

## ST. MAARTEN MAKES NEW START

Over the last year, St. Maarten SGI-USA members, with the leadership of Valerie and Humphrey Giterson, have won a lot of trust on their island. Introducing the Victory Over Violence project on the island has led to the forming of a Victory Over Violence Foundation with tremendous community support.

The fruit of their efforts was apparent at the graduation of the University of St. Martin's Class of 2000 on June 11. University President Linda A. Richardson spoke at length on the VOV project in her address and presented a commendation from the university to SGI President Ikeda.

The next day, members gathered in Little Bay for a general meeting with SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima, who had some exciting news: St. Maarten will soon have its own SGI-USA activity center. "We are going to create an amazing future for St. Maarten!" Mr. Nagashima declared.