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Special prayer programs were held as dozens of schools put away their academic curriculum to pause for prayer revival and worship services.

In El Progreso Adventist School in Guatemala City, hundreds of students participated in a special tour on campus where different prayer stations covered with colorful signs, verses and prayer focus taught and reminded them anywhere is a good place to pray.

Three separate programs throughout the day brought primary, secondary and teachers and staff together for prayer, study of the Bible, prayer petitioning, music and drama presentations. During the program, two students were baptized.

In addition, students marched through the community stopping and praying for each school as they went.

"It was a blessed day of activities," said Dinorah Rivera, children's ministries director who traveled to Guatemala for the event. Rivera spoke to school-aged children on the importance of cultivating a prayerful life to build a closer relationship with Jesus.

Like in El Progreso school, similar Constant in Prayer programs were held throughout Guatemala.
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More than 6,000 students and teachers participated in a special day of prayer and worship in schools and parks throughout El Salvador on April 26. The day was part of the "Constant In Prayer" initiative launched this year in the Inter-American Division (IAD). The initiative seeks to inspire spiritual revival through constant prayer and study of the Bible.

"During the entire month of April, all of our schools, classrooms and homes were impacted by prayer," said Xenia Burgos, education director for the church in El Salvador. In the weeks leading up to the special day of prayer, weeks of prayer were held for students and parents to daily engage in taking their concerns, joys and requests to the throne of God, explained Burgos.

Early in the morning at Santa Ana Adventist school, students and teachers shared testimonies of answered prayers, prayed together and praised God in song during the day.

In San Juan Opico, students and teachers from ECAS, El Salvador's largest Adventist school with over 750 students, gathered at the city park to put on a program of music and prayer. In attendance were the mayor of San Juan Opico, city officials, and the chief of police. At the mayor's request, church leaders and school officials prayed for peace and safety, as well as for city authorities, students, parents and the community at large.

As the day closed with prayer, students distributed magazines throughout the streets and prayed for people.

More than 500 students from the Adventist school in Quezaltepeque presented drama and musical performances at the city's main park. Prayers for the city, its leaders and citizens were offered. Bibles and magazines were distributed as students prayed for onlookers.
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April 30, 2011 - St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands...IAD Staff

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Teachers, staff, students, parents and pastors gathered for a special program at St. Croix Seventh-day Adventist School to celebrate the event and participate in special prayer activities. It was just one of 40 schools where prayer was the main focus of the day.

Top church leaders from the Caribbean Union presented messages to young students on the importance of prayer and appealed to students to commit to God for a renewed life.

Students were able to tour seven prayer stations set up at the school. The stations were labeled Mt. Carmel, Lion's Den, Shiloh, Bethel, Ebenezer, Succoth and Peniel. At each station, local pastors were waiting to share and pray with students.

"The program was well organized, and I was blessed to see the dedication and commitment of the staff and the involvement of the students in this spiritual experience," said Pastor Leon Wellington, vice president of the Inter-American Division (IAD), who was present at the St. Croix school. "I left St. Croix with a great hope for the future of Adventist Christian Education."

Hundreds of schools across the IAD territory also held special prayer programs throughout their schools and campuses.

"God continues to lead us in giving the spiritual and faith building experience to the next generation who will take our places in the future," said Pastor Wellington.
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April 29, 2011 - Alajuela, Costa Rica...Libna Stevens/IAD

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More than 1,500 students, teachers, parents, leaders, and community leaders gathered for a special prayer program at Central America's Adventist University in Alajuela, Costa Rica, one of hundreds of campuses where IAD church leaders participated.

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

The special day of prayer was the first such division-wide event done in the more than 1,000 primary, secondary and university campuses, according to Dr. Florez. Earlier this month, Adventist schools across Mexico, The Bahamas, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos held prayer vigils, prayer sessions and focused on the importance of prayer.

Pastor Israel Leito, president of the church in Inter-America, spoke on the importance of prayer and the need for spiritual revival through prayer and bible study, as the program was streamed live over the internet.

"Prayer is the best medicine to help us with the fear we may have," said Pastor Leito as he addressed hundreds of school-aged children and young people in Costa Rica. "God does answer prayers. But if you cherish sin in your heart, if you are unwilling to forgive, if you pray selfishly and if you pray without faith, then your prayers may not be answered," he added.

"Our prayers to God are simply an expression of our relationship with God," emphasized Pastor Leito.

It's that continual expression to God that church leaders are working towards implementing throughout its schools and campuses in the territory so it will sprout positive effects on students, families and society in fulfilling the mission of the church.

Students sang, prayed and gave testimony of answered prayers. Pastor Leito prayed for students and for the community and municipal leaders present at the special program.

Schools across Costa Rica and the rest of Central America, plus the Caribbean, celebrated the prayer initiative as students participated in prayer for special requests, prayed for community leaders, sang and marched in their communities.

In Guatemala, students and teachers of El Progresso Adventist school marched for miles and...