, Chicago University department of anthropology, stated in a talk to some 700 Indian representatives of 80 tribal groups, that:

"Few people of the world proportionate to their numbers, present so bewildering a variety of aspects. There are city Indians and country Indians, hills Indians and plains Indians, forest Indians, coastal Indians. There are Indians in government, in the professions, in industry, in agriculture. There are Indian medical doctors and Indian medicine men. There are Indians who look, live, believe, and speak like white men, as well as those both on and off the reservations who look and live like Indians. . . .

"Nobody is 'just an Indian.' He is, first of all, a Tuscarora, or an Apache, or a Menomini, or a Klamath, or a member of some other tribe with its particular history and traditions."

The gospel of the kingdom is to go to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people. Christ loves human beings as people. He does not rate them according to race, colour, language, or environment. It is our business to bring the gospel of Christ to these Indian tribes of North America.

"All are one in Christ. Birth, station, nationality, or colour cannot elevate or degrade men. The character makes the man. If a red man

(American Indian), a Chinese, or an African gives his heart to God, in obedience and faith, Jesus loves him none the less for his colour. He calls him His well-beloved brother." *Selected Messages*, II, page 343.

Let us every man help his brother, the Indians of North America, this 13th Sabbath, with a good overflow offering.

Are They Worth It?

SHE was just an old, wrinkled Navajo shepherd. She had no hope and there was so much to be afraid of. All of her attempts to find peace and happiness through idol worship, sings, and other Indian rites, were futile. But somehow the love of Jesus reached down into her heart and she was eventually baptised, and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Now I am happy and not afraid anymore," she says. Was she worth the effort to save her?

He was just a poor, thin Indian boy looking for work to ease his hunger pains the day he came and asked for work on the new mission hospital building. He had trudged through four miles of snow and ice early in the morning to get to a Bible study, before commencing work. He, too, was won to Christ and baptised. At graduation from one of our boarding academies he was given honours and a scholarship to one of our colleges where he is now studying to be a medical missionary. Was he worth it?

Another Indian youth gave his heart to Christ while working on construction at a mission. He left his hogan and heathen parents behind, and asked for admission to our Indian boarding school. After months of preparation he joined the church and is now preparing to be a Seventh-day Adventist minister to his people. Was he worth it?

Tom was the son of a very big and influential medicine man. He was also a drunkard and a wife

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With the Departments

Publishing

Caribbean Union Colporteurs Experience Miracles

We wish to share with you some thrilling experiences related by Caribbean Union literature evangelists at recent institutes.

Recently a backsliding Seventh-day Adventist, who is a graduate of our college, and his Catholic wife were both baptised. The book *Your Bible and You* convinced her of the truth of our message. Another former Seventh-day Adventist bought \$100-worth of books, got Sabbath privileges from his employer, was rebaptised, and now is a church elder.

One lady asked our colporteur, "Where is your companion? I have prepared tea for both of you." Yes, one was an angel; the other, God's literature messenger. Today this lady is baptised and is working to win four of her friends whom she influenced to join her former church.

Another colporteur reported, "I asked the Lord for a soul in Duncan Street. He answered my prayer." A young man bought one of his message-filled books and is now a baptised church member.

"I passed a mean dog," reported another colporteur. "The astonished woman exclaimed, 'But I saw two of you coming.' The other was God's angel. She is now a church member." Seven others were won in a home where a colporteur sold his book and gave studies. They are all baptised members of the church.

Yes, God's protective hand is always over His children. Another reported, "I saw a hand on the shelf reaching for a knife." An enemy was about to strike at our colporteur, but he quickly grabbed the hand and saved himself. Later this messenger of faith returned to that home and sold several books to that family.

The trigger was pulled and ticked three times while it was pointed at our sister colporteur. Nothing happened, and the would-be slayer was amazed. God saved the colporteur's life.

These are only a few of the many stirring stories we are experiencing in our field today. The message of Revelation 18:1 has begun to be heralded loudly. "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." --Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 140.

