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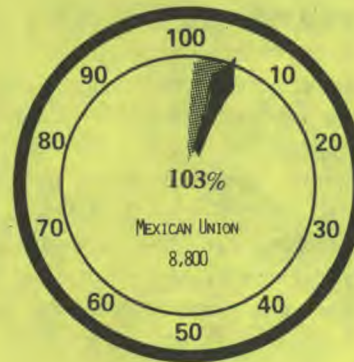
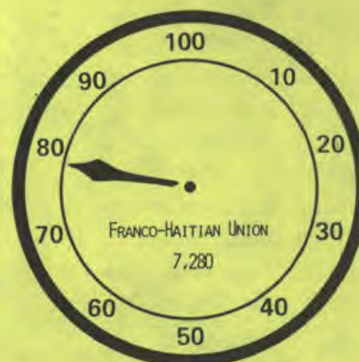
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**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCH BEGINS**—On the same spot where the first Adventist meetings were held 40 years ago, construction began on a new building for the largest congregation in the city of Santiago. Elder Luis E. Leonor, president of the North Dominican Mission, had the privilege of turning the first shovel of earth. The faces of the large number of church members who were present, reflected the joy that filled their hearts on this long-anticipated occasion. The architect who will supervise the construction of the church building was present. A new and modern school building will also be erected on this site as soon as feasible.—*Hector Acosta.*

## EVANGELISM '74

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1974





## ADVENTURE IN FAITH

### A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

#### A Special Message From Our Division President

Great challenges are opportunities for great growth. Courage and faith expand in the attempt to accomplish great things for God.

The pioneers of our message were only a small band, yet they were men and women with a burning purpose and a living faith. Today there are more than 2,500,000 of us in 189 countries, and we speak 528 languages. What an opportunity to experience an adventure in faith!

What and where is the current challenge to the Advent Movement? And how can we demonstrate faith in God today?

Adventure In Faith is a world-wide spiritual and financial thrust which will help us strengthen our faith in God. It allows us to have a share in carrying the gospel to the still unentered and only partially entered areas of the globe. Worldwide, each local field is developing Adventure In Faith plans to meet the challenge of the unfinished work.

These expansive spiritual and financial plans are calling Seventh-day Adventists to go beyond the usual and ordinary. It will take the unusual and the extraordinary to expand God's work and cross new frontiers with His message for this hour.

In the Inter-American Division, our basic goal is for each member to give an amount equal to one week's tithe on April 26, 1975, then give a similar amount on July 12, 1975. But our Adventure In Faith goal is for every worker and member to give an amount equal to one week's salary between now and April 26, 1975.

Seventy percent of all gifts will be returned to the local field from which they came in order to underwrite its Adventure In Faith spiritual plans. Thirty percent will be sent to the General Conference for distribution in areas needing special assistance.

Large amounts of money are needed now while doors are still open to receive the gospel. But the personal involvement of every church member is one of the major objectives of Adventure In Faith. "Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 147. Adventure In Faith spiritual plans provide avenues for the use of our gifts of time, abilities and money.

In every country, regardless of language, color or nationality, God's people are uniting and responding to the challenge of an uncompleted work in their own lives and throughout the world. Increase your faith by participation. Why not adventure in faith? —B. L. Archbold.

#### LAYMEN WALK 102 MILES TO ATTEND CONGRESS—

A district lay congress was held recently on the grounds of the Valparaiso Adventist Clinic, Guatemala, with the purpose of making plans for 1975 and promoting the preaching of the gospel in the State of Huehuetenango. Nearly 300 brethren were present for this weekend, and an interesting note was the fact that 20 of them had walked 51 miles along winding mountain paths to reach the congress, and would have to travel the same distance to return to their homes. The congress was directed by Elders Erwin Garcia, Rolando Giron and the writer. At the close of the congress, 23 souls who had been won by the laymen were baptized in a sparkling mountain river in the vicinity.—*Alfredo Gaona B.*



**NEW YOUTH CAMP IN GUADELOUPE**—The upper photograph shows a glimpse of the beautiful location and part of two buildings of the youth camp in Guadeloupe which was inaugurated on December 15 as mentioned in our last issue. The lower picture shows Elder Archbold speaking at the inauguration ceremony while Elder Abel translates. They are accompanied by Elders Aeschlimann, Oculi, Sablier, and some of the youth from the island. This attractive camp is a great asset to the work in Guadeloupe.—*L. Marcel Abel.*

**INGATHERING IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**—Elder Arturo Weisheim, new director of Lay Activities for the Colombia-Venezuela Union writes, "Day before yesterday we had our big annual Ingathering Day for the city of Bogotá. Around 700 brethren went out with cans and in that one day we collected 35,000 Colombian pesos (\$1,400 dollars). With God's help, I expect to put this same plan into operation throughout Colombia and Venezuela. So far we have had wonderful results, and hope to almost double the amount previously collected for Ingathering."—*A. H. Riffel.*