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Billy Graham records for Radio Station TGNA (left to right): Al Platt, Radio Director at the controls with Jorge Sánchez, Evangelist Billy Graham, and Felipe Álvarez of TGNA staff

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In Memoriam

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Sidney Paul Marcy, a militant pioneer missionary of the Central American Mission, was called to a higher service February 22, 1958. He had been flown to the Hospital Evangélico, Siguatepeque in the MAF plane by pilot Don Berry, but his condition was already beyond the help of surgery. He went into a coma and died at 5:30 Saturday afternoon in the Mission Hospital.

Sidney was born in Concord, New Hampshire, May 13, 1913, and attended Wheaton College and the Moody Bible Institute. He and Charlotte served two years in Costa Rica under the Latin America Mission, and later went to Honduras March 24, 1941, under the Central American Mission. For 17 years he has faithfully served his Lord in that country where he was dearly loved by missionaries and nationals alike.

In January Sidney attended the Central American Bible Institute Board meeting in Siguatepeque, Honduras. Just before adjournment he asked for permission to give a word of testimony. Those present will never forget the precious way that he spoke of his love for Christ and his gratitude to God for bringing him back to Honduras and enabling him to serve the people of that land that he loved so much. Truly he

had a heart for the Lord Himself, and a compassion for the "other sheep" for whom Christ died.

Two weeks before his homegoing Sidney was actively teaching the Word at a Short-term Bible Institute at Candelaria. After this he and Charlotte moved to Malcotal to supervise the new agricultural boys' school. It was there that he became violently ill with unbearable headaches.

Throughout this trying experience Charlotte has demonstrated that the grace of God is real and able to sustain one in sorrow. With a true missionary spirit, she wrote, "I just pray that the Lord will speak to hearts of the nationals of their need to

lift up the torch and carry on."

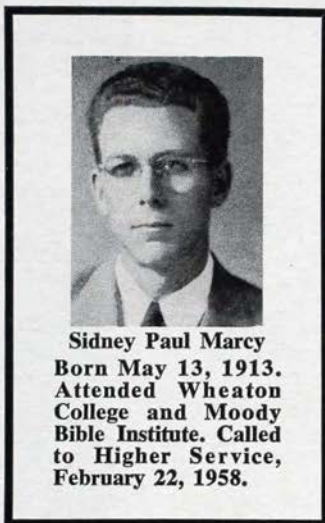
Friends of the Mission will want to remember her and the eight children in earnest prayer. Pearl is at Wheaton College, Paul attends the Moody Bible Institute, Mildred is studying at Ben Lippen, Ruth is with friends in the East. The four youngest ones are at the Mission School in Siguatepeque, Honduras: Caroline, Miriam, Loida and Jonathan.

All over Honduras believers have mourned the passing of this faithful servant of God. Already memorial services have been held for him in Güinope, Danlí, and El Paraíso, besides the funeral service in the Siguatepeque chapel.

Within the brief period of six months, death has taken two men from the field force of the Central American Mission. Both men labored in the Republic of Honduras. Both men were accepting the challenge of a new service for the Lord, but they were taken Home as they were entering their new sphere of labors.

Where are those who can take their places to finish the tasks that were set before them? Where are those who are willing to endure hardships to open new fields for Christ?

There is a harvest of souls waiting to be gathered for the Lord in Central America and Mexico. **At least 104 missionaries are urgently needed.**



Sidney Paul Marcy
Born May 13, 1913.
Attended Wheaton
College and Moody
Bible Institute. Called
to Higher Service,
February 22, 1958.



The George Hasties

News Notes

ARRIVALS

Early in February **Ralph and Mary Keep** arrived in the States by plane for their second furlough.

On March 4 **Roy and Irma MacNaught** arrived in Dallas to begin their fifth furlough. On the same day **Minnie Lovett** arrived in Miami on her first furlough.

Bob and Anna Atwood returned to the States January 24 and began deputation meetings in February.

BIRTHS

Mary Susana Ramaly was born in San José on February 9, 1958.

DEPARTURES

In the last Bulletin the departure of the **Llorets and Hasties** was announced, and we are happy to include their pictures in this issue. Both are working among primitive Indians.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr. Alvar Olson, Director of the Mission Bookstore in Guatemala City, has been elected Chairman of the Editorial Centro-americana Board. **Mrs. Olson** makes a valuable contribution with her artistic ability.

The Al Olsons



The Julian Llorets

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER



Mr. Gould

Rev. R. Howard Gould was elected to the Executive Council of the Mission at the Annual Council Meeting January 27.