—W. W. Weithers

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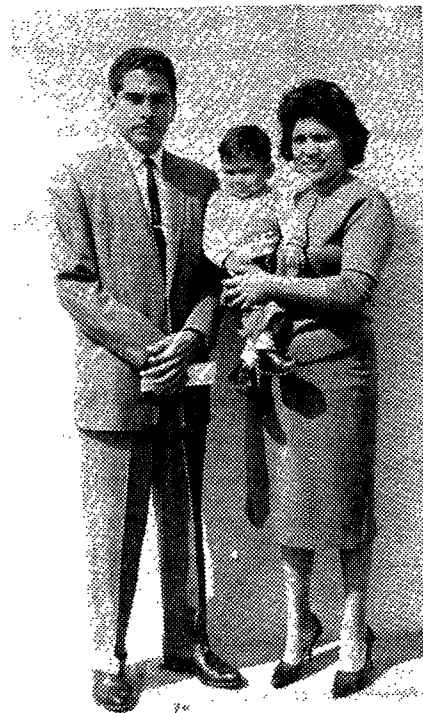
L. A. Rocha has the laymen so well organised in his district that for two consecutive years over 100 new believers have been baptised. Besides achieving a good baptismal record in 1963, Elder Rocha also devoted considerable time to erecting a large new church in Chiquimula. Prospects for 1964 are most encouraging.

British Honduras has made a remarkable recovery from the losses suffered in hurricane Hattie. Under the diligent, consecrated efforts of Frank Skoretz and his team, three new churches were dedicated during 1963, and several other buildings are now under construction. They baptised 161 souls last year, surpassing any previous achievement.

God also blessed our literature evangelists, under the leadership of L. A. Ramirez. They showed an increase of almost 20 per cent in sales and deliveries during 1963.

The Ingathering programme, under the direction of D. C. Preiner, showed almost ten percent increase over the previous year.

A union-wide workers' meeting was held at the close of 1963. After briefly reviewing what the Lord had done for us, we consecrated our lives and all to the great unfinished task. Ambitious goals were accepted. Confident that God has even greater blessings to bestow upon His work and people during 1964, we press forward to help finish God's work.



No Greater Joy

Hijinio Leon, his wife, and baby are of the Pacific Mission of Mexico. He was the CHAMPION COLPORTEUR OF THE MEXICAN UNION during '63. She also is a colporteur. This is one of the two couples who after their double wedding worked together as a soul-winning team of four. Soon they organised a Sabbath school and won several souls to Christ.

Brother Leon thought when he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptised that his joy was complete. Later when he became a colporteur even greater happiness flooded his heart. Then he met the very fine young lady who became his wife and colporteur companion, and he was positive that his wedding day brought him maximum joy. But when he won souls to Christ he reported, "This brings genuine happiness that no other experience can equal."

Brother Leon suffered a serious car accident in February, which proves Satan wants to cripple effective workers for Christ, especially the champions.

—J. C. Culpepper

Educational

Antillian College News

1963-64 Statistics

In the proportion of five to four, 284 students have matriculated in the college and academy sections of Antillian College, an eleven percent increase over last year. Sixteen new students entered classes at the beginning of the second semester.

New Road and Bridge

The municipality has built a new road and a concrete bridge from the main highway leading into Mayaguez to the campus of Antillian College.

Recent Visitors

Among the recent visitors to Antillian College were Dr. Fernando Chaij, of the Pacific Press; Dr. Benner, ex-chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico; and R. F. Cottrell, associate editor of the Review and Herald. The faculty and student body are grateful for the inspiration imparted by these men of experience.

Series of Public Meetings

During the month of February the ministerial students of Antillian College conducted a spearhead effort in the neighbouring town of La Isabela. The organiser and speaker was B. L. Roberts, head of the ministerial department. On Sabbath, March 14, twenty-two new members were added to the church by baptism, the first-fruits of this effort.

