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● **NEW CHURCH FOR NOGALES**--The laying of the first stone for the new Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, church took place June 9. Participating in the ceremony were Pacific Mission President Jose Morales; mission secretary-treasurer David Guzman; the local pastor, Raul Rojas; and the technical supervisor of the construction, Antonio Santamaria. The main sanctuary will seat 300. Plans include baptistry, pastoral office, deacon's room, four children's rooms, a mothers' room, a kitchen and a hall for social activities. The building will be on one of the main streets of the city. The estimated cost is Ps. 500,000.00 (US\$40,000). Elder Jose Morales is shown laying the first stone.--*David Guzman.*

● **RECORD INVESTITURES**--Elder Joel Manosalva, MV leader for the Upper Magdalena Conference, reports a new record attained in investitures during the first six months of 1971. So far 1,080 children and young people have been invested.--*J. G. Nikkels.*

● **PATHFINDER FEDERATION**--A few weeks ago, the Bahamas Pathfinders organized their Youth Federation under the direction of conference youth director S.G. Cole. Officers chosen for the federation were Mrs. Vilma Weir, president; Mr. W. Albury, vice president; Miss R. Burrows, secretary; Miss Maureen Rahmig, treasurer; Mr. C. Rodrigues, chaplain; and Mr. S. A. Major, sponsor.--*S. G. Cole.*



● **CHURCH DEDICATED**--On Sabbath, June 12, the Las Canadas, El Salvador, church was dedicated to God's worship. Participating in the ceremony were mission president Luis E. Leonor, mission secretary Carlos Wing, and departmental secretary Raul Rodriguez. This church was built by the effort of the local members, and the land was donated by one of them.--*Luis E. Leonor.*

● **INGATHERING**--The three Bucaramanga churches, along with our school in that city, were the first ones in the Upper Magdalena Conference to go over their Ingathering goal. The Bucaramanga central church and the school have reached the sum of Ps. 32,000 (almost US\$ 1,800) under the enthusiastic leadership of Elder Norberto Carmona.--*J. G. Nikkels.*

● **NEWS FROM "HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA"**--One June 15 the students of the nursing class of 1974 reached the first milestone in their course. An important service was held to mark the passing of the four-month probationary period, and fourteen girls received their caps while two young men received insignias. The hospital chaplain, Pastor Daniel Moncada, delivered the address and the senior class assisted in the placing of the caps on the new students. Special visitors were thirteen senior nursing students from the National School of Nursing in Managua, Nicaragua.

*An alumni association in the United States has donated to the hospital a brand-

new incubator which will be welcomed by the premature infants in the nursery.

*Miss Marina Orellana spent several months working in Switzerland, but has now returned to supervise the anesthetic department at Hospital Adventista.

*Four weeks ago the members in La Trinidad began to hold their own Sabbath services apart from the hospital church. They report a good attendance of up to 50, including many who used to be members of the church, and many friends who had not come to the hospital church.--E. J. Heisler.



●THE BOGOTA CRUSADE--Evangelist Carlos Aeschlimann ended his series of lectures with two baptismal services. On June 26 Elder Aeschlimann and two other ministers baptized a total of 137 souls. When a call was made 185 more responded.

In view of the strong interest it was accorded to continue with the meetings for five more weeks after the evangelist's departure. At present Elders N. Restrepo and Henry Niemann are holding meetings at five different locations in the capital city of Colombia with a combined attendance of 1300.

Our photos depict the new believers baptized at the Bogota central church (left), and at the Luna Park church (right).--J. G. Nikkels.



●VOP GRADUATIONS IN MEXICO--On June 15 a Voice of Prophecy graduation was held for 26 students of the Gilberto Velazquez SDA school in Tuxtla Gutierrez. Present for the occasion were Elder Israel Guizar of the Radio Department of the South Mission, and Jeronimo Madrigal, president of the field.--Lic. D. G. y Poyato.

*Recently 80 VOP students received certificates at the Tesopaco, Sonora (Pacific Mission) graduation.--Jorge Suarez.

●NEWS FROM SANTO DOMINGO--Elder Salim Japas' crusade is having great success in this capital city. On the opening night a capacity crowd witnessed a graduation ceremony for 200 VOP students.

Radio-TV and press coverage has been excellent from the beginning. Time has been donated by Radio HYN for a daily 10-minute program.

So far 273 have been baptized. At the close of the first baptismal service over 300 people came forward indicating their desire to prepare for baptism.--J. W. Taylor.