Mr. Gould served as a missionary nearly 21 years in Guatemala City, where he was Associate Dean of the Central American Bible Institute.

Presently he is teaching and serving as Registrar at the Dallas Bible Institute.

With his rich field experience he will be a distinct asset to the Council, which is happy to welcome him to its membership.

BMA TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

Youth Book I of the Bible Memory Association will be off the press in Spanish soon. First enrollments will be taken in May, according to the plan of the BMA Directive Committee. Camps will be held in November and December.

Pray that many young people in Guatemala and El Salvador will enroll.

Pray that sponsors will be raised up to cover the cost of camp, which is \$5.

Pray that God will use this work to win many to Himself and deepen the lives of Christians.

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Evangelistic Campaigns Touch 55 Churches

In 55 churches in 3 Central American Republics **Bob and Anna Atwood** held special evangelistic meetings from one to four days each from May to January. Reporting on their campaigns in 17 churches in the mountains of Guatemala, they write: "In most of these churches we had meetings outside because the crowds were so large."

Many Children Receive Christ

"Usually we had children's services nearby. The pastors and fine young women workers helped with these meetings.

"Many children received Christ. One eleven-year-old lad prayed, 'Lord I always thought I was saved because my parents were Evangelicals, but I thank you that you showed me I needed to be saved . . . and you saved ME.'

"Conditions were anything but ideal," writes Anna Atwood. "The children often sat on the ground. In one place I taught 135 children seated on the ground in the middle of the main street, and each time anyone wiggled a cloud of dust arose.

Reaching the Youth

"Over 200 young people and others pressed into the tiny mountain village of El Rodeo. At night nearly everyone except the speaker, slept on the floors with the fleas; but God blessed as several young people dedicated their lives to the Lord.

"In Pinuelas several hundred sat on the large rocks in a natural amphitheater behind the chapel. Formerly there were nearly 100 young people in this Youth Society, now there are only a few faithful ones. After 24 hours of prayer we rejoiced to see some come to Christ and some backsliders restored to fellowship. One night 85 came from El Shiste of Metapán, on the Salvador border, many of whom claimed they had been saved in the '56 campaign."

God Deals With Pastors

God seemed to work in the lives of the preachers in this trip. One or two accompanied the Atwoods in each campaign. "One pastor, who had resigned his church and was waiting on a new call, broke down and wept bitterly during a prayer meeting. He confessed he had become cold because of quarreling in his congregation, and had lost his first love.

"He wept aloud for the Lord to renew the joy of his salvation. That day the Lord met his need as well as that of several other pastors.

"One morning another pastor, confessed his pride, which had kept the Lord from using him. That afternoon at a children's class, he led 11 to Christ, and was radiantly happy as he travelled with us 13 days.

Sins that Hinder God's Work

"In the village of Jerez a pastor had fallen into the sin of adultery. Then as he thought he saw no way out, he turned to liquor. His faithful wife prays continually for his restoration. (Will you?)

"Another Christian worker in the same town, married an unsaved man against the warnings of believers. So maltreated has she been, that she became mentally deranged. These two have caused much damage to the cause of Christ in the village."

Congregations Need Pastors

In some places the pastors do not receive more than \$15.00 a month. They say they love the work of the Lord and that is why they are willing to suffer. "In some of these towns the brethren were convicted of the sin of not giving to the Lord.

"Moisés is one of these dear pastors who serves the Lord sacrificially. His congregation cannot pay him except with food but he makes a few cents selling simple remedies and food stuffs." In spite of a rheumatic heart, and doctors orders to take very little exercise, he walked many miles over difficult mountain paths to accompany us. He makes these trips regularly to take the Word of God to his needy people.

The Power of God's Word

Their final series of meetings in Guatemala City were sponsored by El Mesías Church. God blessed even though it was the coldest week of the year.

One young man came down that street knowing nothing about the campaign. He was a believer out of fellowship with Christ for many years. Half way through the sermon he almost ran to the front of the church and cried that he wanted to get right with God.

Pray that those who made decisions will stand faithful.

PRAY for more pastors and for revival blessings upon the congregations of Guatemala.



International Team cooperates in Evangelistic Center: Efraín Reyes, Salvador, Atilio Menéndez, Honduras, Eliseo Hernández, Salvador, and Walter Cuadra, Costa Rica.

— Photo by Bassett

Panama Campaigns Continue

"Four months of continuous evangelistic preaching continues in the 'Centro Cristiano' in downtown Panama City.

