Inter-America: Adventist students to put aside books and pray for spiritual revival

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Putting aside regular academic programs and dedicate that time to prayer symbolizes "the high importance we are emphasizing on prayer and the main objective of an Adventist education: to establish a closer communion with God," says Dr. Gamaliez Florez, education director for the church in Inter-America.

It is the first time that such a division-wide activity is planned in the more than 1,000 primary, secondary and university campuses, according to Dr. Florez.

Teachers and students will spend time reflecting on the benefits of prayer, the importance of gratitude and praise in worship, and pray together throughout the day.

Plans are underway to involve young students in preparing posters in classrooms and invitations to share with their friends and neighbors for the special day of prayer, explains Dr. Florez. "We have asked our school principals and university presidents to organize prayer brigades and invite the public to pray wherever possible," adds Florez. Government and community leaders will also be invited to pray and send in their prayer requests during the special day of prayer.

Top church leaders at the IAD Headquarter office in Miami, Florida will travel to dozens of schools and universities to worship and pray with students.

In Mexico, all Adventist schools and universities will participate in the prayer spiritual revival program on Apr. 6 as well as schools across The Bahamas, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos. The rest of the educational institutions in Inter-America will join the prayer initiative on Apr. 26.

It's this type of spiritual impact that church leaders hope will permeate throughout classrooms, campuses and in communities across Inter-America sprouting positive effects on students, families and society in fulfilling the mission of the church. "We are excited to let our students know that prayer is very important and it is worth it to remain constant in prayer," says Dr. Florez, who adds that nearly half of the more than 173,000 students attending Adventist institutions in the IAD territory are non-Adventists.

For more information on the special prayer revival throughout schools and universities in Inter-America, visit www.praying4revival.org and www.estamosorando.org

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