Ingathering Field Day

On the annual Ingathering field day, 17 carloads of students and faculty members raised \$1708, an average of \$85 a car and \$17 a person. This is a new record for Antillian College.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Fred Hernandez, home missionary secretary of the Antillian Union, was the speaker for the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week, February 1-8, 1964. Some 200 persons attended services twice a day, and a baptismal class of some 12 students was organised. Many victories were gained, and all felt they had experienced a fresh



Medical

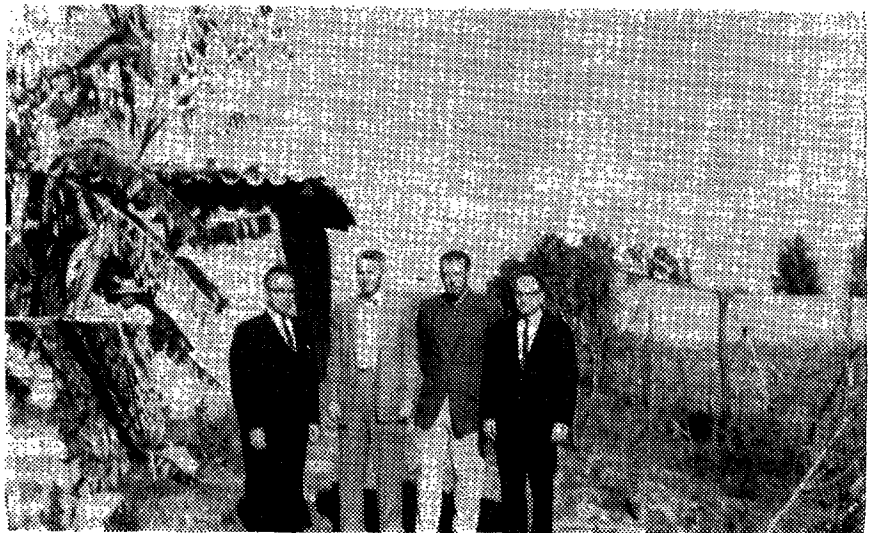
Medical Students Operate Clinica Granja

Four years ago Seventh-day Adventist medical students attending the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara Medical School in Guadalajara, Mexico, opened a clinic to serve those in need. During this short time approximately 10,000 consultations have been made. The operation of the clinic has been self-sustaining from a fee of \$.65 US, charged to pay the rent of the buildings and the help in auxiliary services. Those who do not have funds are treated free. If there are funds in the treasury and a patient is in need of surgery or other special medical treatment not available at the clinic, this service is obtained.

Picture above is Charles E. von Pohle, treasurer of the clinic group; C. L. Powers, president of the Inter-American Division; and Robert L. Wood, chairman of the clinic group, standing in front of the presently rented facilities of this clinic known as Clinica Granja.

Below are pictured C. L. Powers, Robert L. Wood, Charles E. von Pohle, and Clyde O. Franz, treasurer of the Inter-American Division, standing on the recently purchased land intended for permanent clinic facilities and eventually for a hospital in Ciudad Granja, Mexico.

—ROBERT L. WOOD



outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On Sabbath afternoon, February 8, three new believers followed their Lord in baptism. This was followed by a beautiful communion service, the first for many students.

Around the Unions

Antillian

Prisoners Study VOP Lesson

What person would be proud to say, "Every week I go to jail"? But this is exactly what happens to several Bella Vista Hospital workers.

