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For nearly three decades, Estéreo Fe, a radio station managed by laypeople in Tegucigalpa, had been the only Adventist station in Honduras until Galastero 96.9 FM came along, according to Angila. It's been an arduous task, said Angila, but one that top local church leaders are working hard to invest in. A vote was taken earlier this year by church administrators to work towards obtaining one radio station per regional office in the country before the current quinquennium ends in 2015.

"By God's grace we can say that it is very possible that before the end of the year we can have a radio station for each of our local church fields," said Angila. "So far with Estéreo Fe, we are reaching 900,000 listeners with all running 20 hours every day except for Estereo Fe, which runs 24 hours a day, each carrying its own programming."

With an estimated population of more than 7 million, church leaders continue planning on reaching more people with the truth, said Angila. Plans are underway to purchase another radio station in San Pedro Sula, one of the most populated cities in Honduras with more than one million people.

"Negotiations are well advanced and we hope to soon purchase the station and purchase another one in the central region of the country, to continue spreading the gospel," Angila added.

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The four-day event, themed "Messengers of Hope", promises to inspire and recommit hundreds of ASI members to focus on spreading the gospel through their market ministries.

Hundreds of delegates are expected to gather and network, attend seminars on professional development and business management, strengthen on-going and new projects to benefit the community, and more.

This year's convention marks the first of the new five-year period in Inter-America, and the second to be held in Jamaica since ASI's establishment in the territory.

According to Pastor Leon B Wellington, vice president of the church in Inter-America and secretary of ASI-Inter-America, more than 30 exhibitions will be featured as well as cultural presentations. There will also be a special donation visit to St. Ann Bay's General Hospital, and the election of a new ASI president, among other activities.

The convention's opening program will be streamed live over the internet on August 17, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Jamaica Time or 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

To watch the opening program online, click here