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HOMES OF HOPE AND HEALING

SEMINAR TRAINS WOMEN IN GAMBIA

The Women's Ministries Department of the world Church is encouraging women everywhere to open their homes to minister to other women in their community who need hope and healing. "HOMES OF HOPE AND HEALING" INVOLVES OPENING OUR HOMES TO OUR NEIGHBORS FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING. OUR HOMES CAN BE PLACES WHERE NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS GATHER TO SHARE HOPE AND HEALING FOR SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL NURTURE, emphasizing His power to heal us from our sins and griefs. The Women's Ministries leaders of West-Central Africa Division have caught this vision.

Josie Watson, the Women's Ministries Director of West Africa Union Mission, spent a fruitful weekend in June with the women leaders, elders, and church members of the Gambia Mission Station to equip them, inaugurating the "Homes of Hope and Healing" program in Gambia. More than 80 participants pledged to train others and open more small groups. By the grace of God, 19 small groups have been formed with full participation of the leaders of that area.

Josie Watson - WM director, West Africa Union Mission





Focus on the News

“AT EVERY WORK OF MERCY, EVERY WORK OF LOVE, ANGELS OF GOD ARE PRESENT. THOSE WHO LIVE NEAREST TO HEAVEN WILL REFLECT THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

ELLEN WHITE. *Manuscript 55*, 1901



SPD - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT

In April, at Ankara, the youth camp in the South Australian Conference, 27 women attended a special Women's Ministries program named "PMS3." The program, taught by Janette Kingston, WM Director for S.A. Conference, encouraged women to balance their lives by keeping the physical, mental, spiritual, social, and service (PMS3) aspects of their lives in balance. They were also invited to conduct "PMS3" programs in their own churches. Erna Johnson, Women's Ministries Director for the South Pacific Division, encouraged the group with her spiritual presentations. She reminded us that each woman belongs to God's family and may "travel light," knowing that Jesus will carry our burdens.

—Erna Johnson, Director, Women's Ministries, South-Pacific Division

SSD – ZAMBOANGA (ZBGA) PENINSULA MISSION LAUNCHES BBC PROJECT

The Zbga Peninsula Mission Women's Ministries Department launched the BBC (Bible equals Baptism equals Conservation) Project in April at the Batu Adventist Church in Zamboanga, Philippines. This was preparation for the Women's Crusade conducted in early June. Prior to this, a retreat for women officers and leaders hosted 32 women delegates from throughout the Zamboanga Peninsula Mission. The theme was "Revival for Mission Among Women." Target dates for the reaping are June 11 and October 22. We pray to God for the success of the program.

—Merna E. Pamunag, Director, Women's Ministries, Zamboanga Peninsula Mission

NAD – OREGON CONFERENCE OREGON WOMEN MINISTER TO A LOCAL MISSION FIELD

In late April, the O.C. Women's Ministries sponsored a mini-mission weekend in Sweet Home, Oregon, where the median income is near the poverty level. The event included free hearing and blood pressure checks, massage, and free photos and fingerprinting of children. Cheri Corder, WM director, and Tawny Sportsman lead out. The purpose was to reach out and touch lives as Jesus did.



SSD – UPPER MYANMAR MISSION LAUNCHES THE B = B (BIBLE EQUALS BAPTISM)

At Revival and Reformation meetings for Upper Myanmar Mission [UMM], all the morning and evening devotionals were presented by women. Many women from the Tiddim and Kalay circles attended these meetings. Women gave their testimonies, and in the evening participated in a Bible memory verse reciting competition. Daw Cho Cho Paul, Women's Ministries Director from UMM, spoke about women, health, and nutrition for the family. On the last day of this meeting, a B = B Program was launched, and 38 women dedicated themselves to participate. Ordained pastors from this circle laid hands on the women and prayed for them.



Inspiration for You



THERE IS NEED OF PERSONAL LABOR FOR THE SOULS OF THE LOST. IN CHRISTLIKE SYMPATHY WE SHOULD COME CLOSE TO MEN INDIVIDUALLY, AND SEEK TO AWAKEN THEIR INTEREST IN THE GREAT THINGS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

ELLEN WHITE. *A Call to Stand Apart*, p. 24.