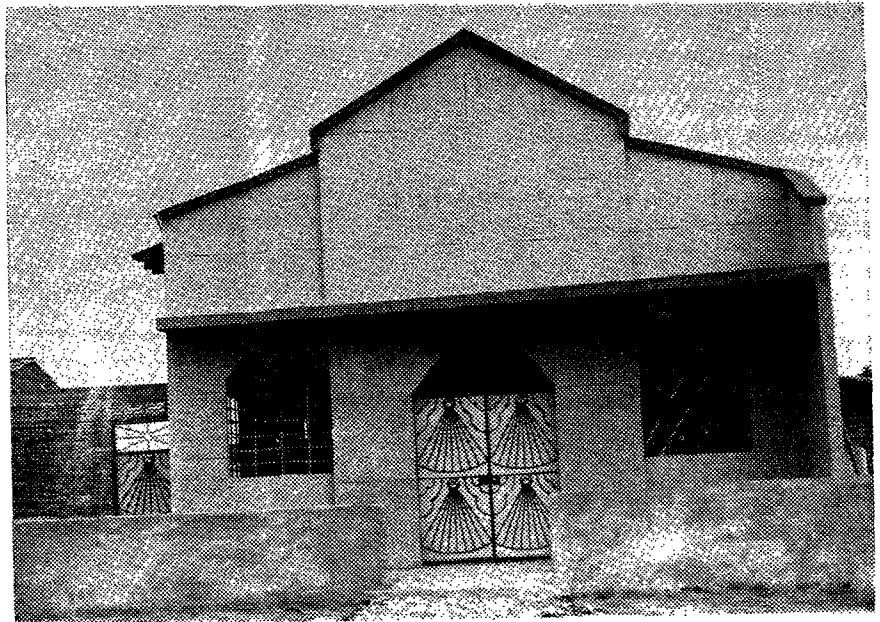
For nine years a few persevering missionaries have visited the Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, jail. The attendance at the simple services has fluctuated somewhat, but when Daniel Chavez, the hospital chaplain, introduced the Voice of Prophecy lessons, the attendance started growing. An average of 30 now gather each week, and 25 of them are studying the lessons.

Recently the first Voice of Prophecy graduation was held with 11 prisoners receiving certificates. A film on the effects of alcohol was shown, and gifts of books were rewarded the graduates. Because the graduation was celebrated in a festive manner during the holidays, many prisoners who do not attend the regular Sabbath services were present. Fifteen new students enrolled in the course at that time.

Spiritual counseling and follow-up work is not easy. Many prisoners are released after short terms and return home to remote areas. One such person lives up a steep foot path which requires nearly an hour of hard hiking to reach him. Each week a group of stouthearted workers climb that to his home to take more VOP lessons and to hold a branch Sabbath school. We are praying that soon we can report a baptism as the result of this follow-up work.

—Elvira Potterton

"Take heed lest by your example you place other souls in peril. It is a terrible thing to lose our own soul, but to pursue a course that will cause the loss of other souls is still more terrible . . . Only by revealing the character of Christ can we cooperate with Him in saving souls."—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 158.



Colombia-Venezuela

He Builds for Eternity



Valerio Mora

Christ Jesus, and who keeps us in the way of salvation, blessing the work to which we dedicate ourselves each day.

An old adage says: "In the most humble shell is hidden the best pearl." So in humble souls, often of little value in the eyes of the world, are found God's most precious jewels.

In 1943 I became acquainted with Valerio Mora during a series of meetings that I held in the department of Tolima, in Colombia. Although he believed in spiritualism, even holding seances in his home, Valerio left those erroneous teachings and ac-

cepted the Advent message. With his wife and several children he followed his Saviour in baptism. A church was organized in his home, where meetings were held for several years. Then violence and religious persecution made Brother Mora and his family, and numerous believers he had won to the Saviour abandon their farms in the San Juan region to save their lives.

Brother Mora tells that he organized a caravan of no less than 500 Adventists who fled to other parts of the country because of the violence. He moved from Tolima and finally settled in Valle del Cauca. Again he began to work for the lost. Today he is known as a builder, and truly he builds for eternity. He builds edifices dedicated to proclaiming the Saviour's love for lost humanity.

Acting on the suggestion of the laymen in the Central church, Valerio Mora and his two sons have built an attractive church building in the Alfonso Lopez section of Cali, Colombia. Because there was little money, Brother Mora and his sons worked untiringly. Other members worked with them on Sundays, and after six months of arduous labour the attractive little church pictured above is almost ready for the 25 Adventist

