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More than 20,000 pathfinders, leaders and chaperones will gather to witness the largest territory-wide youth gathering to ever take place in the church in Inter-America.

The program will include the Parade of Nations, praise music, folkloric performance, the conclusion of the musical drama performance, a special challenge to the youth, fireworks and more.

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April 22, 2011, Mexico City, Mexico... Benjamin Garcia/IAD

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The event was held in the skateboarding area of Ciudad Deportiva. There were around 130 people present for two rounds. A group of 20 campers from various clubs showed their skills and lived together with five non-Adventist young people from the city who have more experience in this sport.

Juan Jorge Acuña, Montemorelos University's marketing and recruiting director, is responsible for UM Tu Club. He said the kind of activities done by the virtual club presents Montemorelos University as an institution that loves young people.

"Aside from preparing them for life with a career, the university offers them a Christian co-existence with multiple benefits, like that of making friends forever," he said.

Among the young participants was one adult, Ricardo Torres Gutierrez, a member of Padierna Adventist Church in Mexico City.

Although he is 50 years old, Torres says age is not a drawback to participating in the sport, which he learned when he was younger. Now he has taken it up again.

For Torres, it is a good sport, amusing and not very expensive. He practices every Sunday.

"It fills me, it meets my emotions... and I invite you wherever you are, to lift up the names of the Adventists, and even more, that of Christ our Savior," said Torres, who asked his boss to get time off from work to attend the camporee. He became aware of this event through his daughters who are members of their local Pathfinder club.

The show also served to witness to the non-Adventist young men invited to attend the Adventist church as they were promised to be prayed for because the non-Adventist young men were invited to visit the Adventist church and were promised to be prayed for.
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Pathfinders take to parks to clean up and paint sidewalks as part of community service projects done this week during Inter-America's territory-wide pathfinder camporee.

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On the way to the site, the bus carrying pathfinders from the Southwest Guatemala Mission rumbled with cheers from their country.

Michelle Garcia, advisor for the Pioneers Club from the Guatemala's Metropolitan Conference, commented that they are very glad to help the community by painting and cleaning.

"I have to paint the edges of the sidewalks, and I am getting ready for that," said José Campos, a pathfinder in the explorer class from South Central Guatemala Mission.

The Asglay Club from the North Tamaulipas Mission began its work painting sidewalks.

Fidel Garcia, a companion class pathfinder, commented that he never had to paint sidewalks before, and that he was glad because he was learning something new.

For Anabetsy Carvajal, a pathfinder explorer of the Light Bearers Club of the West Habana delegation, the Cuban Union, service to the community is very important.

"We come as faithful pathfinders, conquering giants for Jesus. I want that the people that see us could know that we are Seventh-day Adventists and that we are cleaning their city.

"I am very glad because we are serving Jesus and I had to sweep up," she added.

All pathfinders and their leaders were very happy painting and cleaning the entrance to the sport facility. Those passing by thanked them for doing something positive for the sport facility.
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Garcia is only 12 and has been into artistic gymnastics for half her life. She has won 66 medals at regional, state, and national championships. She recently participated in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Championship in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, ranking among the ten best athletes in the country in this discipline.

However, things have not been always easy for Garcia. When she was nine months old, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Her parents were devastated and had her go through a series of additional tests. She was later diagnosed with hemolytic anemia, which is said to be incurable.

Her parents prayed by the bedside of their thin, fragile daughter. "We put Lizeth in the Lord's hands," says Noemi, Garcia's mother, "and asked God for a miracle." Grinning, Noemi says, "God gave us our girl back. God performed a miracle and healed her."

Six years later, Garcia's pediatrician advised the parents to involve the girl in exercise. A lot of exercise.

"Close to home we spotted a gymnasium, and we decided to try it," says Miguel Angel, Garcia's father. Once enrolled, her trainer saw great potential in her and she began to compete in many different sports, even abroad. She has had the privilege to train with national champions that helped her get to the top.

As a Christian, Garcia has made a commitment to not compromise on her beliefs. Although there are times when she trains eight hours a day, she keeps the Sabbath and gets home early for church.

"My friends see me pray and ask me what I believe," says Garcia. "So I share my faith in Jesus with them, because Jesus is alive. Sometimes I give my friends Adventist tracts."

Besides disease, there are other giants in Garcia's path.

"I don't know what comes next for me in terms of competitions, and I think about it a lot," she confides, adding that other "giants are school and growing in Christ. But I find strength in Philippians 4:13 and Joshua 1:9. They never fail."
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For the full story of the conclusion of the event, visit us soon at

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Reflecting on Exodus 14:13-15, Pastor Muganda to stand firm. “Young people, when we meet our giants-they can represent red sea, you must stand still,” said Muganda. “Put your trust in God, put your hope in Him. You will be able to see what He plans to do in your life.”

Much like the Israelites before crossing the Red Sea, Muganda reminded pathfinders and young people still gathered under the steady rain to have faith, stand still and pray for guidance.

"If you want to defeat the giants, if you want to conquer the red seas in your life, you must pray," added Muganda.

The thousands of pathfinders joined in prayer at 7:00 p.m. as a commitment to a spiritual revival through the Adventist World Church 777 program encouraging at least 7 million members around the world to commit to praying seven days a week at 7 a.m. or 7 p.m.

The Friday evening program saw music presentations, baptisms of 30 pathfinders and Episode 4 of the musical drama performance which depicted David as a young boy heading to the Israelite army to visit his brothers.

Earlier in the program 21 finalists representing the church regions of the Inter-America competed in the camporee’s Bible bowl competition based on the entire book of 1 Samuel. Juan de Dios Dzib of the South Mexican Union was the winner of the competition.

Tune in to watch the Sabbath worship program and conclusion of the camporee tomorrow online, beginning at 7:45 a.m. Central Time or Mexico City Time, at http://camporee.interamerica.org/

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