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●CLINICS HELD IN HAITI--R. F. Streelman, D.D.S. of Wyoming, Michigan, along with other professionals and a group of young people, left Miami for Haiti December 20 to hold free clinics. The group returned January 3.--D. J. von Pohle.

●CARIBBEAN UNION NEWS--On Sunday, January 3, 1971 the Tabaquite church in Central Trinidad was dedicated. Taking part in the program were S. L. Gadsby, president, and Joseph Grimshaw, secretary-treasurer of the South Caribbean Conference; and Caribbean Union president G. Ralph Thompson, who gave the dedicatory address, and Eric J. Murray, secretary-treasurer, who offered the prayer. District pastor Hartwell Murray was in charge of the program.

\*Another church dedication in the South Caribbean Conference took place on Sunday, January 10, when the Barrouallie church in St. Vincent was set aside for the worship of God. Union president G. Ralph Thompson preached the dedicatory sermon. Conference officers S. L. Gadsby and Joseph Grimshaw also took part in the program.

\*In his recent Castries, St. Lucia, effort East Caribbean Conference evangelist K. S. Wiggins has baptized 218 souls to date.

\*The East Caribbean Conference baptismal goal of 1,000 souls for 1970 was passed by 146 baptisms.

\*W. W. Weithers, lay activities and Sabbath school secretary of the Caribbean Union, was recently appointed to serve as acting president of the Guyana Mission. Because of governmental restrictions president-elect Steve Willsey has not been able to take up his duties.--G. Ralph Thompson.

●BIENNIAL SESSIONS HELD IN MEXICO--About 125 delegates attended the North Mission biennial session held January 6-9 under the presidency of Elder Jorge Salazar. The departmental secretaries for the coming triennium are as follows: Ramon Gomez, lay activities, Sabbath school and radio-television; Neftali Quintero, education, MV, stewardship and temperance; Abel Lopez, publishing; and Gilberto Corona, public relations.

\*January 13-16 more than 100 delegates convened at the new La Mesa, Tijuana, church for the XI biennial session of the Pacific Mission. All departmental secretaries were reelected for the coming three -year period.

\*The port city of Veracruz was the stage for the biennial session of the Inter-Oceanic Mission. About 120 delegates represented the constituency at the session presided over by Elder Rodrigo Bustillos. The departmental secretaries were re-elected for a new three-year period.

\*The Mexican Union was represented at the North and Pacific sessions by its president, Elder Velino Salazar; secretary Carlos E. Aeschlimann; treasurer Enrique Gil; departmental secretary Francisco Reyes; and Book and Bible House manager Horacio Taracena. At the Inter-Oceanic session the union was represented by Elders Salazar, Reyes and Francisco Jimenez, publishing secretary; The division was represented by its secretary.--J. H. Figueroa.

●ORDINATION--Sabbath afternoon, January 16, Brother Jaime Castrejon, at present



pastor in the Hermosillo, Mexico, district was ordained to the ministry in a solemn ceremony. Elders José H. Figueroa of the division, and Velino Salazar of the Mexican Union, were present for the occasion.--*Jose Morales.*

● **BAHAMAS' SESSION**--About 74 delegates were seated at the Bahamas Conference biennial session held January 21-24 in a very spiritual atmosphere. President S. N. McKinney was reelected for the new three-year term. The office of secretary -treasurer was divided, the new secretary being N. E. Scavella and the new treasurer, Wendell McMillan. The department heads are as follows: Book and Bible House, Wendell McMillan; Sabbath school, lay activities and temperance, D. L. Francis; Ministerial Association, S. N. McKinney; MV and education, S. G. Cole; publishing, N. E. Scavella. Former president of the Bahamas Mission, Elder R.M. Mote and Mrs. Mote were especially invited to the session.--*B. L. Archbold.*

● **ANOTHER DEDICATION**--On Sabbath, January 16 the La Mesa, Tijuana, Pacific Mexico, church with a seating capacity of 250, was dedicated to the worship of God. Elder J. H. Figueroa of the IAD, preached the sermon, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by union president Velino Salazar.

This congregation is only about three years old. However, the project was largely financed by the members who not only donated Ps.427,500.00 (\$32,280.), but worked day and night to finish it in five months. We are featuring the interior of the church inaugurated last September.--*Felix Cortes.*



● **UPPER MAGDALENA NEWS**--Conference president J. G. Nikkels reports one double centurion, six centurions and four half centurions for 1970.

\*The new Saravena, Arauca, Colombia, church was inaugurated January 9 by Elder J. G. Nikkels. The building can house 300 people, and was almost entirely financed by the local members.

\*In the afternoon of that very day, Elders F. Quintero and N. Garcia of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, baptized 25 new believers.

\*Raimundo Prado, public relations secretary for the Upper Magdalena Conference, with the help of Prof. David G. y Poyato of the Mexican Union, was able to obtain good publicity in Colombia's leading newspapers for the Bogota evangelistic campaign headed by Elder Carlos E. Aeschlimann of the Mexican Union.

\*Recently organized in Bogota, Colombia, was the Latin-American Cultural Association to sponsor the series of lectures presented by Elder Carlos E. Aeschlimann. This new organization is a legal entity and it will be of great help, sponsoring programs and lectures of a non-religious nature which will attract the public for the religious subjects to follow.--*J. G. Nikkels.*

● **SCANNING OUR MAIL**--"Now that we have received three issues of MESSENGER FLASHES, it is about time to congratulate you for this wonderful idea that keeps us abreast of division-wide happenings."--*Horace Kelley, Principal Mexican Pacific Academy.*