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Franco-Haitian

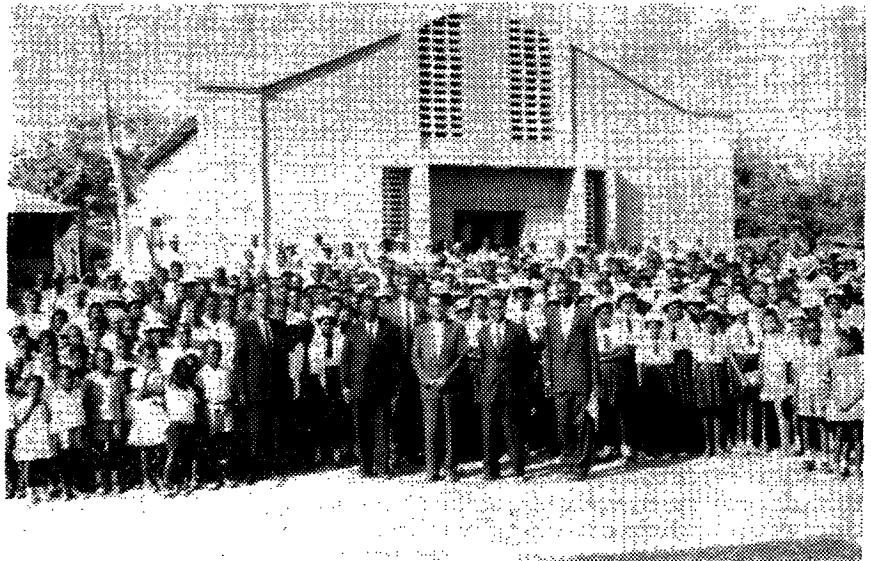
North Haiti Dedicates New Gros Morne Church

In 1962, an earthquake left the Gros Morne church in North Haiti in ruins. Since then the more than 300 church members have been without a meeting place. Therefore it was with great joy that on Sabbath, March 1, the doors of a new and better church were opened.

The public was invited to the first service on Friday evening, at which time R. J. Kloosterhuis, secretary-treasurer of the Franco-Haitian Union, presented the message. On this occasion leading civil authorities and many other visitors were in attendance.

Sabbath morning a special dedication and consecration service was conducted. More than 800 people were able to find places inside this spacious new church, while at least another hundred had to remain outside.

All afternoon special services were held for the members and visitors, at which time the mission president, Antony Henry; the lay activities secretary, Marcel Perpignan; the pastor of the Cape Haitian church, Abdonel Abel; and others presented



The new Gros Morne church with a part of the congregation that attended the dedication service. Standing in front from left to right are: Antony Henry, president of the North Haiti Mission; Maxi Cherenfant, district pastor; Frederic Emmanuel, secretary-treasurer of the mission; Marcel Perpignan, departmental secretary; and Richardson Rousseau, Adventist builder of the church.

inspiring messages. Again at night a meeting was held for the public.

The mission treasurer, Frederic Emmanuel, drew the plans, and a local Adventist brother, Richardson Rousseau, was in charge of the construction. In this area the number of church members is already high, but with this new church/home and the living testimony of our faithful members, we expect an even larger harvest of souls.

—Ray L. Jacobs

Vallieres

At the beginning of 1963 the North Haiti Mission opened work in Vallieres, a town that had never heard the gospel message, and at the end of the year there were 55 new believers, in addition to many reclaimed church members from neighbouring areas. Eighty Sabbath school members gather to worship each Sabbath. Of these 20 have been baptised. Situated high in the moun-



Two Churches Destroyed by "Flora"

(Above left) Joses Brutus and Isaac Jean-Baptiste, president and treasurer of the South Haiti Mission, with Mathurin Lorin, district pastor, stand on the ruins of the Ainse-a-Veau church, destroyed by hurricane "Flora," the night of October 31, 1963. At present our believers must meet under a crude shelter erected in the yard of one of the members. (To the right) Only a cement floor marks the place where the Renart church, near Cotes de Fer, Haiti, stood before "Flora" passed. The mission officers stand on the spot with members and friends. Although all the members lost their homes, they enjoyed renewed courage and faith in God, for not one of the members lost his life.

—R. L. Jacobs

tains Vallieres seemed to be the most neglected spot on our island. With low moral, educational, and religious standards, this field is truly an experiment in soul saving.

