

## A WORD OF GREETING AND GOOD CHEER

By GLENN CALKINS

It was a great pleasure and privilege for me to make another swing through the Inter-American Division during September and early October of this memorable mid-century year of 1950. My trip has been a rather strenuous one, but a very happy four or five weeks, I can assure you; for I had the pleasure of greeting many of the faithful workers of this Division once more. It was a joy indeed to clasp them by the hand, and to look into their faces. But best of all, I had the privilege of hearing reports of courage and of progress in the work of God all through this territory that makes up the Inter-American Division.

I am happy to tell you that the recent word from Elder Hackman informs us that he is steadily improving healthwise, that his courage is good, and his faith strong, that God has laid His hand of healing upon him. He is praying to the end that soon after the first of the year he will be able to take over the reins of leadership in Inter-America once more. For this I am sure you will all be most thankful, and we shall all rejoice because of answered prayer.

Everywhere I have been, on this hurried trip, I have found the workers filled with courage, and the work of the Lord onward. In each place visited I saw evidences of growth and expansion, and of course this is exactly as it should be, as we near the end of the journey. I was particularly impressed by the marvelous response to the call for a Youth's Congress in Kingston, Jamaica. It was my privilege to speak at the opening meeting of the Congress, and on that occasion not only was the church filled to overflowing, but the courtyard as well, and the old church building which stands near by. It was estimated that there were nearly two thousand

Seventh-day Adventist young people present that evening.

Everything connected with the Congress was well arranged, and the program was most inspirational. It was a very impressive sight, in the darkened hall, to see one of our young men walk down the center aisle carrying a lighted torch; and then, as the representatives of the various districts were called upon, to see them coming from all directions and lighting their torches one from another. These representatives then returned to their places in the congregation, carrying their lighted torches with them, and soon there were lights burning everywhere. This feature of the program symbolized the light of the gospel as carried by the Advent youth to other young people of Jamaica, thus setting the whole island on fire for God.

I believe that the future of the work in the Inter-American Division is wrapped up in our great army of young people. In every country that I visited, I found Missionary Volunteers ready and willing to go forward and assume responsibilities of leadership in the finishing of God's great work.

And now, my dear Fellow Workers, in this brief message, I would urge that each of you help and encourage our strong young army of Adventist youth. Stand by them, and support them to the extent of your ability, that they may fulfil the distinctive place that God would have them occupy in these days of the finishing of His work on earth.

As we soon shall be closing the work of this memorable year of 1950, it is my prayer that the richest blessings of Heaven may rest upon each of you; and that the coming year, 1951, may be the greatest and most productive of all your experience. So may the Lord bless and keep every one of you, and give you many souls for His everlasting Kingdom.

## The New Leader of the Advent People

One of the most touching scenes witnessed at the General Conference session held in San Francisco, California, during the month of July, 1950, was the transfer of the denomination's leadership from Elder J. L. McElhany to Elder W. H. Branson.

On the opening night of the conference Elder J. L. McElhany had made the statement that after having served the denomination as its leader during fourteen years of difficulty and strain, he had decided to ask the conference not to consider his name for further service as president of the General Conference. Right from the opening day it was known to all delegates and visitors that a new General Conference president would have to be chosen.

The nominating committee, whose members were selected from among the delegates appointed to the conference, met on the second day of the gathering; and at the evening service on July 11, rendered a partial report through its chairman and secretary, presenting to the conference delegates the name of Elder W. H. Branson for president. By unanimous standing vote, the delegates expressed approval of the report. The entire congregation was also given opportunity to stand, thus expressing themselves with the delegates.

