Inter-America: Adventists open their homes for community prayer

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"The simple plan was to mobilize thousands of church members to open their homes to pray and speak of the power of God through prayer," said Pastor Roberto Herrera, revival and reformation coordinator for the church in Inter-America.

"It was a joy to visit seven homes during the activity," said Herrera who traveled to San Pedro de Macoris, in the Dominican Republic. Herrera was among nearly two dozen leaders who traveled to different church regions in Inter-America to participate in the prayer initiative focused on families.

"It is very clear that the greatest need our members have is spiritual nourishment and any congregation that wants to fulfill this need should go beyond the walls of the church building," he said. "There are many members who need prayer, encouragement and comfort so the church must continue to pray for their families."

It's about strengthening the family which is vulnerable to all kinds of attacks from the devil, said Pastor Pedro Iglesias, family ministries director for the church in Inter-America and coordinator of the activity.

"The devil looks to penetrate that sacred [family] link in more and more subtle ways to destroy the family so parents must be in constant prayer to remain connected with that fountain of power which is God," he said.

In South Veracruz, in Mexico, Pastor Israel Leito, president of the church in Inter-America, along with Pastor Iglesias, spoke to dozens of church ministers and leaders before visiting several homes in the City of Minatitlan.

"We want the church to be known for a people who is in constant in prayer," said Pastor Leito. "We trust in our God and we want the Adventist homes to be known as prayer centers, centers that can offer comfort."

Pastor Leito visited the home of Radames Cruz Gonzalez where he spoke and prayed with the family and neighbors. Then he headed to the Martinez Torres home.

"I was so blessed to be in these two homes," said Pastor Leito, "to hear and feel the joy of the members, to know that regardless of the condition of the home, we sat with them, prayed with them, and ate with them, brought tears to the eyes."