"Latin evangelists and singers from other countries are being brought in for this (including Julio Marriaga, Atilio Menéndez, Mariano Gonzales, and Eliseo Hernández). In order to get the full benefit from the ministry of these men of God, much follow-up work is essential," according to **Carl Etheridge**.

"We have never felt more encouraged than right now. **Eliseo Hernández** just came. Our steady attendance has been gradually building up and last night we had almost a full house, mostly adults," writes **Mabel Elthon**.

"We are praying for a 'climax' when souls must break down before the Lord. May the believers soon catch the vision of the demands of God's grace for their lives!

"There have been some 18 sincere professions by the second month of our campaigns" (by February 28), and our attendance at the Evangelistic Center has double since the first month of the campaign," according to **Kenneth Bassett**.

"Now the Evangelistic Center is in the center of the Spanish speaking people in the heart of the city, where the majority of the Spanish can be reached," writes **Miss Elthon**.

"We as a mission are trying to reach the Spanish speaking people in Panama city with its 200,000 and for these we consider ourselves responsible. These people are of Catholic influence, yet know so little about Catholicism, and for the most part are disinterested."

It is surprising how many in this area did not even go to the Billy Graham meetings, and seemed to care less.

"We are still left with our challenge stronger than ever. Pray for us."

Strikes ...

Opposition ...

But the Crusade Goes On!

"The Billy Graham Campaign in Panama was a great victory for God," according to **Carl Etheridge**, who is delaying furlough over four months to assist in the campaign and follow-up.

"The priests warned the people against attending, but that only served to advertise the meetings," wrote **Willard Etheridge**.

Campaigns in Three Centers

Pre-campaign meetings by Billy Graham Teams were held in three big centers: David, Colón and in the Zone, according to **Mabel Elthon**.

Up in Colón where crowds met in the Arena, the preaching was in English, translated by bi-linguals, as it was also in the Zone where they met in the Tivoli Commisary. In David, one of our main centers in Panama, **Pedro Gutiérrez** of Colombia (LAM Graduate) preached 8 days to crowds of 150 to 200, with 40 making professions of faith.

Thousands Attend

"Thousands attended the rallies in Colón and in the Zone. The Gospel was preached in its simplicity and with power. Several hundred made profession of faith.

Much Opposition

"Then all the evangelical forces of Panama moved into the National Stadium, in Caledonia, a bilingual area on the edge of Panama City.

"The two nights that Billy Graham preached approximately 14,000 attended each night despite the fact that there was a bus strike for the first night. There had been a printers strike for three or four days, and the bulk of the last minute advertising **never** was printed.

"Christian car owners were asked to stick Graham posters on their cars and go out on the main streets from 5 p.m. on to pick up the people and take them to the Stadium. The people had been advised to get to the principal streets and hail the "Graham cars." It was really exciting, thrilling, militant, yet orderly."

Nearly 1,800 Decisions

"Each night when the invitation was given hundreds responded and were dealt with personally. In all about 1,800 cards were filled out in the seven nights, the majority of them the two nights that Billy preached. All were dealt with personally by trained counsellors.

Nicaragua

A Missionary Church on The Mission Field

"The church of Betania, with which we work has demonstrated a missionary zeal which actually has guided us in a missionary program where ever we work.

"We feel privileged and even shamed by the ministry of this missionary church," write **Don and Marilu Evans** from their new field.

"**Don Antonio Sanchez** the pastor has so taught by example and word the ministry of every believer that I believe that almost any member in the church is ready, if only by a godly desire to lead a service, preach, sing, testify, witness or otherwise be ready to be of service to others.

Reaching to Other Congregations

"Actually they are missionaries to other congregations, to Nandaime which seems still dead from internal strife, and to Filadelfia Church, isolated on the river Ocho-mogo.

"Certainly they are missionaries to their own area. One of the young people entirely on his own, with the Lord's help started the equivalent of child evangelism classes. Weekly, the church has devotional services where there is an invitation.

"It is a joy to see this church working and to know this is the way God can answer prayer even among these unlettered people who are giants in faith."

