**Dominican Republic: ADRA signs special agreement with the national transportation office**

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OTTT Director Julio Horton and Pastor Cesario Acevedo of ADRA-Dominican chairman signed the agreement at the headquarter office for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Santo Domingo on March 13, 2012.

Horton stated that education was fundamental in the prevention of accidents and that his office and ADRA will combine resources and materials to execute the project. He congratulated ADRA leaders for their initiative.

As he signed the agreement, Pastor Cesario Acevedo, who also leads the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the island, assured witnesses that, as a Christian entity, the church is committed to creating a positive change in the conduct of public transportation drivers. The church has some 283,000 church members, said Acevedo, of which some 85 percent are young people, and that the youth will help work on the project.

The seed of the agreement grew out of an initiative proposed by ADRA-Dominican to combat the rising number of accidents and traffic delays affecting commuters in Santo Domingo and other cities on the island since 2009, said Luis Miguel Acevedo, ADRA-Dominican director.

Statistics reveal that more than 5,000 vehicle accidents occurred in 2009, more than 40 percent due to recklessness, alcoholism, and road rage, said Luis Miguel Acevedo.

"Our plans are to begin eight-hour training courses to groups of drivers on treating passengers courteously, how to save gasoline, mechanically maintain their vehicles, personal finance management, and more" said Luis Miguel Acevedo. "This we believe," he said, "will make a change."

According to Luis Miguel Acevedo, the project seeks to train some 8,000 drivers in Santo Domingo during a pilot program which will begin next week and continue to run through the next five months.

Hundreds of young church member volunteers will participate in the massive training of drivers in coordination with the OTTT.

"Once the initial project is completed in Santo Domingo, plans are to follow training in the cities of Santiago, San Francisco de Macoris and Puerto Plata," Luis Miguel Acevedo said.

The project becomes the fourth major one led by ADRA-Dominican in coordination with the government during the last three years, said Acevedo. ADRA-Dominican has already led massive campaigns against Dengue fever, Cholera outbreak, and illiteracy.
For more information on ADRA Dominican and its projects, visit [http://www.adra.org.do/](http://www.adra.org.do/)

Luis Miguel Acevedo, ADRA Dominican director, speaks to church leaders and officials from the Technical Office of Ground Transportation in the Dominican Republic before both ADRA and the OTTT signed an agreement on upcoming projects next month.

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Inter-America will host a special satellite event highlighting its on-going comprehensive discipleship program coined as Vision One Million. The event will take place from the Parque de la Industria Convention Center in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mar. 31, 2012, and will be carried on the Hope Business Channel, Esperanza TV and 3ABN Latino.

Pastor Robert Costa from the Adventist World Church will be the keynote speaker. Top church leaders from throughout the Inter-American Division (IAD) will also participate in the two-hour program.

Highlights of the program include, special music, baptisms, drama performances as well as resources and information on the on-going Vision One Million initiative, in Guatemala and the rest of the IAD, among others.

To view the live satellite program from Guatemala City, tune in to The Hope Channel, Esperanza TV, and 3ABN Latino on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Guatemala Time or 1:00 p.m. Miami Time.

For more on Inter-America's Vision One Million and prayer revival initiative and other spiritual activities visit the following links:

**Resources:**
Vision One Million [http://visiononemillion.org](http://visiononemillion.org)
Revival and Reformation webpage: [http://praying4revival.org](http://praying4revival.org)
In Spanish: [http://estamosorando.org](http://estamosorando.org)
French: [http://praying4revival.org](http://praying4revival.org)

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