RETAIN TO GROW

Inter-America Division Nurture & Retention Program 2011-2015

Justification of the plan

- One of the greatest challenges we have as a church is the retention of members, both new and regular members. They need to be constantly reaffirmed in Christ (see Acts 18:23, 27, 28).
- When the church fails to nurture the recently converted, they fail in complying with the mission.

Justification of the plan

• "Those who have newly come to the faith should be patiently and tenderly dealt with, and it is the duty of the older members of the church to devise ways to provide help and sympathy and instruction for those who have conscientiously withdrawn from other churches for the truth's sake, and thus cut themselves off from the pastoral labor to which they have been accustomed." (Evangelism, page 351).

Justification of the plan

• "After individuals have been converted to the truth, they need to be looked after. These newly converted ones need nursing, watchful attention, help and encouragement. These should not be left alone, a prey to Satan's most powerful temptations; they need to be educated in regard to their duties; to be kindly dealt with, to be led along, to be visited and prayed with. These souls need the meat apportioned to every man in due season." (Evangelism, page 351).

General Objectives

- Retain the new converts.
- Consolidate the regular members and help them to constantly renew their experience in their relationship with Christ.
- Pay special attention to the new members by placing them in a small group.
- Promote the organizing of the post-baptismal class in each church and congregation.
- Help the new members to adapt to the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle.
- Promote the holding of annual congresses for new members in the local fields.

Guidelines: Annual emphasis

- 2011 Year of retention through prayer and spiritual nurture.
- 2012 Year of retention through Small Groups.
- 2013 Year of retention through family integration.
- 2014 Year for retention through pastoral visitation.
- 2015 Year of retention through faithful stewardship.



The miraculous conversion of Rosa Santiz



Daniel and Juana



Agustin and Hilaria







Carmen Guillén Nufio and her granddaughter