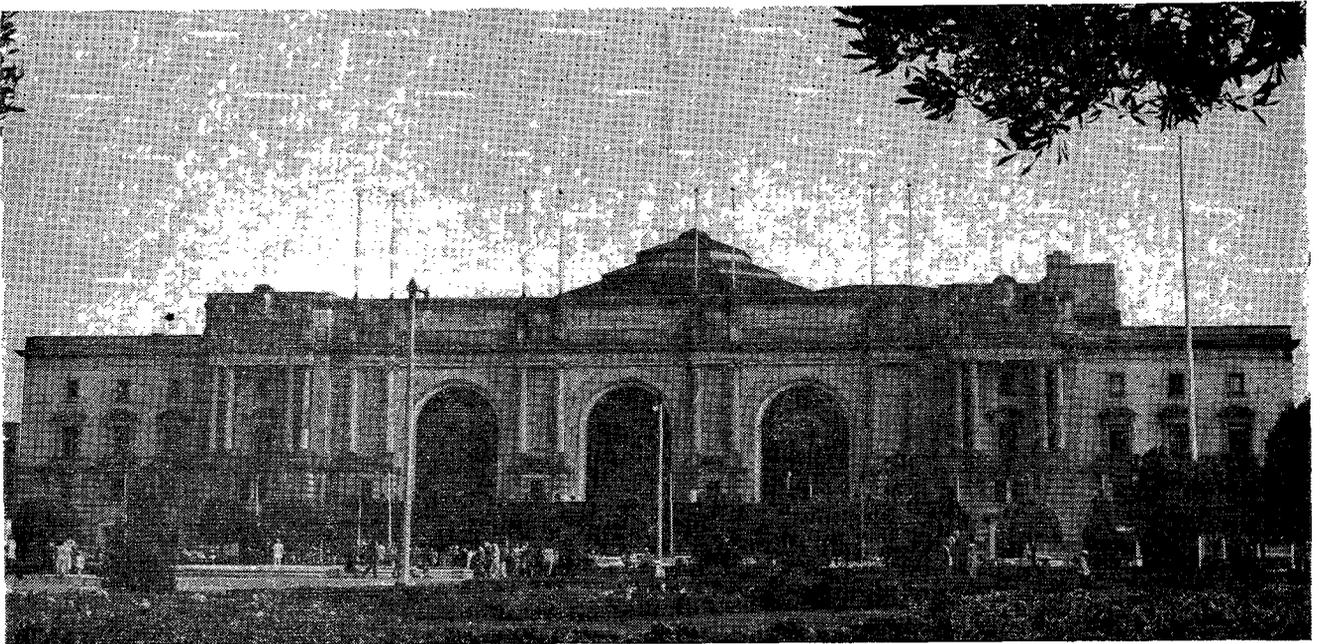
Then followed the heart-touching scene when the beloved, retiring president, Elder McElhany, called for the newly elected president, Elder Branson, to come to the platform to be introduced as the president of the General Conference. Among the words spoken by the retiring president as he grasped the new president's hand, were these:



Leaders of Men — Left, Elder J. L. McElhany, General Conference President, 1936-1950. Right, Elder W. H. Branson, Successor to Elder McElhany, 1950-

"Brethren and Sisters, I believe that we all tonight in faith can say that God will lead on before His people. He will protect His cause, and we shall have the great and glorious privilege ere long of seeing it triumph in the Kingdom of God. Now to that end and for that purpose, I do tonight personally very earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of our newly elected president, Elder W. H. Branson. Brother Branson, may God bless you; may He fill you with His Spirit. . . I want to assure you, dear Brother, that as I join the brethren on the sidelines, it will be my pleasure and my privilege to be one of those who shall pray for you and help you and support you in every way within my power. God bless you."

Elder Branson then replied, saying: "Ever since Elders C. L. Bauer and M. V. Campbell came to our room in our hotel about 6 p.m. today and told Mrs. Branson and me of the action of the nominating committee, we have been overwhelmed. I have always had very high ideals regarding the type of man who should stand as the leader of God's people, and especially in these last days of peril and of final preparation for our Lord's return. But I have never felt that I could personally measure up to that standard. I feel that I am the least of the apostles. I have no natural abilities to carry such a task as you have asked me to carry. I see so much of weakness and faultiness in my life that I shrink from undertaking this holy task. One thing is sure, I have



The Exposition Auditorium, at Civic Center, San Francisco, California, Where the 46th Session of the General Conference was Held, July 10 to 22, 1950.