One experience will reveal God's guidance. In November, 1963, a lady exhausted from fatigue, pleaded, "Pastor, please come to help me. My child is dying."

When we arrived at her home, we found that neighbours were already gathering for the wake. An evil spirit was struggling to snuff out the life of the unfortunate child. The previous year this same family had buried three children in less than two months, all victims of supernatural attacks. This time the entire family decided to give themselves to the Saviour, even if the child should die.

I swept the hut clean of all tokens of spirit worship, and then I prayed. God healed little Elisma. As a result of this miracle Elisma's parents and six other families, totaling 33 people, made their decision to follow the Saviour.

My wife started a little school offering free education to 25 students, of which four were non-Adventists. Despite persistent attacks by the local priest and his workers, the Lord granted us a piece of land large enough for a chapel and a school. Now we pray that the Lord will send us the money to build.

—Asser Jn-Pierre

Caribbean

Leadership Course Offered at Caribbean College

A leadership course for publishing secretaries was conducted at Caribbean Union College, January 27-29. Publishing secretaries and their assistants from the three English-speaking fields attended, along with the ministerial and business students of the college.

Instructors for the course included D. A. McAdams, of the General Conference; Benjamin Riffel, of the Pacific Press; J. C. Culpepper, of the Inter-American Division; G. W. Brown, J. G. Fulfer, and W. W. Weithers, of the Caribbean Union;

and G. R. Thompson, of the Caribbean Union College.

Not only were instructions given in salesmanship and related department areas, but there were also lectures in sermon preparation, public speaking, and letter writing.

This course should be the means of strengthening the literature ministry throughout the whole union.

—J. G. Fulfer

South Caribbean Reports

At a recent South Caribbean Conference workers' meeting a number of stories were told, illustrating how the power of God is working in the hearts of men and women in these last days.

On the island of Grenada, one man who had had no contact with Seventh-day Adventists, had a dream which directed him to attend our meetings. As a result, he accepted the message and is now a baptised church member.

At the latest count, the St. George, Grenada, church was sponsoring 67 branch Sabbath schools.

A few months ago a brother attended the branch Sabbath school rally held in St. Vincent and, after returning home, started a branch Sabbath school. It now has a membership of 40.

Another brother in St. Vincent said to some relatives, "Why don't you give your hearts to God and keep His commandments?" That question stirred their consciences. Today the whole family is in the church. Later our brother asked the same question of the owner of a rumshop. That man has also accepted the truth.

In Trinidad, the small church at Erin has 36 branch Sabbath schools. Arima has 10, and in one of them three persons have already followed their Lord in baptism.

These thrilling reports cheer our hearts. Surely the Lord will soon finish His work.

—J. G. Fulfer

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families who live in that suburb, where some 40,000 inhabitants await the good news of salvation. Plans are being laid for a strong evangelistic programme in this new church, and we pray that God will grant a rich harvest of souls in 1964.

—Luis A. Bolivar

IS GOD PARTICULAR? . . .

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To show us that human rationalisation can be dangerous, God has recorded the story of Uzzah. He reached up and touched the ark when it was about to fall from the oxcart. No doubt he reasoned that certainly under such circumstances it would be all right to steady the ark with his hand. God had given specific instructions that the ark was not to be touched by human hands. We can see from the death of Uzzah that God makes no exceptions. Human rationalisation does not nullify God's specific orders. (1 Chronicles 13.)

We can go even farther back in history and find that Adam's first son, Cain, felt that God was not really particular. He obeyed up to a point, then followed his own way.

Cain and Abel and their sacrifices show us the two classes in the world—those who unhesitatingly worship God in the way He tells them to, believing every word, and those who only partially do what God says in His Holy Word, substituting what they think is right and appropriate for what God says.

I am strongly convinced that God is particular that we obey the principles of health that He has given us. What are your convictions?

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Inter-American Brevities

► Veteran Missionary Orley Ford reports that with the inauguration of the new church in the Villa Delgado section of San Salvador, three of the church groups in the capital city of El Salvador now have their own buildings. Two other groups are meeting in rented quarters.

