

All Nations Church Ministers to Homeless

The All Nations church in Atlanta, Ga., is one of the many churches in the Conference that ministers each Sabbath. Immediately following the divine service, assembly lines of helpful hands work together in preparation for the downtown ministry. One line works in the fellowship hall to unpack, prepare, and assemble healthy lunches for the hungry and poor of downtown Atlanta. Another line sorts through and organizes donated and/or purchased items of clothing, bedding, and toiletries.

With eager anticipation, the community service workers load and board



Members of the All Nations church in Atlanta, Ga., study the Bible with the homeless each weekend.

the church bus to meet their homeless brethren for worship and fellowship at Hurt Park in downtown Atlanta. After worship, the

workers divide into three camps: one group hands out the food, clothing, and other items; a second group listens to and notes the

requests of the homeless men and women (jackets, sleeping bags, underwear, shoes, reading glasses, etc.); and a third group spends time talking with those who are there.

Tired yet fulfilled, the church members board the bus with the needs of their homeless brethren on their minds and head back to church for sunset service.

This crew has learned that when one ministers for the Lord, church is more interesting, religion is more practical, fellowship is sweeter, and the Sabbath is more delightful.

—BY ESTHER GREEN

Hispanic Camp Meeting Continues to Grow

“We are excited!” That’s what Neftaly Ortiz, Conference ministerial director for Latin American ministries, has to say about the Conference’s Hispanic

camp meeting.

Hispanic camp meeting was held June 8-10, at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy. In previous years, the event was held

at Cohutta Springs, but church membership has grown so much among the Latin American population in the Conference that the group had to find a larger facility. Georgia-Cumberland Academy seemed like a good option, but with nearly 1,500 people in attendance this year, Ortiz wonders if they will need to find a larger venue. “The gym was at full capacity with more than 1,000 people. Then, with the youth in the chapel, we had another few hundred people; in the boys’ dorm chapel we had 100 teenagers...but this is a good problem,” shared Ortiz.

The camp meeting weekend was full

of inspiring messages, fellowship, and fun. The featured speaker, Abraham Acosta, M.D., director of the School of Medicine at the Adventist University of Plata in Argentina, spoke on the theme, “Con Jesus Hacia la Salud Total,” which translates to, “With Jesus You Can Have Total Health.”

One of the highlights demonstrating the church growth in the Latin American culture was the afternoon baptismal service on Sabbath. More than 20 people from Hispanic congregations within the Conference, were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS



Jose Escobar, pastor of the Calboun, Ga., Hispanic church; the Rome and Cartersville, Ga., Hispanic companies; and the Adairsville, Ga., Hispanic mission group, baptizes one of the more than 20 new Seventh-day Adventists.