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With numerous competitions under their belt, each of the finalists will have days to study and review their knowledge of the Book of Luke and Acts of the Apostles before traveling to the Caribbean island.

This year's Bible bowl finale becomes the eighth such competition to take place in Inter-America and one that has church leaders excited about seeing young people actively participating in the study of the Scriptures.

"I've seen great excitement with our young people this year with this Bible bowl initiative," said Pastor Benjamin Carballo, who recently returned from regional competitions in Guatemala, Colombia, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

"Our main objective has always been to involve our youth into studying and experiencing the Holy Spirit through reading God's Word as the become partners in fulfilling the mission of sharing the Gospel," said Carballo.

This year's two Bible books focus on the life and ministry of Jesus and the work of the apostles who began the early church which teach lessons for active young people seeking to do move forward in service, according to Carballo. "Luke and Acts go along with what the church throughout Inter-America and the world church has been striving for: to motivate church members in pursuing spiritual revival and reformation."

The competition will be streamed live over the internet beginning at 4:30 p.m. Miami Time/Puerto Rico Time on Saturday, Dec. 10. The live program will be held in Spanish with translation into English and French.

Regional winners from 21 church unions in the Inter-American Division include:

Atlantic Caribbean Union: Waylon Johnson
Belize Union: Maxie Morey
Caribbean Union: Tenika Da Silva
Central Mexican Union: Job Magdiel Gonzalez Gonzalez
Cuban Union: Kariuska Azahares Cintra
Dominican Union: Massiell Antonia Pena de la Cruz
East Venezuela Union: Thairubys Alicia Contreras Zambrano
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