



The program began with a fun day with food and a rented bounce house as a means of meeting neighborhood parents and children and register them for the Fiesta Vacation Bible School. After a week of Fiesta VBS, the children continued with three more weeks on topics of creation week and the birth and crucifixion of Jesus. Studies were added for parents, too. As a result, 30 were baptized, 8 of which are children. Other children were also enrolled in baptismal classes which will prepare them for baptism.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION



Northern Ecuador Mission—Children's Congress



On February 2-3, 2007, 250 children gathered in the City Hall of Santo Domingo de los Colorados in Ecuador for the first Children's Congress of the year. The children were treated to an excellent seminar on abuse awareness by child psychologist, Rocío Granda. A second seminar, "Children and the Community" was presented by Raquel de Guerrero, Secretary of Children's Ministries for the North Ecuador Mission, who challenged the kids to take the message with the "I believe" Bible course, which also prepared the children for baptism in the next Children's Week. In the same way Susan Araya de Pérez, Secretary of Children's Ministries for the Ecuador Union

in her seminar, "In my hands, a productive soil," also challenged the children to cultivate the plants that God had given them and to appreciate nature as the second book of study after the Bible.

Fun activities, such as arts and crafts, and dramas were presented by each church district while child preachers Jorge Roa (13) and Yordan Estrada (10) amazed the children with their great depth of preaching from the Word.

One of highlights of the congress was the election of the "2007 President of the Kids" with the objective to motivate and help Children's Ministries with initiatives proposed by the children. There was a Bible Verse Contest, where every participant impressed the audience with their knowledge of the Bible. Finally everybody was treated to a beautiful concert of praises by the children. The congress was a success!

SOUTHERN AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION



Mauritius Conference—CHM Leadership Training



On February 13-18, 2007, the conference held a Leadership Training Seminar for 62 Children's Ministries coordinators and 15 pastors. This was held in Mauritius Rose Hill at the Conference training centre. The children's leaders were given training by Caroline Chola, SID CHM director, in the following certification courses: Overview of the CHM department, Understanding GraceLink, Understanding Faith Development, Learning Modes, Protecting Children from Abuse, Teaching Children to Adore God, Understanding How Children Learn, Active Learning, Positive Discipline, and Jesus' Ministry to the Children.