PASTORS, MISSIONARIES MEET FOR SPIRITUAL REFRESHING

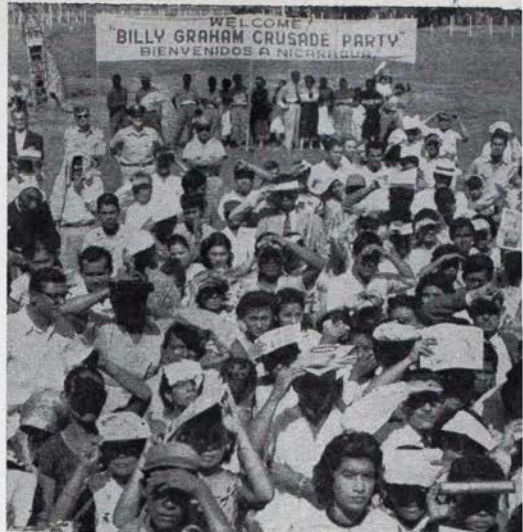
"National pastors, Bible women, and missionaries of the CAM of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, gathered in the new church in downtown Managua for the second workers' retreat," writes **Richard Richey** of Costa Rica.

"Bible studies, discussions and fellowship together were all spiritually refreshing, and did much toward creating a better spirit of unity in the Lord's work, both in Costa Rica and Nicaragua."

"Most of the English people designated churches in the Zone. Of the Spanish speaking, the Four-Square received the larger share, with about 400 cards." The CAM received 25 decision cards and about 20 seemed sincere.

"Surely it has been a day of the Lord's visitation to the Panamanians and we rejoice over the fact that thousands heard the 'good news of salvation,' presented simply, yet with convicting power. As for the results, our expectancy is from the Lord," according to Miss Elthon.

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Nearly 2,000 at Airport meet Billy Graham
— Photo by Houk

Nearly 2,000 Greet Billy at Airport

Nearly 2,000 greeted the **Billy Graham Team** at the Managua Airport, despite the blazing heat of a tropical Nicaraguan sun.

"Great preparations went into the brief visit as evangelicals of Nicaragua worked shoulder to shoulder on the plans," writes **Jim Houk**.

"As Billy Graham stepped off the plane the crowd sang 'Bienvenido', and presented him with a Nicaragua flag, and an alligator Bible case. **Beverly Shea** sang 'How Great Thou Art' and the all too short 20 minutes were concluded by the entire crowd singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' in Spanish. It was a wonderful and inspiring meeting."

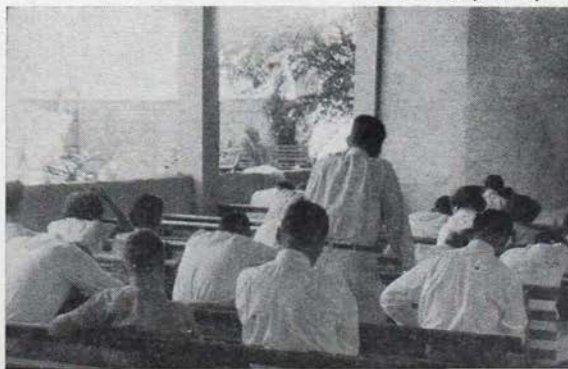
FIRST INSTITUTE IN BETANIA

First Bible Institute in the Nandaime area was held in the village of Betania. It began in October, lasting to December 25, with **Dean Lewis** and **Don Evans** teaching.

Ten completed the course. 25 believers came from Nandaime, Granada and Betania, but not all who attended received certificates, according to **Colista Lewis**.

Workers . . . Missionaries Pray Together

— Photo by Richey





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1. 40,000 Fill Mateo Flores Stadium Each Night
2. On Every Hand Earnest Believers Welcome Billy Graham at Airport
3. Dr. Graham with Rogelio Archilla, Interpreter
4. First Crusade Opens in Open Air Theater
5. Virgilio Zapata Opens First Crusade in Open Air Theater with 6,000
6. Ramón Cabrera Preaches in First Crusade—Choir in Background
7. Inquirers Increase in Numbers Each Night

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Graham Crusade 179,800 in

By Arthur W. Korn

The opening chapter of the "Billy Graham written several years ago when pastors began a Billy Graham to Guatemala?"

That hope became more of a reality last June of the LAM, announced a plan which included an itinerary.

Only two days for such a campaign seemed we set to work. Pastors, workers and missionaries discussion. Here there was no modernism, but 16 Missions. The Executive Committee was composed of: President, Virgilio Zapata; Vice President, Samuel Arévalo; Treasurer, Raúl Echeverría, and

A tremendous amount of work was involved in the nations. Counsellors had to be trained; ushers, crowds, and publicity prepared to appeal to all. The reach was utilized . . . radio, newspapers, television.

