

INTER-AMERICAN
Messenger Flashes

Nº 27

December 21, 1971

● **NEWS FROM THE WEST INDIES UNION**--The girls dormitory for Andrews Memorial School of Nursing has been started.

*Ground-breaking ceremony for the new 5-story Andrews Memorial Hospital Building was held in Kingston November 28, 1971. The Hon. Hugh Shearer, Prime Minister of Jamaica, was present and announced that the government will admit duty free all equipment and materials used in the construction of the hospital. He is also giving one month's salary as his personal contribution. Most of the workers in the entire West Indies Union are doing the same.

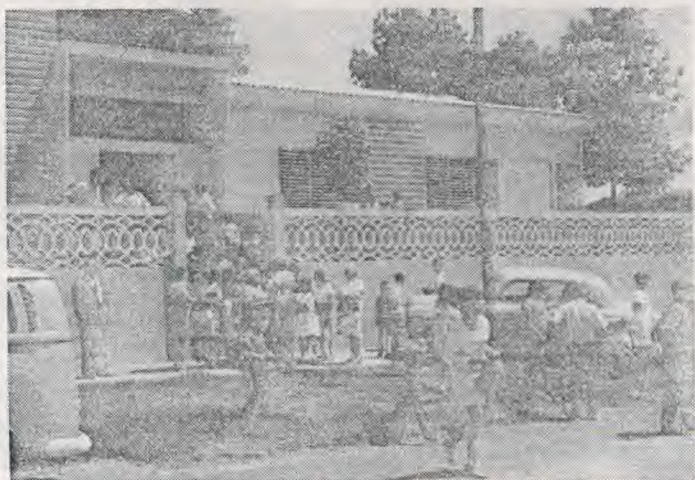
*A new church of 300 members is being organized in Kingston as a direct result of the recent evangelistic campaign held by union evangelist J. C. Palmer. It is the New Haven church.

*Evangelism '72 will be boosted by 65 revivals starting throughout the union on January 2.--H. S. Walters.

● **SOUTH MEXICO REPORTS**--Through November, 1971 we have baptized 1,858 souls.--Jerónimo Madrigal.

● **NEWLY ARRIVED**--Mr. and Mrs. Darel McConnell and three children, Jerry, Jody and Jacky, formerly of the Benghazi Hospital, left Miami December 10 for Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, he to be medical technologist at Bella Vista Hospital.

● **AEC CHOIR TRAVELS AROUND HONDURAS**--Under the direction of Mrs. J. Zackrison, the Adventist Educational Center choir made an extensive tour around the country. This new means of propaganda for the school has resulted in a new interest in the institution on the part of many young people.--R. S. Folkenberg.



● **TWO CHAPELS DEDICATED IN THE SALVADOR MISSION**--On Sabbath, October 16, the Scandia church (pictured on dedication day), and the Tinteral church were dedicated. Participating in the dedication service were Central American Union president G. E. Maxson; mission president L. E. Leonor; mission treasurer Cami B. Cruz, and district pastor O. Ford.--L. E. Leonor.

er Jaime Castrejón November 8-12. The lectures were illustrated by temperance films, and opportunity was given to the public to ask questions which were answered by the lecturer and a group of physicians, psychiatrists and other local professional men. This added interest to the topics presented and was greatly enjoyed by the public mostly consisting of university students and professionals. The series was sponsored by the University Cultural Center, the Benjamin Franklin Library of the U.S.A. Information Service and the Association of Welfare and Education.--David Guzman.

●HOSPITAL ADVENTISTA IN THE SPOTLIGHT--The MV Society of the Hospital Adventista church has been holding a Voice of Youth effort with meetings four nights a week for four consecutive weeks. The church has been filled to capacity practically all the time. Bibles were offered to those who came every night, and over 100 were given out the opening night. More than 30 have signed cards requesting studies to prepare for baptism.

*Dr. Art Calhoun and his wife are spending two months with the hospital. He is a senior student from Loma Linda University and she is teaching art classes to several students on the campus.

*Mr. Lyle Spiva is spending a year with the hospital as a missionary nurse. He is a graduate from the Glendale School of Nursing.--E. J. Heisler.

●FROM THE COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION--During the union session held November 29-Dec. 2, the following appointments were made: Elder Luis E. Ortiz to the presidency of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, and Elder Joel Manosalva to head the work in the Pacific Colombia Mission.--J. H. Figueroa.

●NEW POSITIONS--Dr. B. A. LeDuc is the new medical director of Bella Vista Hospital.

*Elder Jaime Acosta is the new secretary of the Upper Magdalena Conference. He is replacing Elder Joel Manosalva who is the new president of the Pacific Colombia Mission.

*Elder Jose Espinosa was appointed president of the new North Dominican Mission and Elder Juan Prestal, secretary-treasurer.--J. H. Figueroa.



Elder Rivera with his wife and two children

●ORDINATION IN WEST PUERTO RICO--On Sabbath afternoon, December 4, Mike Rivera of the West Puerto Rico Conference was ordained to the ministry. This solemn service was held in the new auditorium at Antillian College. General Conference field secretary W. R. Beach preached the sermon. The ordination prayer was by IAD secretary J.H. Figueroa; Antillian Union president W. T. Collins gave the charge; and conference president Felix Rodriguez welcomed the new minister to the ranks of Seventh-day Adventist ministry.--J. H. Figueroa.

●NEW CAMPUS FOR DOMINICAN ACADEMY--This school will be moved to a beautiful site purchased recently at Bonao in the Northern part of the island. There is great enthusiasm among the members about this valuable property worth approximately US\$350,000.00. We have plans to build a model institution which will appropriately represent our Lord's work in the prosperous Dominican Republic.--Luis R. Jimenez.

●INVESTITURE AT CADES--On November 13, fifty-eight young people were invested. There were twenty Master Guides, thirteen Companions, five Rangers and three Guides. Participating in the service were Central American Union president G. E. Maxson; Costa Rica Mission departmental secretary G. O. Gregory and several Master Guides.--G. O. Gregory.

●FACING THE NEW YEAR--What about your stewardship? . . . Have you during the past year robbed God in tithes and offerings? . . . If you have robbed the Lord, make restitution. As far as possible, make the past right, and then ask the Saviour to pardon you. Will you not return to the Lord His own, before this year, with its burden of record, has passed into eternity?--Counsels on Stewardship, pp. 97, 98.