► R. F. Mattison, former MV and educational secretary of the Mexican Union, flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Wednesday, April 1, to assume his new responsibilities as MV and church development secretary of the Antillian Union.

► E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, and W. J. Brown, division educational secretary, have visited the seven unions of the Inter-American Division inspecting church operated schools and colleges. Starting in the West Indies Union on April 3, they kept appointments in 12 different countries and ended their itinerary in the Mexican Union, where they attended the Educational Advisory Council, May 25 to June 1.

► Humberto Lopez Flores, a layman in El Salvador takes advantage of every opportunity to witness to God's abundant blessings in his life in return for his faithfulness in returning to God an honest tithe. Since he became an SDA, he has desired to give this truth to the men with whom he works in the Institute of Rural Colonization, where he is appreciated for his faithfulness to duty, his diligence and good sportsmanship.

Brother Lopez tells that for some time his companions made fun of him for paying tithe, but recently his paymaster asked, "Do you think that I could pay tithe, Humberto? Would I, too, receive great blessings? Or do I have to be a church member?"

This gave our lay brother the opportunity he had so desired to explain Bible truths. He hopes that soon his superior will start proving God by paying a tithe on his income.

► The big news from Guatemala is that 134 were baptised in Ipala on Sabbath, March 21. Most of these



Pastor L. V. McMillan

L. V. McMillan Ordained

Leslie V. McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McMillan of the Grant's Town SDA church, Nassau, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, January 12. He is a product of Seventh-day Adventist education, having obtained his Senior Cambridge certificate at the Bahamas Academy on Wulff Road, after which he attended West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica, where he completed the theological course, obtaining his B.Th. degree in 1960. Since he entered the work, he and his wife, Wealthia Hall-McMillan, have worked successfully on various islands—Grand Bahama, Abaco, and, most recently, the island of Eleuthera. He has given full proof of his call to the gospel ministry.

At the conclusion of the ordination sermon, preached by D. H. Baasch, secretary of the Inter-American Division, Pastor McMillan was invited to join the group of ordained ministers by the secretary-treasurer of the Bahamas Mission, W. W. Nairn. The ordination prayer was given by M. G. Nembhard, secretary of the West Indies Union, who also presented him with his ordination certificate. W. U. Campbell, West Indies Union president, gave the ordination charge, and E. H. Schneider, president of the Bahamas Mission, welcomed him to the ministry.

At the mission session Pastor McMillan was elected MV secretary of the Bahamas Mission. He has also been appointed pastor of the Grant's Town church in Nassau.

—M. G. Nembhard

believers were won by the lay workers in L. A. Rocha's district. Twelve hundred people witnessed this baptism, which made a tremendous impression for the truth. Elder Rocha held another baptism on Sabbath, March 28, giving his district 150 souls won during the first quarter of 1964. The Guatemala Mission reports more than 200 baptisms during that time.

ARE THEY WORTH IT?

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beater. Everyone was afraid of him. Somehow our Heavenly Father called him, and he responded to the call. After prolonged study and much prayer he saw the simple beauty of the Third Angel's message and was baptised. He was employed by the church as a missionary helper and is now a licensed missionary working as a translator for a Bible worker and minister. Many of his own people for whom he has laboured, have become Christians. His life is a powerful witness for Christ as he brings the gospel to his fellow red men. Was he worth it?

Was the sacrifice you made to give to missions worthwhile? For the first time in our history as a church the call has come to help the Indian people of North America, a people whose souls are valuable in the sight of God, and who face terrific problems when they forsake their former devil-inspired form of worship with its feathers, bones, and shells which were supposedly to protect them from evil spirits. They are a people who deeply appreciate the warmth of the love you have shown for them by your gifts of food and clothing, but most of all because of the missionaries whom you sent with healing in their hands, and the good news of salvation on their lips. Are they worth it?

If you believe that they are worthy then give liberally to the 13th Sabbath offering this quarter.

— J. L. Mason, M.D., Director
Monument Valley Mission