Believers Mobilize for

Most of all, believers all over the republic and it was this factor, more than any other, that

By the end of December we were beginning to see support. Hundreds of homes and chapels prepared for lodging. Other teams were preparing mission finances, and a host of other necessary details.

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MEASURABLE RESULTS OF THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE IN GUATEMALA

Total Crusade attendance	179,800
Capital City	143,800
Provincial Cities	36,000
Total professions	580
Capital City	380
Provincial Cities	200

Pray that God will establish every one
who made a decision for Christ.

planned, to present the Gospel in a united effort and to prepare
the way for the larger crusade in the capital.

Obstacles . . . Problems Overcome

Problems came in like a flood and there were many anxious
moments. When the national elections were announced for the
opening date of the crusade, we doubted the wisdom of going
ahead. Anything could happen. The common expectation was for
trouble. A week before we began, a government lawyer advised us
to cancel the first week of Provincial meetings.

In seeking permission for stadiums for the Capital meetings
we met more closed than open doors. It was not until the third
night of the crusade in the Open Air Theatre, that we could an-
nounce an extension of permission! It was only several days be-
fore, that the exorbitant rent was reduced!

We gratefully acknowledge the help from human instruments
during those critical days, but humbly gives thanks to the One who
opens doors that no man can shut.

A great volume of prayer was going up from all sides. Some
pastors were meeting all night for prayer. Everywhere churches
were finding that prayer was meeting problems . . . for them and
for us.

Lightning Pre-Campaigns Touch 12 Cities

Two groups, each with a coordinator, evangelist and musi-
cians, left the Capital January 21 for 12 days of Pre-Crusade
campaigns, each visiting six principal cities all over Guatemala.
Evangelists were Mariano Gonzáles of the CAM of Honduras and
Jorge Sánchez of the Navigators of Costa Rica. Coordinators were
Stuart Bundy with a trumpet trio, all of the Latin American
Institute of Guatemala City, and Arthur Konrad with Newberry
Cox as trumpeter, both of the CAM.

Everywhere there was a tremendous interest and a burden of
prayer. There was also evidence of much hard work. After the
first night in Cobán, the first team wired back, "Nothing like it
here in seven years."

The first night in Escuintla, we had a crowd of 1,500. From

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— Photo by Bevan

Graham Meets with an Indian Group . . . as well as with 1,000 Pastors, Workers and Missionaires . . . and with Interim President Coronel Guillermo Flores Avendano, Testifying to the Grace of God in his Life.

then on it was evident that God had prepared the way. The teams travelled to San Marcos, Huehuetenango, Jalapa, El Quiché and Jutiapa, besides cities in other fields.

We were granted freedom for all our meetings despite earlier threats of political unrest. Crowds ranged from 800 to 3,000. In one city 2,500 met out-of-doors in freezing weather. In all, 36,000 were reached in these Provincial Crusades.

In one city the local priest had twice circularized the town with pamphlets advertising doctrinal meetings he never otherwise holds! In another, the local priest turned up his address system to blare out time-worn arguments against us.

In two cities, large halls had been secured with a great deal of trouble, only to have their use contested at the last minute!

BUT GOD! . . . Everywhere believers were rejoicing over victories won, and if there were no other tangible effects from the Guatemala crusade, these would be sufficient to warrant so much effort.

Capital Crusades Open With 6,000

The Capital Crusade opened in the beautiful open air theater of the Olympic City. Our Crusade President, Virgilio Zapata, opened the series as a hushed audience of some 6,000 sat in expectation. Singer **Ray Robles** of California, was singularly blessed of the Lord, and **Ramón Cabrera**, California pastor,

preached the Gospel clearly for five nights to audiences averaging 5,000 each night. Inquirers grew in number.

Outgrowing the open air theater, the Crusade moved, according to plan, to a nearby soccer stadium. Attendance jumped to an average of 7,000 a night. Public address system was manned by **Frank Bundy, Al Platt, Ed Yoder and Glen Liebig** of TGNA. The greatest night of this Pre-Crusade was on Sunday, February 9, when **Anton Marco** sang for the first time in Guatemala and gave his testimony.

Night after night inquirers increased in numbers and were dealt with by counselors after each meeting. The choir, which increased to a 1,000-voice chorus by the concluding nights, sang such great hymns as, "Marvellous Grace of Jesus," "Master the Tempest is Raging," and "How Great Thou Art."

Graham Concludes Great Crusade With 40,000

As Billy Graham and the team landed at the Guatemalan airport, February 12, shortly after noon (after having stopped for messages in the Capitals of Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador) they were greeted by a crowd of several thousand, that overflowed the airport.