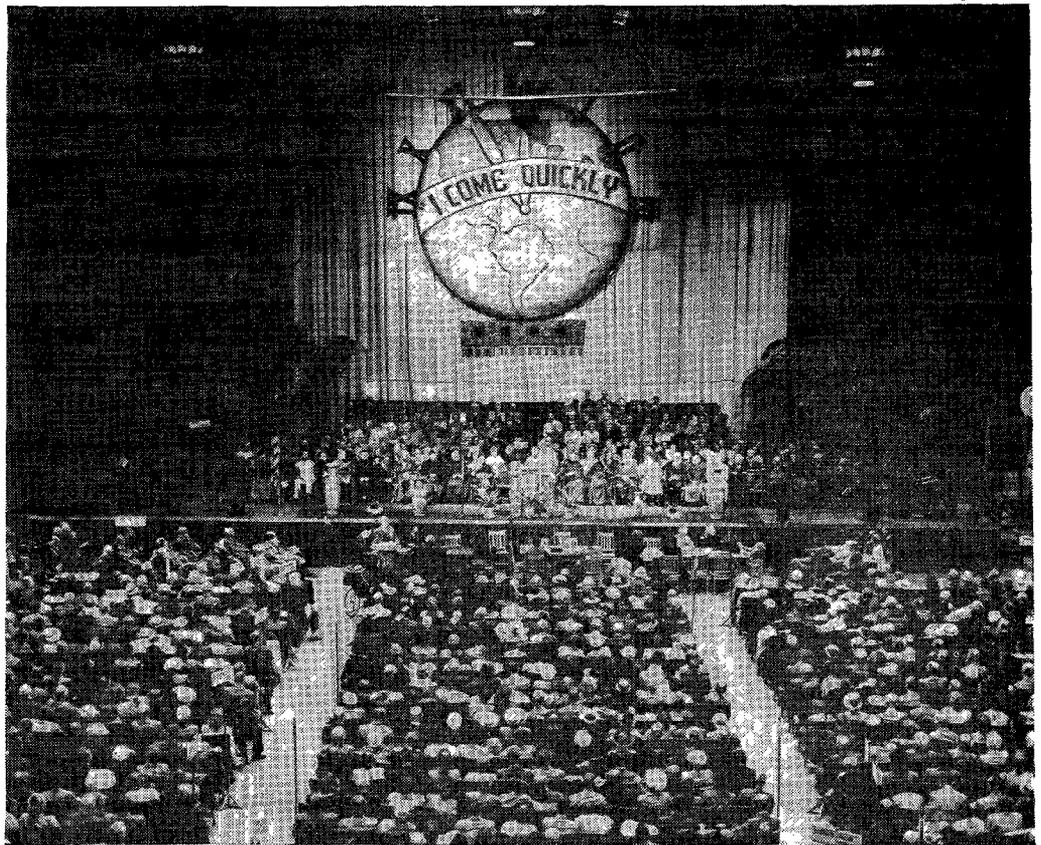
The Theme of the Advent Movement, *The Second Coming of Christ*, Was the Theme of the Mid-Century Session, and the Promise of the Saviour, "I Come Quickly," Was Constantly Before the Congregation, from the Opening Meeting on July 10, Until the Last Benediction at the Close of this Memorable Gathering. Surely this Should be the Cherished Incentive in the Hearts and Minds of Every Adventist Believer the World Around.



no confidence in the flesh. Of mine own self, I can do nothing. I have, however, always believed in our constituted committees and have felt that their calls should be heeded.

"I have never felt free to say no when our denominational committees have asked me to undertake any task. I also believe that the General Conference in session constitutes the highest authority of God upon earth. So I cannot refuse to serve when called upon to do so by God's people in general session. When the brethren left our hotel room, Mrs. Branson and I fell upon our knees and pleaded with God to forgive us our sins and make us what we ought to be, and the kind of people God's church expects its leaders to be. Only God can be my sufficiency. My trust shall be in Him. I am fully persuaded that this is His people and that we have His truth and that He will lead us. It is because of my absolute confidence in His leadership of His church upon the earth that I find courage to undertake this great task. I plead for all of you to pray for me, for I shall always need your earnest prayers. I know that I shall have your cooperation, and this too gives me courage.

"My chief burden shall be the winning of souls. This, I believe, should be our greatest of all goals. Our chief business as a church is to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. We must lose no time in accomplishing this solemn business for God. Everything else in the world is ready for the end. Heaven will be made up of people. The only possessions we can take with us to heaven are those whom we can save from the waves of sin; and this gathering of the people can be done only under the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit. We must now receive this pentecostal power, and lay plans throughout the whole world to get the people ready. The hour is growing late. The night is falling. There is not an hour nor a day to lose. Every department in our work should be streamlined to accomplish this great task. May God lead us into this larger work. We must never forget that the goal of all goals is soul saving."



Elder Branson is well known throughout Adventism as an executive, evangelist, and writer. He has served three divisions as president,—North America, South Africa, and China. He has been a general vice-president of the General Conference. He has been union conference and local conference president in North America.

