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The camporee is expected to draw nearly 20,000 young people, youth leaders, and chaperones from April 19-23, 2011. Themed “Conquering Giants” the camporee seeks to inspire Adventist young people, ages 10-15 and older, to overcome the challenges they face today, just like the Biblical David who conquered Goliath and overcame many obstacles centuries ago, says Pastor Benjamin Carballo, youth ministries director for the church in the Inter-American Division and organizer of the event.

"Goliath represents many strategies which Satan uses to deviate our teenagers and youth from the road to heaven," says Pastor Carballo. "We want each and every one of our pathfinders to stay committed to Jesus so that they can have all the necessary weapons to battle and overcome each giant they face in life."

The event will also be a great opportunity for young people to fellowship and create memories, adds Carballo.

"We want them to make wonderful Christian memories as they participate in a multi-cultural environment with so many languages and nations, embracing each other as they belong to a wonderful uniformed army of pathfinders," explains Carballo.

The camporee will see hundreds of pathfinder clubs representing the 21 church regions in Inter-American Division (IAD) participate together in daily activities, events, marches, competitions and religious meetings.

Top world church youth leaders like Pastors Gilbert R. Gangy, Jonathan Tejel, Jose Rojas, as well as former youth leaders Pastors Baraka Muganda, Alfredo Garcia-Marenko, and Bernardo Rodriguez, will be among the special guest speakers during the five-day camporee. IAD top leaders, union administrators, and youth ministry leaders from the 21 church regions will also participate in the historic event.

Drama, music, and spiritual presentations will be part of the opening ceremony, which will be streamed live over the internet on April 19, 2011, beginning at 6:30 pm. Central Time or Mexico City Time. Evening programs will also be webcast every day of the youth event.

The Pathfinder Club is a wide program organized and directed by the Adventist World Church Youth Ministries department. It offers a wide range of learning experiences for youth people ages 10-15 and older and is operated the international Seventh-day Adventist Church through its regional and local church leaders.

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The special day was part of Constant In Prayer, a spiritual revival and reformation initiative taking place throughout the Inter-American Division. The special focus of Constant In Prayer this month involves inspiring and informing students and teachers at hundreds of Adventist educational institutions in the IAD about the need for continuous prayer and Bible study in their daily lives.

Dr. Cheryl Rolle, education director for the church in the Atlantic Caribbean region, spoke at Cayman Islands Academy where dozens of students, teachers and administrators gathered for a special service. Dr. Rolle spoke on the importance of worship and being thankful to God always.

"Today is a day to thank God for His goodness and to tell Him that we love Him," said Dr. Rolle. "It is a day to praise Him for the students who were baptized recently. It is a great day to talk to Him and to listen as He speaks to us through His word."

Pastor Eric D. Clarke, president of the Cayman Island Conference, spoke on the theme "Walking in His Steps," as he used the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. The day began was also part of a launch by the school to begin praying for its students, teachers and their families by groups during the next 46 days. The prayer list will conclude June 22.

After the service, pastors and Bible workers met with individual classes to pray for each student and their family. Other activities of the day included prayer every half hour by different classes for various institutions affiliated with the school and various professionals in the community.

During the afternoon, teachers and students visited Windsor Park, a community near the school, to pray with and share literature with residents. Students said they were eager to participate in a similar program in the future.

In the Bahamas Academy located in Nassau, primary and secondary students and teachers gathered for special assemblies focused on prayer. Pastor Al Powell, personal ministries and Sabbath school director and coordinator for revival and reformation for the church in the Atlantic Caribbean Union, spoke and prayed to teachers before school hours.

"We reminded our students on the necessity to pray and how easy it is to approach God," said Powell.

As the program ended, Pastor Powell noted that it was visible to see the positive changes taking place with teachers, students and parents who participated in the event.

The Atlantic Caribbean Union is comprised of The Bahamas, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos.

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