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HOW TO CREATE INTEREST

- Open your home to women in your community. Work in small groups to make lasting friendships for Jesus.
- Invite women to your home or other non-church location (if possible).
- You may want to offer light refreshments (optional).
- Share your testimony of what Jesus has done in your life.
- Invite them to participate in an eight-week “Homes of Hope and Healing” journey with you.
- Explain that this is an ongoing program with breaks every 8 weeks. (The length is flexible).

HOW TO ORGANIZE

- Involve the group in choosing a topic. Possible topics might be: health, spiritual nurturing, family, parenting, communication, etc.
- You may use DVDs, PowerPoint, printed lessons, or other media if you wish.
- Invite qualified speakers. You do not have to lead each time.
- Limit the presentation of the topic to 30 minutes.
- Follow with a break-out time/group discussion of about 30 minutes.
- Total time for the meeting should be about one hour
- End with a short prayer.

HOW TO KEEP IT GOING

- When you finish the series, take a break of a few weeks. Then begin again, with another topic.
- The number of 8-week series is flexible, perhaps once every 3 or 6 months. Set your own schedule.

HELPFUL MATERIALS

- *“The Bible & Human Emotions,”* Sabbath School Study Guide, Julian Melgosa
- *Women in the Bible and Me,* Bible Study Lessons
- *Journey of Joy,* by NADWM
- *Bible Studies for Busy Women,* by GCWM

Other materials may be available in your division.

THE BENEFITS

- You will build strong friendships and help lead women to Jesus.
- Your community will be strengthened as women’s concerns are addressed.
- Your faith will be strengthened.
- Your church will be strengthened as new friendships are formed.



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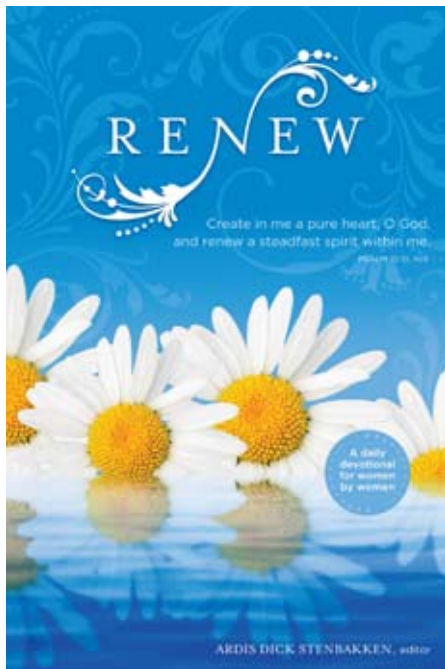
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- For the Great Controversy Project
- For the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- For oppressed women & children around the world
- For the women leaders in difficult places

CALENDAR

September 8
International Literacy Day

September 21
International Day of Peace

OCTOBER
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month | National Domestic Violence Month

October 1
Devotional Book deadline

October 31
Scholarship applications deadline

PROBABLY FEW THINGS THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT HAS DONE HAVE BLESSED SO MANY IN SO MANY PLACES AND IN SO MANY WAYS AS HAS THE WOMEN'S DEVOTIONAL BOOK PROJECT. THE LATEST BOOK, *RENEW*, WILL SOON BE IN BOOK STORES AND AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERNET.

Renew will be beautiful. And it has more authors than ever before: 297. But it has the same great lessons and stories of how God has renewed the strength of His daughters, lifting them up and holding them close.

The devotional book is a blessing in many ways: women who write for it are greatly blessed; readers receive a spiritual blessing (making this the perfect gift for any woman in your life!); and the women who receive scholarships receive a life-changing blessing. Proceeds from this book have helped over 1700 women attend college.

JOIN US. Buy and share the books; or write a devotional (guidelines available at <http://adventistwomensministries.org/index.php?id=22> or by writing to GCWM).

To apply for a scholarship or help someone else apply, get information from your women's ministries director or at <http://adventistwomensministries.org>

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IS THE IDEAL TIME
TO RENEW YOUR
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