When the General Conference in session chose Elder Branson for president of the world work, it chose a man of long and rich experience. Many Inter-American Seventh-day Adventists have had the privilege of becoming personally acquainted with Elder Branson, for he has visited this field on several occasions. He has preached to a number of our congregations and has counseled on some of our committees. His magazine articles and books are known to other thousands within our field.

To God we give thanks for this leader, and to Him we lift our prayers on behalf of Elder Branson in the great task of leading God's church. —ARTHUR H. ROTH

### Inter-America's Delegation to the Mid-Century Session

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## Inter-America's New Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary



Elder V. E. Berry

In this issue of the *Messenger* we introduce Elder Vernon E. Berry, Inter-America's new secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments. Brother Berry was appointed to serve Inter-America's youth at the time of the General Conference session held in San Francisco, California, July 10 to 22, 1950.

The experience that Brother Berry brings with him as he takes over his new responsibilities is rich and varied. After our new Mis-

sionary Volunteer and Educational secretary was graduated from Pacific Union College in 1933, he served as principal of Seventh-day Adventist junior academies for three years. His work as an educator was of such a character that in 1936 he was called to the Educational superintendency of the Central California Conference in the Pacific Union Conference.

Brother Berry connected with the youth and educational work of the Inter-American Division in 1939, and since then has been the leader of these two departments in the Antillian Union for nine years, and in the Central American Union for two years. Elder Berry received his Master of Arts degree in June, 1946, at the Stanford University, in California.

He speaks three languages—English, Spanish, and French. These are the languages most widely spoken in the Division territory. Inter-America is most fortunate to have a man come to the service of its youth who can be at home in the languages of the majority of our believers.

As Brother and Sister Berry move to Inter-American Division headquarters to take up their new responsibilities, we extend to them a hearty welcome, and ask that our brethren everywhere pray for the success of their work.

—A. H. R.

## Inter-America's New Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary



Elder W. A. Wild

Many who read these pages will be happy to make acquaintance with Elder W. A. Wild, the new leader of Inter-America's lay forces.

At the recent General Conference session held in San Francisco, Brother Wild was appointed to the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of the Inter-American Division. Elder Wild is not a stranger to Inter-America. He has the honor of belonging to the group of the ten missionary families now in Inter-America who have served this field the greatest number of years. Brother Wild and his family came to Inter-America in 1931. For the first eleven years of his labors in Inter-America, Brother Wild was connected with our training school in San José, Costa Rica. During that time he was successively teacher, preceptor, accountant, and director of the school. The last seven of the eleven years at the Central American Union Training School, he was director of the institution.

In 1942 Brother Wild was appointed as president of the Guatemala Mission, and filled that post for two years. But Inter-America's Spanish-speaking world became more fully acquainted with Brother Wild's capabilities when he was transferred from the Guatemala Mission to the editorship of our Spanish missionary magazine, *El Centinela*. For three years he was editor at the Pacific Press factory branch in Cristobal, Canal Zone. From the Canal Zone, Brother Wild was transferred to the Antillian Union Mission, to lead the work in our Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Radio Departments.

Our brother is well able to fit into the major language sections of our Division, for he speaks English, Spanish, French, German, and some Dutch and Italian. His training for the work was received in Europe, where he was born; at the River Plate Junior College, in Argentina; and at the Washington Missionary College, at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

As the Wilds now come to the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of the Inter-American Division, we not only welcome missionaries of long standing in the field, but we also welcome workers who are related to beloved Inter-American missionaries. Mrs. Wild is the daughter of Elder C. P. Crager, who served many years in both the Central American and Colombia-Venezuela Unions, as president.

God, bless the Wilds in their new and wider service to Inter-America.

—A. H. R.

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## A Youth's Congress on San Juan Hill

San Juan Hill, at Santiago on the Island of Cuba, was chosen by East Cuba's Missionary Volunteers as the site for their third youth's congress. The agricultural school

of the province of Oriente, located on this historically renowned hill, was host to some 450 Adventist young people who gathered from all over the conference to be present during the days of August 31 to September 3, 1950.

Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, David Cavada, had hardly anticipated such a large attendance of youth at the congress. But his readiness to meet the emergency situation of housing and feeding such a large attendance, coupled with the enthusiastic cooperation met by the conference president and other workers, made East Cuba's youth comfortable and contended, although they were extremely crowded. The adaptable and ready spirit of Cuba's youth, and their willing participation in all exercises, made this meeting one long to be remembered.

