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## born to win

NORTH EAST BRAZIL UNION PATHFINDERS CHALLENGED

**F**or five days, over 16,000 Pathfinders and their leaders were challenged to live knowing that they were “Born to Win”. This was the largest ever Brazilian camporee in recent memory. All delegates came from the North East Brazil Union to attend this event which was held in the city of Natal from February 11 to 15, 2010.

Every day, there were morning devotions, followed by many various activities which were all focused on the theme of the camporee. These activities were planned so well that at the end of the day the theme kept ringing in the minds of the pathfinders. The day ended with a power hour full of great singing, drama, testimonies from the local conferences and a sermon.

Pathfinders were divided into three major groups for day's activities. There were those who attended camp activities which included learning new honors and games. The other group went to do community service projects and the rest had an organized tour.

The South American Division Youth Director, Otimar Gonçalves, was asked why this camporee was both well organized and well attended, and he responded, “In the South American Division we have continued to cherish the Pathfinder Culture, every church has an organized pathfinder club with very well experienced leaders who oversee the success of these clubs at the local church level, and as they come to the camporee, they camp with their pathfinders and accompany them in all activities.” He went on to say, “One area in which the Pathfinders in South America have focused on is the study of the Word of God.” This was evidenced during the opening night when all the local Conference presidents and the president of North East Brazil Union marched on the po-

dium holding open Bibles in their hands. These leaders were sending a message to the thousands of pathfinders, that they still believe in the Bible. In each delegate package there was a Bible designed on the cover with the camporee logo “Born to win.” During all the devotions each Pathfinder carried their Bible. Indeed the South American Division has kept its culture of Pathfinder, Salvation and Service and making the Bible the foundation of whatever they do with their young people!

At the end of the evening program, a baptism was held to conclude the power hour. These pathfinders demonstrated their love for the Word of God. They were there at worship by 6:30 am and on time, singing and carrying their Bibles.

There are 290,492 church members worshipping in 1,237 churches in the North East Brazil Union. **L2U**

by Baraka G. Muganda, World Youth Director



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## from **DEVILS CURVE** to **Hope Curve**

### Seventh-day Adventist Youth Make History in north Peru

**T**he North Peru Union has successfully promoted the concept of Salvation and Service in every youth group. Either as a pathfinder or as a young adult, they have embraced this focus dubbed "Mision" Caleb.

The whole Union Youth Ministry stormed the city of Chiclayo and the Amazon for one full week from February 15th to 20th February, 2010. Over five thousand young people participated in "Mision" Caleb projects. Cleaning streets, singing, planting trees, painting buildings, health fairs etc. The youth made a huge impact in those areas in which they performed the activities.

In the Amazon, the Seventh-day Adventist Youth during this week changed the history of a road sign from the "Devils Curve" to the "Hope Curve". At this spot many people were killed during tribal fightings in recent months and many souls lost their lives until the government named the spot where the fightings took place, "Devils Curve". After hearing this, young people approached the government officials and community leaders during this week of Mision Caleb to change the road sign from the Devils Curve to Hope Curve. First there was some resistance but finally the government gave in the demands of our youth who said they were the messengers of HOPE to the people of the Amazon.

Thousands of people gathered at the officiating of the name change: from Devils Curve to Hope Curve. The Regional Leader and town mayors were all there to witness this historic moment made by the Seventh-day Adventist youth. The local Indians praised the Seventh-day Adventist Youth for bringing HOPE to their people and they vowed loud and clear that never will there ever be another blood shedding. The Hope Curve sign will be a reminder of Jesus love for all peoples. (cont'd on p. 3)



Baraka G. Muganda standing with the tallest Adventist Peruvian man



Caleb Mission participants with Baraka Muganda

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This is all what Youth Ministry is about. Making a difference in the communities in which young people live. The week culminated in huge youth gatherings in the Amazon and Chiclayo with a baptism of 50 people brought in through the work of young people during this week of Mision Caleb 3.0.

Over 75% of the North Peru church membership is composed of young people under 30 years worshipping in 936 churches. **L2U**

## VII Austral Union Pathfinder Camporee

by Jonatan Tejel, World Pathfinder Director

**T**he Austral Union VII Pathfinder Camporee took place from February 2 to 6, 2010 in Asuncion, capital city of Paraguay. About 160 clubs and 4,500 pathfinders attended this great event. I had the pleasure in participating in the last camporee of this Union. These countries that form the Austral Union, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, have been organized as separate Unions.

The event was held at the Rakiura Park, a very prestigious place in the capital city. This camporee made history because of the high temperatures which reached 104 to 108F daily during the entire week. Due to the extreme heat, some parts of the program had to be modified so that the Pathfinders would stay safe.

Pastor Otimar Gonçalves, South American Division Youth Director and I, delivered the spiritual food. Pastor Otimar had the devotionals every morning and I delivered the message at night.

