Inter-America: Adventist homes to become community prayer centers

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It becomes the first organized division-wide initiative to focus on families in the community and one top church leaders are excited about.

"There are two characteristics we want to imprint through this activity," says Pastor Roberto Herrera, revival and reformation coordinator for the church in Inter-America. "That it is a simple activity that makes it possible for our members and friends to participate without generating any kind of expense nor interferes with church activities and it is also a transcendent activity.

The simple plan has been to mobilize thousands of church members to open their homes to pray and speak of the power of God through prayer, according to Herrera.

"Just imagine the spiritual and evangelistic potential as Adventist homes become prayer centers and home to small groups. Imagine if Inter-America captures this vision," explained Herrera.

It's not only gathering neighbors and praying for them but sending the clear message to church members and the community on the need for healthy families and the power of prayer to accomplish that, church leaders said.

"Our families are being threatened by many forces led by the Enemy," says Pastor Pedro Iglesias, family ministries director for the church in Inter-America involved in the coordination of the program. "The devil looks to penetrate that sacred link in more and more subtle ways to destroy the family. Parents must arm themselves with many tools to confront this threat and prayer is the main tool that can connect us with that fountain of power which is God."

"This is simply a wonderful and exciting activity because the culture of our countries places special value on friendship and sharing with others," said Herrera. "In addition, this initiative also helps our members to care for their spiritual life first in their home, in their personal and family life and in the church."

With more than 10,000 churches and congregations throughout Inter-America gathering thousands of church members every week, leaders hope this activity will strengthen Adventist homes to become shining lights in their communities.

Thousands of special DVDs on the importance of prayer have been distributed in the three languages, as well as suggested program flyers for the event. Special decals with the words "This House is called a House of Prayer" have been distributed to the membership throughout Inter-America.

Plans are underway to distribute thousands of Bibles on June 10. In addition, on Saturday, June 11, churches will hold baptismal ceremonies throughout the IAD.