

Messenger Flashes

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● **CHURCHES DEDICATED:** The Cayon, St. Kitts (East Caribbean Conference) church was dedicated Sunday, November 1. Official guests were Prime Minister, the Hon. Robert Bradshall; conference president W. W. Thomson; conference secretary-treasurer E. A. Blackman; and union stewardship secretary Harold Lee.--G. R. Thompson.

*The new Morne-a-L'eau, Guadeloupe church was dedicated November 29. General Conference field secretary W. R. Beach preached the dedicatory sermon.



*That same day two other churches were dedicated on the island. Division field secretary Marcel Abel preached the dedicatory sermon at Saint Francois, and Franco-Haitian Union secretary-treasurer Napoleon Grunder preached at Baiemahault. Our picture features the St. Francois church.--J.H. Figueroa.

*Central Mexican Mission president Pedro A. Gomez reports the dedication of the Jalpa de Dolores church on November 14. This is the third church dedicated in that field in 1970.

● **NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS:** Elder L. V. McMillan, evangelist and MV secretary of the Bahamas Conference, was appointed president of the Cayman Islands Mission.--José H. Figueroa.

● **CAPPING:** Eight students of the class of 1973 representing four of the seven fields of Central America, were capped at the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital. For the second time in hospital history, there is a male student in the class.--E. I. Heisler.

● **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** During the week-end of October 16-18, for the first time in Jamaica's history, special recognition was given to over 70 citizens of the country for civic and religious achievements. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was honored in the person of Elder H. S. Walters, president of the West Indies Union Conference, who was awarded the Order of Distinction.--M. G. Nembhard.

● **IAD STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP:** Four Inter-American students have been awarded scholarships by the Andrews University School of Graduate Studies for the 1970-71 school year. They are Lainey James of Charlotteville, Tobago; Alicia Moradillos of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Ena Lenoa Parrilla of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua; and Grace Rambharose of Cu-repe, Trinidad.--Andrews University News Release.



● **MV CAMP:** Earlier in the year a successful MV camp was held on the shores of the "Colorines" dam in Mexico.

● **MEDICAL DIRECTOR:** David Peganyee, M. D. a recent graduate, has been appointed medical director of Clinica Granja, Guadalupe, Mexico, on a temporary basis.--R. R. Drachenberg.

● **TESTIMONY COUNTDOWN:** The South Haiti Mission began the year 1970 with a series of institutes and congresses following one another like a chain. One of them was a series of ten studies on the Testimonies known as Testimony Countdown. The members of the churches of Port-au-Prince attended these ten studies on the Spirit of Prophecy conducted in the Bible Auditorium by Elder W. R. Vail, then president of the Franco-Haitian Union.--Abdonel Abel.

● **CHOIR TOUR:** Earlier in the year, 33 members of the Mexican Pacific Academy choir under the direction of Prof. Isaias Tineo took a promotion tour visiting the cities of Ensenada, Tijuana and Mexicali in Lower California, and Nogales, Guaymas and Obregon in Sonora.--*Horace Kelley.*

● **CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION NEWS:** Francisco Arroyo, secretary-treasurer of the Costa Rica Mission, was appointed president to fill the vacancy left by the permanent return of Lynn Baerg.

*Orville Pottinger, former Book and Bible House manager, was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Costa Rica Mission.

*Luis E. Leonor, departmental secretary of the Honduras Mission, is the new president of the Salvador Mission. Former president Humberto Villegas was granted a study leave in the United States.

*James Zackrison who was serving as director of our Central American College in Costa Rica, was appointed principal of CEA (Adventist Educational Center).

*Israel Gonzalez who left Cuba recently and at present is in Spain, was appointed principal of CADES (Central American Vocational College).

*L. T. Wade, pastor of the city church in El Salvador, joined the theology faculty at CADES.--*B. L. Archbold.*



● **LAY CONGRESS:** Bogota, Colombia, was the scene of one of a series of congresses and rallies held in the Colombia-Venezuela Union with the assistance of Elders A.H. Riffel of the division and Nathaniel Garcia of the union. Our photo depicts conference lay activities secretary Loren Gallardo leading out with his guitar in an enthusiastic song service.--*A. H. Riffel.*

● **MISSIONARY MAILMEN:** Colporteur Benjamin Torres (1st. from right) labored as missionary mailman at Durango, Mexico, and prepared over 20 VOP students for graduation. (Center)



*Prof. Juveniano Benavides of Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., Mexico who operates his own business school, is another active missionary mailman. He enrolls his business students in VOP courses and holds for them graduation services. Recently 52 of them were granted VOP certificates.--*Ramon Gomez.*

● **GRADUATION:** The Col. Progreso, Rio Grande, Mexico church was recently host to the graduation of 52 VOP students. (Bottom).--*Ramon Gomez.*



● **ORDINATION:** Sabbath afternoon, December 12, six workers were ordained to the gospel ministry at ICOLVEN, Medellin, Colombia. Elder W. R. Beach preached the sermon and Elder N. C. Wilson offered the ordination prayer. The new ministers are: Nathaniel Garcia, union lay activities and Sabbath school secretary; Romulo Lozano, union publishing secretary; Humberto Hernandez, director of INSTOVOC; Alfredo Mesa, district pastor; Leopoldo Peinado, Atlantic Mission departmental secretary; and Juan Varela, district pastor.--*A.R. Norcliffe.*