Share-Your-Faith, Christian living, the discussion of practical problems that need to be solved by youth, and the preparation of our lives for the Kingdom of God, were themes that occupied the young people during the days of their 1950 congress on San Juan Hill.

Those who helped East Cuba's Missionary Volunteers in the development of their congress, in addition to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary and the workers from East Cuba, were Celestino Roque, M. V. secretary for the West Cuba Conference; F. G. Drachenberg, president of the Antillian Junior College; H. B. Lundquist, of the Antillian Union; and Arthur H. Roth, of the Inter-American Division staff.

Seventh-day Adventist youth of East Cuba have again renewed their pledge of loyalty to God, and to the finishing of His work on earth. —A. H. R.



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### Jamaica's Seventh M. V. Congress

The seventh Missionary Volunteer congress to be held in Jamaica is now a pleasant memory. This gathering was held from September 14 to 17, 1950. The fruits of this congress, however, we believe will be felt in the weeks and months that lie ahead.

At this meeting, attended by some three thousand five hundred of Jamaica's finest youth, the Missionary Volunteers renewed their promise to share their faith with 500,000 others each year, until the equivalent of Jamaica's entire population has been contacted on behalf of the Advent hope and faith.

This congress was well led by capable union Missionary Volunteer secretary, H. S. Walters; and along with him were H. Nembhard and C. S. Greene, youth leaders from the East and West Jamaica Conferences, who worked with their union leader in moving the congress along to its grand finale on Sunday night, September 17, when some 15,000 people from Kingston gathered at the city race course to join Adventist youth in listening to a stirring sermon on "The Certainties of Our Times," as presented by one of our world's youth leaders, Elder L. A. Skinner.

As a special honor, on the occasion of this final meeting of the Congress, His Worship Mayor Seabright, of Kingston, in person addressed the large gathering of people summoned by the Adventist youth. He expressed official approval and satisfaction of genuine Christian living, as exemplified by our own young people.

In addition to the many fine selections of music presented throughout the congress by choirs, soloists, and ensembles, the Jamaica military band favored the congress attendants with one hour's concert of religious music on Sunday night. This same band accompanied the 200-voice choir as it sang Handel's "Messiah" for the last musical number of the congress.

During congress sessions, the Adventist youth of Jamaica dealt with themes such as: Share Your Faith, The Life of Victory, The Second Coming of Jesus, Sabbath Keeping, Youth Problems, and many kindred topics. These subjects were dealt with in various ways,—in sermons, in Bible studies, devotional talks, and youth-participation panels.

The Sabbath services were especially blessed, for on that day many young hearts were surrendered to God for the first time. Other youth renewed their promise of devotion to the Master.

Prominent attendants at this congress were workers from the East and West Jamaica Conferences; and from the British West Indies Union Office, the president, Elder R. W. Numbers, and several representatives of his staff. From the General Conference this outstanding congress entertained Brethren L. A. Skinner, E. E. Cossentine, and Glenn Calkins; and Arthur H. Roth was present from the Inter-American Division headquarters staff.

Denominational leaders in Jamaica often were heard to say, after the close of the congress, that "these youth gatherings through the years have been among the strongest forces in winning and holding our young people for the message." God bless Jamaica's youth! —A.H.R.



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### Rich Fruitage in Barbados, B.W.I.

After spending eight years in British Guiana, where we conducted thirteen major and five minor evangelistic efforts and baptized nearly a thousand souls, we were transferred to Barbados early in 1950.

Our first work was to arrange for an evangelistic drive in Queen's Park pavilion. From the first night we had an excellent response. The effort continued for a period of 48 nights and cost only eleven dollars per night. The pavilion was filled and hundreds stood on the outside or sat in their cars. On the first night the attendance was about 800 and other nights there were a thousand or more present at the lectures.

From the Caribbean Training College a ministerial intern, Brother Kenrick O. Davis, assisted in the effort; and another worker from the College, Miss Myrtle McClean, served as pianist for the meetings in the city. We also had the assistance of the faithful members of the three city churches.

On April 9 we began 15-minute broadcasts on Sunday afternoons, when sermonettes on present-day conditions were presented, and the meetings were announced. On April 16 the effort was officially opened, and continued for a period of ten weeks. On May 20 a baptismal class was organized, and the work continued with sustained interest until the close of the effort.



These are the Seventy-seven Persons Who Were Baptized on August 20, 1950, as the Result of Evangelistic Efforts Held this Year in Bridgetown, Barbados, by Pastor O. P. Reid and His Associates.

