# Messenger Flashes

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VOICE OF PROPHECY GRADUATION IN PANAMA—In the above photo can be seen part of the audience and 1,903 students who received diplomas at a graduation ceremony which took place the first of February in the gymnasium of the Panama Institute. It was really a mass gathering of lay workers and the students with whom they had been studying Bible courses during the three previous months. Many of the graduates are attending the series of meetings now being conducted in that city.—L. Alaña Barrezueta.

# EVANGELISM '75 PROGRESS REPORT

### FEBRUARY

UNION	GOAL	REACHED	PER CENT
Antillian	6,300	209	3.3%
Caribbean	6,300	97	1.5%
Central America	5,752	597	10.3%
ColVenezuela	6,252	469	7.5%
Franco-Haitian	7,200	53	.07%
Mexican	8,900	1,237	13.8%
Vest Indies	8,500	No Report	0 %
Cuba	800	No Report	0 %
Division	50,004	2,662	5.3%



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INTERVIEWED BY ADVEN-TIST MINISTERS--The accompanying photograph shows Colombian government ministers, Dr. Cornelio Reyes and Dr. Indalecio Liévano, receiving in their offices Elders José Osorio, Religious Liberty director of the Colombia-Venezuela Union; Henry Niemann, Jaime Acosta and Raimundo Pardo, president, secretary and Religious Liberty director of the Upper Magdalena Conference respectively. The government officials were informed in a friendly fashion, of the problems the recent "Concordato" creates for the religious liberty cause in Colombia. They were given an over-all view of our church's beliefs and how we cooperate with the government in social work. Each was given an autographed book. They were so interested that they asked for an outline of our beliefs so they could make laws which would give equal religious liberty rights to Protestants. -- Joel Manosalva.

SERIES OF MEETINGS—The president of the El Salvador Mission, Elder Cami B. Cruz, is holding an important series of meetings in the city of Chalatenango with a regular attendance of around 400 persons. The press, radio and television have given good coverage to the meetings as well as to the inauguration of a new Adventist secondary school in the city.—D. G. y Poyato.

# PACIFIC MEXICAN ACADEMY FINISHES BUILDING--

As can be seen in the photo, even the girls help to shovel sand to be used in making concrete for the roof of the last section of the classroom and administration building at Pacific Mexican Academy in Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico. Twelve volunteers from Maranatha Flights International dedicated a month to the finishing of this building which was started almost 20 years ago.—Charles R. Taylor.



CRUSADE IN BELIZE—Mission president L. V. McMillan began an evangelistic series called "The Belize Bible Festival" with an attendance of 1,200 people from all parts of the city on Sunday night, March 2. The mayor of Belize City, Mr. Rodríguez, spoke words of appreciation for the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Belize. Elders L. Marcel Abel of the Inter-American Division and D. A. Delafield of the White Estate were present at this first meeting.—L. Marcel Abel.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONGRESSES—In January five Sabbath School congresses were held with Elders Fernon Retzer and Tulio Haylock of the General Conference and Inter-American Division respectively. Over 2,000 Sabbath School officers and teachers received instructions during the two-day meetings held in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Bahamas and Mexico. The deputy-prime minster of the Bahamas, the Hon. A. D. Hanna, addressed the opening session of the congress at the Sheraton British Colonia Hotel in Nassau. Large delegations from Jamaica and the Cayman Islands attended the Bahamas congress.—Tulio R. Haylock.



TEMPERANCE FILMS SHOWN 12 TIMES—At the St. Vincent de Paul College in the city of Palmira, Colombia Elder B. Rodríguez, Temperance director for the Pacific Colombian Mission, spent an entire day showing the films, "One in Twenty Thousand," and "I Took The High Road," to a total of 1,200 students, who viewed the films in groups, making it necessary to run the films 12 times. In 1974 these films were shown 344 times throughout the Colombia-Venezuela Union territory. This figure is more than double that of 1973 when the films were shown only 156 times. The Temperance work is progressing at a rapid pace in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.—Mario Niño E.

## ANNUAL LITERATURE EVANGELIST INSTITUTE--

From February 10 to 16, the Pacific Colombian Mission conducted its annual institute for literature evangelists with counsel and instruction from Elders Benjamin Riffel of the Pacific Press, Raúl Rojas of the Inter-American Division, and Rómulo Lozano of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. Mission administrators, departmental directors and literature evangelists attended. A new day has dawned for the literature ministry in this field. The Publishing Department now has 80 literature evangelists working to hasten the Lord's coming. In 1974 sales worth \$1,786,000 Colombian pesos were made and a large harvest of souls won.—Norberto Carmona.