A great caravan of bicycles, motorcycles and cars followed Billy Graham into the city, to hear him speak at the "Plaza of Justo Rufino Barrios." This was a significant choice for his opening words, as Barrios 75 years ago, was the great liberator of Guatemala, and the one di-

rectly responsible for the entrance of the first evangelical missionary.

About 40,000 came out each night to the Mateo Flores Stadium in Olympic City, to hear and see the man on whom God had so signally placed His hand.

When Dr. Graham entered the stadium with **Rogelio Archilla**, his interpreter, he was greeted by spontaneous applause. Visitors had come from Mexico, Honduras, Texas, and every Province of Guatemala. Government officials, professional men, Indians and "ladinos" were there.

Ultimatum Brings Disappointment

There was a sense of expectancy, but a last minute ultimatum from the stadium manager, forbade opening the gates that gave access to the speaker's platform. This was a great disappointment as it ruled out completely the familiar response to the invitation. It meant that 350 counsellors had to deal with converts as best they could, at the end of each aisle.

One newspaper reporter claimed that 2,000 stood that second night, but not nearly that many were dealt with. By the end of the crusade, 380 had been dealt with personally. Many were touched by the message, and we know God's Word will bear fruit.

Faithful counsellors, pastors, workers, and missionaries are following up new believers. The counselling office is already checking Bible correspondence lessons sent in by those who made professions! And local pastors are welcoming new believers into their churches.

PRAY that these who have made professions all over Guatemala, will be kept by His power and learn to walk faithfully before the Lord.

CORRECTION!

In the December issue it was erroneously stated that "Nearly 2,000 prepare for Baptism in San Marcos Province." The Spanish magazine of that area reported these "aspirantes," and we misinterpreted the meaning of the term.

Actually, these are believers who are not baptized, but who should be arranging their lives and giving public testimony through baptism.

PRAY that God will revive these believers, who have not gone forward in their Christian life.



— Photos by Merrick

250 YOUTH MEET IN SANTA ANA

(Top picture)

At the new modern Santa Ana Chapel, 250 young people of El Salvador met for their annual Bible Conference.

(Middle pictures)

A young man's quartet sang. Bob Atwood brought devotional messages twice a day.

(Bottom picture)

Each evening Guillermo Debrot, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Guatemala City, gave evangelistic messages when many gathered from the city.

Young people had a large part in the services. The last night of the conference Don Collins showed the "Martin Luther" film to an overflow crowd.

In Face of Reprisals 10,000 Hear Graham

Months of preparation went into the Billy Graham meeting in San José and the Pre-Campaign held the preceeding week with **Rev. Forentino Santana** of Cuba preaching. God blessed with 10,000 in attendance the final night and 475 decisions for Christ.

Rafael Baltadano, pastor of the CAM Church of San José, headed up the Committee in charge of campaign arrangements.

150 Prayer Groups Meet

Alice Hull gives an eye witness account of those great campaign days. "This has been a time of great blessing for God's people here. About 150 prayer groups were meeting in homes four times a week, coordinated by a 15-minute radio program, "The Call to Prayer" presented by TIFC, radio station of the LAM.

Prayer Overcomes Obstacles

"An all night prayer meeting was held in every church January 31. One of the most urgent petitions was for a place to hold the meetings. After a verbal agreement to rent the baseball stadium, permission was denied. A plea was made to the President of Costa Rica. Less than a week before the meeting started, permission was finally granted! But even then no public announcement could be made until after the national elections on February 2nd! This was the very week that the meetings were to start!

"Christian men of all churches co-operated in making 800 benches, a platform, and the many other changes to transform the stadium into a place of worship. But at the stadium, they weren't even permitted to start work until one o'clock of the very day of the meeting!

"The local budget for the campaign was \$3,200. But the second night of the campaign our hearts rejoiced to hear there was no need for another offering!

"There had been rumors and fear of political unrest following the elections, which would have prohibited all public meetings. But God answered prayer and election day came and went and everything was peaceful.

Roman Clergy Forbids Attendance

"More than material blessings, we rejoice in the spiritual blessings. The first night about 3,000 attended. Attendance increased each night and the closing night when Billy Graham spoke, there were 10,-

000... a precious sight, after the handbills and announcements in the newspapers by the Roman clergy forbidding attendance at the meetings, stating: 'Attendance, besides being disobedience, is the serious sin of cooperation in the propagating of heresy in our country.'