On August 20, a baptism took place at the Aquatic Club. The candidates marched into the sea in pairs, and were baptized by Pastor Earl Parchment and the writer. Pastor S. E. White, the president of the mission, gave a solemn address to the candidates. On this occasion 77 persons were baptized, and with nine who had received this rite a short time before, there are now 86 additions to the faith in this city as the result of our efforts thus far. Our baptism on August 20, of the 77 new members, represents the largest single baptism ever conducted in Barbados.

On Sabbath, August 26, in the same pavilion, when a convention was in session, and in the presence of nearly one thousand believers from all the churches on the island, these newly baptized members stood before the congregation, and were received into church fellowship. This was a most impressive occasion, and called forth praises to God, and many solemn amens on the part of those present.

Many interesting experiences might be told from the lives of those who joined God's remnant people during the recent evangelistic effort in Barbados; but the report of these triumphs of faith cannot be reported just now. However, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the three city churches, for their excellent cooperation and noble help that was willingly given during our evangelistic work as reported in this brief article.

Another baptism is already planned for, and ere this report appears in print, the 1950 converts from efforts here in Barbados will have reached more than one hundred souls. Please remember these new believers in your prayers, for many of them are already meeting with persecution because of the stand they have taken.

—O. P. REID, *Evangelist*

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**News and Views from C.A.U.M.**

*Honduras Mission, July, 1950.*— Roque Reyes and Relicito Cantoral are Ingathering along the North Coast at present. M. A. Cerna just returned from two weeks' visit on the South Coast. He held ten days of meetings in San José de Pespire, using our new church building for the effort. This is a nice appearing house of worship, and a

credit to our work. It was dedicated free of debt on my recent visit, and the church members are to be commended for their good work to that end. San José de Pespire is located between Tegucigalpa and the South Coast.  
 —E. E. JENSEN

*San José, Costa Rica, May, 1950.*— Our Radio Bible Schools in this union have received applications from 35,000 students in the last five years. One third of this number have enrolled, and 25% have completed the courses. Approximately 2,400 are enrolled at the present time. A church member handed an application blank to a stranger who studied the lessons and interested some 45 others. All of these have now completed the course; and 30 of them are now baptized church members. Many enrollees have never heard a radio broadcast, but have been given an application blank by a Missionary Volunteer, a colporteur, or a church member. It takes very little talent to hand out a blank form and secure an enrollee, but the results pay multiple dividends.  
 —MRS. A. V. LARSON

*Cristobal, Canal Zone, August 28, 1950.*—We are quite busy here in the plant now, and I hope that at the coming constituency meeting in Mountain View we can make some definitive plans for further advancement in our work for the Inter-American Division. We had a gain of \$61,400.00 in sales up to the month of August, over the record of last year. This, of course, is encouraging to us.  
 —C. L. PADDOCK, JR.

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**Field Notes and News**

*Magangué, Río Magdalena, Colombia, S. A., May 16, 1950.*— In spite of restrictions in connection with our work on board the Medical Launch, "Portaluz," wherever we go hundreds of people gather to hear these truths on healthful living, and also our message. This demonstrates the fact that our medical work will be the entering wedge, and that it will overcome all obstacles arrayed against the preaching of the good news of salvation. Oh, that we had many other launches such as this one, and also the people to man them, who are very scarce. I search everywhere. I look for workers. I talk to them about this work, and try to encourage them to take it to heart. . . I have just finished a trip across Cienagas, where I had been only once, several years ago. It is rich with running water, large stands of timber, fruits of all kinds, abundant pastures, happiness in living, and great opportunities for service. . . . In these places people drink in the gospel. They receive it with joy, and ask questions about it. What more can I do? My heart is sad. We have no one to send to labor here, nor even hopes of sending anyone. Fifty-six places such as this, where a good work could be done, are opening their doors to the message in Colombia.

—E. PLATA D.

*Medellín, Colombia, August 30, 1950.*—Brother and Sister F. H. McNiel, of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, and their three children, have had a most interesting and exciting vacation on the islands of San Andres and Providencia. The exciting part started right at the begin-

ning, when their boat missed the islands, and went as far as the coast of Nicaragua before turning back! Then followed many interesting and pleasant days with the brethren on the islands, which was topped off by the extraordinary experience of being lost at sea. The boat on which they were traveling developed motor trouble and they were soon adrift on the ocean. Fortunately they were in the line of traffic, and were able to stop a few vessels and request them to send an S. O. S. call for help.

