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To view the broadcast, go to:

Hope Church Channel: [http://hopetv.org](http://hopetv.org)

Esperanza TV: [http://www.esperanzatv.org](http://www.esperanzatv.org)

3ABN Latino: [http://www.3bnlatino.org](http://www.3bnlatino.org)

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In less than 24 hours, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in northwest Venezuela will climax its aggressive evangelism efforts with a large baptismal ceremony. The event, which will take place at the Palacio de los Eventos in Maracaibo tomorrow, will see the baptism of 1,200 new members.

The ceremony will be carried live through the Hope Church Channel, Esperanza TV and 3ABN Latino, and interconnect with the rest of the 20 church regions of the Inter-American Division (IAD) territory.

"For us it's such a privilege and great opportunity to host this large IAD program where we can communicate with the rest of division territory and the world and share our faith, our hope, and be inspired to welcome thousands of new members into our church," says Pastor Orlando Ramirez, executive secretary of the church in the Venezuela Antilles Union. More than 2,200 baptisms will take place throughout dozens of churches in the union, adds Ramirez.

Since the beginning of the year, the church has intensely promoted small group ministries and activities for young people, says Ramirez. One such activity saw church members and young people wash some 2,500 taxi cabs for free in exchange for taxi drivers to place a sticker promoting the "Pentecost and More" satellite program through Esperanza TV, according to Ramirez.

The live event has also been promoted through the 28 radio stations in the territory, and promotions through flyers and banners have been distributed throughout the region as well, church leaders said.

"To hold Inter-America's Pentecost and More initiative in our territory brings a special meaning to our church in Venezuela since it was here in this country that on March 25, the first baptism took place 100 years ago and the first church with 17 members was organized a week later," says Ramirez.

Already, pastors and laypeople have been holding evangelistic campaigns in 186 preaching centers, says Pastor Fernando Toala, personal ministries director for the church in the west Venezuela region.

"We need to finish preaching the message," says Toala, who also oversees evangelism for Maracaibo. "We must have our entire region to get to know Jesus Christ as their Savior." And in a region with a population of two million, 67 churches and congregations and some 5,000 members, the task is still ongoing, says Toala. Yet, he adds, doors are opening.

"This is the first time that a church has been allowed to hold such a large religious event here in the Palacio de los Eventos-the largest and most prestigious convention center in the
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March 17, 2011 - Medellin, Colombia... Shirley Rueda/IAD Staff

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The activity was organized to promote awareness for a constant connection to God through prayer, said Pastor Walter Ramos, youth ministries director for the church in North Colombia who led the event. "We wanted to pray not only for ourselves but to pray for those in need of Christ."

It was the kind of program which had church leaders and members participating in the Constant in Prayer initiative-a call to all members throughout Inter-America to seek personal spiritual revival through constant prayer and study of the Bible.

The groups of young people also gathered at several locations in front of shopping malls, supermarkets, and parks and all over key points in high traffic streets displaying signs which read, "At 100 meters we can pray for you", "we pray for your health," "we pray for your studies," "we pray for your family," and "it only takes one minute."

Brainer Herrera was among the motorists who stopped for prayer. As he sat in his motorcycle he was grateful for the opportunity. "I think it is so wonderful to encourage people to pray," said Herrera. "This is what the world needs today with all that is happening."

As the afternoon turned into evening, young people gathered at the Adventist University in Medellin to worship and share experiences of the day.

"This has experience has really impressed me because it was clear that there is a world in need out there, and that we have young people willing to work for God," said Walter Ramos.

Nine-year old Pablo Esteban described it as a beautiful experience. "I am so happy because I was able to pray and tell people how good the Lord is and invite them to my church," he added.

Pastor Edgar Redondo, president of the church in the North Colombia praised the work of the youth leaders and young people for the special outreach and emphasized on the wonderful privilege of praying for others around us.

Young people were called upon to continue strengthening their spiritual life through the study of the Bible and prayerful life.

To view photos and find out more on the church in North Colombia Union or region, go to

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