Without a doubt the hot weather was present every minute during the camporee and, in a way, it made the schedule a little challenging, but I should highlight that the human warmth was a lot more important. The camporee has not ended for me yet. Through *Facebook* I'm still communicating with many Pathfinders. And I'm glad we can still keep in touch.

Pastor Ivan Rosales, along with his team of leaders and large support group did a great job. They worked hard to organize the very last event of the Austral Union. I enjoyed their cheerfulness and friendship. I encourage the three leaders of the new Unions, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, to challenge our Pathfinders to carry the message. The world seems to be falling apart these last few months, but we should not forget that the future will bring Christ and with this promise in mind we should finish our job here on earth as soon as possible. Maranatha! **L2U**





# YOUTH commitment days

**T**he whole month of MAY 2010 is dedicated for YOUTH BAPTISM in the northern hemisphere and the whole month of SEPTEMBER 2010 is dedicated for YOUTH BAPTISM in the southern hemisphere. Preparation for that special event should be done early.

It is recommended that you begin the preparation for the Youth Baptismal Celebration at least six months in advance. Candidates are given the Bible study. In six months all the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church should be taught, either through personal Bible study or Public Evangelistic Meetings.

Make the Day of Baptism a Special Day for the Baptismal candidates, arrange a BIG CELEBRATION, decorate the church beautifully, prepare gifts, like Bibles, Song Book, etc. Arrange special pot-lucks to welcome them!

There is only one mode of baptism, by immersion. Matthew 3:16 reads: *"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him."* Baptism is imperative. Jesus said that it is the only way for a person to see the Kingdom of God and to enter it (John 3:5).

The Pre-requisites for baptism consist in:

1. Being taught as Matthew 28:19 implies: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*
2. Believing: *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned"* (Mark 16:16). **L2U**



by Hiskia Missah, Associate Director

## program idea

TIME	PROGRAM
9 00 - 9 15 AM	worship and praise ministry
9 15 - 9 23	special music
9 23 - 10	interaction - lesson study - reviewing Bible doctrines
10 00 - 10 30	Prayer focus
10 25 - 12 00	Divine service
12 00 - 12 10 PM	appeal
12 10 - 12 50	Baptism
1 00 - 2 00	celebration lunch
2 00 - 3 00	break
3 00 - 4 30	testimonies and heavenly music
4 30 - 6 00	youth rally
6 00 - 6 40	sundown worship
6 40 - 7 30	SUPPER
7 30 - 9 30	Youth Fellowship

# news from the North American Division

JUST CLAIM IT 2010

## "2nd North American Division World Youth Prayer Congress – Just Claim It 2"

For the first time we are combining "4Extremes": Youth Ministries Leadership Summit, the Just Claim It Prayer Congress, Ignition – God-encounters (Young Adults), and a Children's Worship Festival (Sponsored by Ohio Conf). All in same location – Separate Programs.

The Holy Spirit is being poured out. 4Extremes are filling stations for spiritual growth, training, motivation and encouragement. We invite you to join over 15,000 youth/young adults ages 14-35 mainly for "JCI2", the 2nd World Youth Prayer Congress April 7-11, 2010 at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Delegates can fill their spiritual cups through our Prayer Initiatives, Community Mission Projects, Evangelism Outreach, Teens Preaching/Testimonies, Mass Choir/Orchestra, Workshops/Seminars, Sabbath Youth Rally/Parade, and Recreation.

Registration and information – [www.Jci2.org](http://www.Jci2.org)

## Southwestern Union Conference

The Southwestern Union Camporee is scheduled for October 4 to 6, 2012. For more information contact: Robert Holbrook, [in-catern@msn.com](mailto:in-catern@msn.com)

## Atlantic Union Conference

The Atlantic Union Conference is planning a Youth and Young Adult Congress on October 14 - 17, 2010. For more information contact: Bill Wood, [bwood@atlanticunion.org](mailto:bwood@atlanticunion.org)

## our Pathfinders indeed make a difference!

Last week the students from La Serena Adventist School, in Chile and Pathfinders and youth of La Serena and Coquimbo communities, worked intensely collecting food items and clothing to help the people affected by the earthquake that hit Chile on February 27. The volunteers were able to collect 1,500 kilos of merchandise and 1,000 kilos of clothing which were delivered to those in need on Sunday, March 7.

Cristian Gonzalez, one of the Pathfinders involved in this project, said "The Pathfinders were in charge of classifying the items that were received." He was also very grateful to those in the community who donated different items and for the opportunity to serve others in need.

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## Travel Plans for MARCH

Baraka: Feb 23 - March 17: Helderberg College, Youth Ministry class

Hiskia: 22 - 27: Romania, Youth event  
28 - April 5: Seychelles, Youth Alive

Jonatán: 18 - 28: Bulgaria, Youth event