The boat which came to their rescue could not find them at the designated place, for by that time they had drifted one hundred miles from the spot. A Colombia Navy plane set out in their search, and soon guided a vessel to the distressed travelers, and before long they were towed back to Cartagena, on the northwest coast of Colombia. By the time they arrived back in Colombia, after seven days of drifting, there was only one day's supply of water left aboard their ship, and several other commodities, such as salt and sugar had already given out. We surely thank the Lord for His protecting care over these dear people.

—IVA M. BAASCH

of the hall was forced to cancel his contract for the use of the hall. But this did not stop the work. The owner sold the hall to another person who was independent enough to renew the contract with Brother Vallejo; and we now have a baptismal class of about fifty persons in that town.

Our rural workers in Oaxaca are also doing exploits for God. They have had severe and violent opposition, but now have police protection, and a number have joined their little Sabbath school. And so the reports continue to come in. We thank God for His blessings and take courage for the future.

—H. J. WESTPHAL

*Weslaco, Texas, September 11, 1950.* A building lot next to the beautiful union office in Colonia Narvarte, Mexico City, has been purchased, for the erection of a church. It is planned that offices above the church will be connected with the offices on the second floor of the present office building. It will be a great advantage to our work to have an attractive church in the fast-growing Narvarte section, where middle and high class families live. When this church is completed, and the others that are under construction have been finished, we shall have five church homes in the Federal City of Mexico.

—BARBARA O. WESTPHAL

*Miami, Florida, October 12, 1950.*— A recent letter from Elder Henry J. Westphal, written from Merida, Yucatán, Mexico, states: "Our effort in this city has been richly blessed by God. Thanks to the work that has been done throughout the years, this place was ripe for an effort. We have already baptized five persons, and next Sabbath we expect to baptize in the neighborhood of fifty more."

Later in his letter, Brother Westphal states: "In addition to these, we hope to leave at least fifty more persons in a baptismal class." As reports of this nature come from various sections of the field, our hearts thrill at the response of the people to the preaching of God's message.

—ARTHUR H. ROTH

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**Tidings from Across the Border**

*On Flight Toward Merida, Yucatán, August 25, 1950.*— Things are coming along nicely all through the field. I think there are about 30 lay efforts going on right now, 20 of which are being conducted in the two southern missions. Brethren Thomann, Maxson, and Taylor will start their efforts in about a month's time. Most of the workers throughout the field are engaged in evangelistic efforts right now.

One of our rural workers, Brother Vallejos, has just closed an effort, and is now carrying on Sunday night meetings and Bible classes. Although he has not had extensive education, he has launched out strongly for the Lord. His average attendance was between 600 and 800. He held his meetings in a little town named Isla, got the use of a large hall, was soon bitterly opposed, and the owner

**Looking to the Future**

*Plans for reaching unentered sections of the field*

**ANTILLIAN UNION.**—Lay preaching efforts. Personal evangelism. Colporteur work. Branch Sabbath school work.

**BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION.**—The work of laymen and mission workers. These workers will go into the unentered fields and secure enrollments to the Bible Correspondence School. They will also pass out literature. The colporteurs will also place literature in the same territory.

**THE CARIBBEAN UNION MISSION.**—Most of the fields in this union are leaning heavily upon their colporteurs, and upon the radio work, to help them reach unentered territory. A new radio program has recently been started in Trinidad. Plans are under way for a new program in the French West Indies also. A layman from the French West Indies went as a self-supporting missionary to French Guiana. And some of the laymen of the Caribbean Union are working hard to enter the unentered villages near their homes.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION.**—Several of our lay evangelistic preachers have moved to sections for the purpose of carrying the truth to these new places. Throughout the field we are encouraging leaders to put the regular

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## People - Places - Projects

*Georgetown, Grand Cayman, B. W. I., October 15, 1950.*—The work is onward here. We have a new interest in the correspondence school. We are also beginning a new church soon at Boddentown. Our mission school is in full swing, with a full enrollment. We expect more at the beginning of the new year. Have had to add another teacher, —just last week, for the work was too much for the two already engaged. We have been blessed with many showers of rain, and are of good courage for these blessings which God has given us. —O. V. SCHNEIDER

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Some weeks ago a question arose concerning the discount to national workers, on the REVIEW AND HERALD. That is, the regular weekly edition in English. A reply has now been received from the assistant manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, in Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and reads in part, as follows:

"Regarding the discount on the Review to national workers, the operation of the policy through the years has been to deduct the amount of one dollar from the regular price of the Review when such is ordered by national workers. This policy has never been applied to the BIG FOUR or FAMILY GROUP because the prices of these two groups are already considerably reduced. Thank you for your interest in the circulation of the Review."

