WORDSUNCAGED Voices from 'A' Yard February Baptism by Lester Polk

With rolled up sleeves and ice-cold-water, history was made in the Protestant Chapel on 2-3-2019, where seven fulfilled a prominent ordinance of the Christian faith by being baptized before a packed house of cheering onlookers. This ordinance is reserved for those who received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. Chaplain Stephen John reiterated this fact as the seven candidates eagerly waited in the wings, stating to the expectant crowd: "you are about to witness a physical picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The seven men of all races made public declarations before entering the water and arose to thunderous applause. One of the Baptizees, Christopher Rosas said, "I wanted to make a decision on my own to show I follow Christ."

This mirrors the sentiment of all saints who have a desire to separate themselves from their previous life-styles and to completely identify with Jesus Christ, and although this was a momentous occasion, each man knew that was the first step of a lifetime of obedience in the Christian life.

The list of Baptizees is:

- Arthur Andrade
- Mario Franco
- Russell Flores
- Christopher Rosas
- David Ruiz
- Anthony Wafer

To whom the Church of Emmanuel prays prosperity and Longevity.