"The choir of 300 voices sang each night. Anton Marco sang the first four nights, and Beverly Shea the closing night. The nightly theme song, 'How Great Thou Art,' in Spanish, thrilled our hearts.

"The work of the counselors was another blessing of the meetings. As 475 came forward to make decisions for Christ, counsellors dealt personally with each one.

"I had the joy of dealing with seven women, each with a different need, but each with a desire to accept the Lord.

"One mother of four children who had resisted for years the pleas of her husband to accept the Gospel, gave her life to Christ.

"One dear lady hesitated the first night, and then it was too late and she had to leave the stadium without Christ in her heart. The second night, she literally ran to the front fearful that the same thing might happen to her again and she would be too late."

PRAY that God will **protect** and **bless** each precious soul that turned to Jesus.

"Send Us Laborers"

"Send us Laborers!" was the essence of the plea of CAM missionaries as they gathered Thanksgiving in San José.

"We praise the Lord for the addition to our forces of the **Padgetts** and **Ram-als**," writes **Dick Richey**.

"But still our group is small and our constant prayer is that God will speak to hearts concerning the great spiritual need in this land.

"Oh! How we need workers for this great task of preaching the Gospel to the lost and helping to build up strong national churches!"

**Costa Rican Missionary Force minus the
Azriel Jones's**

— Photo by Richey



WON THROUGH BIBLE COURSE

A Bible correspondence course has opened the door to the Gospel in the village of Santa Ana, not far from Comayagüela, according to **Albert and Doris Barber**, who still feel the burden of the small towns, even though they are now in charge of "El Faro" the Honduran Bible Bookstore. They write:

"A few months ago, Napoleon, the telegraph operator of Santa Ana was wonderfully saved, through the 'Light of Life' correspondence course. Irma, the woman with whom he had been living, was also saved. Immediately after making their decision for Christ, they were legally married.

"Even the priest is aware of their transformation, and they are already suffering persecution. There is no doubt as to the reality and genuineness of their conversion."

Napoleon and Irma invited the Barbers to come for Gospel meetings. "They would have their home, humble as it was, scrubbed clean and the floor covered with pine needles, indicating that the occasion was a special one to them.

"But Irma's mother, who is a rabid Catholic, lives with them, and has such a hatred for the Evangelicals, that our going there only made things harder."

Persecution has been strong against them, "because of their departure from the old life and their faithful testimony for the Lord."

"He was notified recently that another would be appointed in his place as village telegraph operator."

PRAY that God will keep this precious couple and use them as a good witness as they stand alone in Santa Ana.

HONDURAS YOUNG PEOPLE CONVENE IN DANLI

"The Lord blessed the Youth Convention in Danlí in January," writes **June Skipper**.

"Young People from all parts of Honduras attended. They represented several evangelical missions.

"We witnessed a real working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the young people and there were a good number of decisions for Christ, principally among the people of Danlí."



Irma and Napoleon, only believers in Santa Ana

— Photo by Barber

Promising Youths Study at Brief Institute

Thirty students, including two older men, attended the Brief Bible Institute in Candelaria in February. Their ages ranged from 15 to 70.

"The two weeks of Bible classes were for those interested in preparing for Christian work or in being better equipped to witness," writes **June Skipper**, who was one of six teachers for the Institute.

"The Lord definitely blessed our labors. There were six classes that gave instruction in Personal Evangelism, Biblical Introduction, Doctrine, Hymn directing, Pedagogy, and illustrated Lessons. The teachers were **Miguel Suazo, Tommy and June Skipper, Sidney Marcy, Rosendo Llanes, and Gertrude Clark**.

This meant five fifty-minute classes daily, besides supervised study, domestic work, etc., according to **Miss Clark**. "We were all desperately busy, but it was very worthwhile.

"There was a tremendous earnestness among the young people. One of the students left for Guatemala this month where he is studying in the Bible Institute. Two more hope to go next year, one young man being from Danlí. There are several other promising youths in the group," according to Mrs. Skipper.

Miss Clark wrote, "The believers had fenced in around the chapel property and made so many improvements. They also made a kitchen and dining room about 30 by 40 feet, with two mud stoves. The walls and ceilings were of stalks of Kaifer corn, which was just fine until it rained hard one morning and we had to move into the chapel proper."



Believers from the Apatzingán
Congregation

—Photo by Simpson

God Moves Among the Mazatecos

God was preparing hearts among the Mazatecos, even before **Julian and Claire Lloret** entered the tribe in February. "Huatla, one of the main tribal centers, may soon have its own little church!"