We are nearing the close of another year. This is the right time to check over both family and institutional subscriptions for all publications,— general, division, and union, and place orders for the publications that will be required for the coming year. All orders should be placed through the regular channels. Thank you!

—E.A.J.

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*Santurce, Puerto Rico, August 18, 1950.*—The Lord is blessing our work here in Puerto Rico. I believe our baptisms will reach 400 for this year, which will be a good increase over the record of last year. Our tithe is definitely on the increase, and for this we are most thankful. The hospital construction is coming along very nicely.

All footings are poured and columns up to the first floor.

—S. L. FOLKENBERG

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*Barranquilla, Colombia, August 30, 1950.*—A series of revival meetings in the Rebola church continued from August 12 to 19. The members joined wholeheartedly in the effort by inviting their neighbors and friends, and the church was full every night, with the exception of one evening when it rained. Pastor Fernon Retzer brought us timely sermons and at the end of the week about 35 persons joined the baptismal class. Accordian and trumpet duets by Elder and Mrs. Retzer added to the interest, and were an appreciated feature of the effort.

—IVA M. BAASCH

### Vital Statistics

**BORN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burley, of Medellín, Colombia, a son Kimber Lee Burley, on July 19, 1950, at Lincoln, Nebraska, U. S. A.

**BORN.**—To Elder and Mrs. B. O. Maxson, of Mexico City, Mexico, a son, Benjamin Lloyd Maxson, on July 17, 1950.

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"The real goal of all our activities in the French West Indies is the saving of souls! I wish to assure you of my hearty co-operation. God has richly blessed this field in recent years; but the work is most difficult because of fanaticism. But glory be to God, for He is always giving us new victories over Satan and his empire.

"Our members are of good courage and full of zeal for the work they love so much. They are generous and faithful in the matter of tithes and offerings, though they are not rich in this world's goods. Some of our people have to borrow clothing to attend church. Some go barefoot to prayer meeting in order to save their only pair of shoes for the Sabbath. One mother of several children had to cut up a bed sheet to cover in some fashion the bodies of her children. Cloth is

hard to find here, and very expensive.

"Whenever our good friends in the United States send us pieces of clothing, they are always most welcome! Please thank these good people warmly in our behalf."—Eugene Berle, in a letter to E. F. Hackman.

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During the early summer Mrs. Cash and I spent more than a month in Panama, helping in the Ingathering work. The economic situation there is far from rosy, but we worked hard and the Lord blessed our efforts. We had most excellent co-operation all the way through, and when we left, the goal of \$3,500 was in sight. It was a pleasure also to assist in the Ingathering work in Salvador and Guatemala. Really our workers are doing their utmost to make every campaign a success throughout C. America—R.E.C.

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The Ingathering work is going better in Colombia this year than ever before. I am really surprised, for some were afraid that due to political conditions the campaign might not be too successful during 1950. But we find the people more friendly, and things are moving along most encouragingly. The situation of unrest in government circles seems to have done us a lot good, which is the way it should be. —GEORGE C. NICKLE

*Looking to the Future* —from p. 7 evangelists in new places, rather than to hold them in sections where we already have established churches.

**COLOMBIA - VENEZUELA UNION.**—Literature is being distributed in the sections where the truth is not known. Lay missionaries are also entering these sections as fast as possible. One young man has raised up a Sabbath school, and has gone on to another place to raise up new interests. There are many of our brethren who desire to move from their present locations and actually teach the truth to those who have not yet heard it. The idea of living the truth in various communities appeals to our church members.

**MEXICAN UNION MISSION.**—We are stressing in our conventions the need of a wider scope of visitation on the part of the lay members, and a freer distribution of our tracts and other literature. We find that our members are taking hold of these simple methods of reaching the people.

*A Report from Union Leaders.*

### SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES

Dec. 2	Home Missionary Day
Dec. 9	2nd Sabbath Missions Offering
Dec. 30	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Overflow to Far Eastern Division)
Jan. 6	Home Missionary Day
Jan. 27	Religious Liberty Day
Feb. 3	Christian Home Day