Although the Llorets write that humanly speaking, they had nothing to do with the new congregation that is springing up "a believer from another town asked for a worship service last Sunday. It was arranged at the Huatla home of one of the believers (the Lloret informant). About ten came."

"Huatla is situated on the side of a mountain and each of the trails is built on a different level of town. We are living on one of the lower levels below the plaza."

Entering Huatla By Mule

The Lloret family entered Huatla, with their guide, **George Cowan** of Wycliffe Translators, with whom they are working closely. After going as far as the roads would permit, they stored their car in Teotitlan and rode pack animals for the last five hours of the trip.

On reaching Huatla, they stayed with **Eunice Pike** in her storeroom, until they found a house. "The Lord directed. By Mazateco standards, it may be a little on the modern side, with wood floors and a metal roof, but it is only a few feet away from where we can get water and that is a main asset."

The Mazatecos Are Friendly

"The folks here have been so friendly. Children come to see us, just to watch. We sing with them and teach them to read. The women come to visit Claire and some are helping her with the wash, making torts, selling eggs, etc."

PRAY that this tiny congregation will grow and be a strong witness.

A Challenge Accepted

Central American Mission has accepted the challenge to work in one of the pioneer areas of Mexico in the vast state of Michoacan with its 700,000 souls.

In the southwestern area of the state around Apatzingán, the Government has made available large tracts of land for cultivation by means of a large irrigation project. Mexicans are pouring in from other sections and cities are mushrooming, writes **Lawrence Simpson** who is spearheading the Mexican advance.

God has raised up **Pedro Medel**, a sincere Mexican Christian who loves his people, and has given his life to the Lord to win them to Him. He had six years in Red Cross hospital work, and has used his medical training to help win the lost. He opened up work in four different places, including his base at Apatzingán, which is a city of some 30,000 souls.

A Plea for Prayer

Already God has raised up a growing congregation. Now 45 believers meet for services 3 times a week. Though all are poor in this world's goods, they are eager to build a church. Land in this boom city is very expensive, but God is able.

Pedro pleads for prayer for Apatzingán, for spiritual growth in lives of the believers.

PRAY for **Luciano Rubio** who will be replacing Pedro this year, as the latter gets further Bible training at C.A.B.I.

BLESSINGS IN JUÁREZ

The Lord abundantly blessed the ministry of **Bob and Anna Atwood** in Juárez and El Paso.

During the last meeting in the CAM church 10 professed faith in Christ, and 11 others responded for other reasons.

PRAY also for **Marta Flores**, first from Juárez, Mexico, to go to the Central American Bible Institute in Guatemala City.

SOS NEWS FLASH SOS

The enemy attacks through sickness! Shortly after arriving in Huatla, Julian and the children developed mumps. This was a difficult beginning in a field where superstition, witchcraft and fear abound. The Llorets also lost their informants.

PRAY that God will restrain disease in Huatla, and raise up faith informants.

PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES!

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God's Will

For Your Will

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As Christians we accept the teaching of the Bible that "the Lord maketh poor and maketh rich; He bringeth low, and lifteth up." (I Samuel 2:7) It is God who has entrusted to Christians different measures of material goods. He has entrusted it to us as stewards, and we are to give an account of our stewardship to Him. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:2) Be not deceived, this accounting will include not only what we have spent here on earth, but also how we disposed of that which remained at our death.

While here on earth we are to use the money and wealth which God has entrusted to us. We can waste it on selfish pleasure or we can make sure we use it in a manner which will please Him. We are at liberty to take the road the prodigal son did, or to act as the foolish farmer, who thought only of catering to his own comfort and welfare; but ultimately everyone must give an account unto God of how he disposed of that which remained at the time of his homegoing. This disposition can be made by a Will — your Will. It is to you, God has temporarily entrusted some of His wealth. You are His trustee, His steward, and obligated to Him to distribute your estate as you think He would have you do it, for, in the final analysis, any property you have is His.

If, by carelessness or neglect, you die intestate, i.e., without having made a Will, your property will come under the jurisdiction of the courts, and will be divided according to definite rules laid down in the laws of your state. Would a division

by law result in that which you really desire? Would the different members of your family receive what you intended each one to have? Probably not. Would God's cause receive anything from your estate? Not a penny. By neglect or procrastination you would have failed God, yourself and your family.

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We want to take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation to all who are including the Central American Mission in your will.

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