

women's ministries



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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

Activities of the Women's Ministry Group in Linz, Austria

Women's Outreach is appreciated



Women's Breakfast Meeting:

As she lives in a lovely farm house high up in the mountains outside Linz, the head deaconess invited to a breakfast in her home. The "Women's Breakfast" turned into a "Family Breakfast" as 80 Persons followed the invitation. There were almost 20 people from Afghanistan and Iran, about 20 children and 20 young people. Many young people no longer come to church and so our women wrote personal invitations to them. One young man came from Salzburg and a young mother wanted to meet with church members in a cosy atmosphere and brought her baby and husband. The afghan refugees – men, children and young people – felt were comfortable. More than half of the people were no church members. The lay activities leader praised our Creator in his devotional message. Yes, it was a lot of work. Our deaconess and her family bore the brunt but the women's ministry team of the church spent days in preparation. The day was tiring, but all were happy. We felt blessed. God has placed these people close to our hearts and He will take care of them!



International Night:

Our church is made up of people from USA, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, Tansania, Afghanistan, Moldova, Romania, Germany, Switzerland and of course Austria. We know very little about some of these countries as to their culture, especially the situation of women and the situation of our church. We organized an international evening in our church. Representatives of several nations presented beautiful pictures of their home country. They love their country even if many things are not good. Almost the whole Romanian group was in attendance and sang two songs and also organized the international buffet meal. During the meal people were able to enjoy good conversations. Some snippets: Thankyou for your interest! – We should do this every year – twice a year would be better still! How can we love each other if we do not know each other? I hope that this evening has opened our hearts, eyes and ears a little more.

Heartshaped Pillows:

We don't know how many pillows we have given to the hospital of the "Merciful Sisters" in Linz, at least more than 1000. Last year I was able to meet the lady in charge of the support group for breast cancer patients. I told her that we would like to give more help as a church, considering we have lots of experts. In the meantime 10 women from this group have visited our plant-based cooking classes. A chemist from our church gave lectures on nutrition and health in the hospital. These ladies are enthusiastic participants. We are so grateful that God is blessing our efforts.



Reported by Irene Poimer, SDA church Linz, Austria Photos: WM Linz

Girls4Christ Weekend in Austria



"Are you ready to meet HIM?"

God. Many girls had come



This year's Girls4Christ weekend attracted 21 girls between 12 and 18 years to spend time together in the beautiful Austrian mountains from October 12 to 14, 2018. Under the auspices of Doris Lumpi and her great team they experienced a relaxing, profound and fun weekend.

They enjoyed hearing three young speakers who shared about their life's experiences with God. Many girls had come from far away either by train or car and upon arrival they were met by a beautifully decorated meeting room and the smell of a delicious meal. The singing at the beginning of the evening program prepared the hearts to hear what Eunice had to tell about an occasion when she experienced God's protection in a very concrete way. When girls meet food is always important. The Sabbath began with a delicious breakfast after which Gabi told an exciting mission story. Shaina led the group in the study of the Song of Solomon, a really beautiful love story in the Bible. After lunch they made an excursion to near-by Lake Wolfgang. The topic of making good decisions was also addressed, particularly when young people are looking for

love. The evening concluded with an entertainment program. On the Sunday morning Shaina wrapped up the weekend's message asking the girls to consider how much time they spend in building a relationship with God. A wonderful weekend was over all too soon. It is something that makes a positive impact on young women and they look forward to meeting each other the next time again.

According to a report by Elisabeth Hoffellner

Photos: G4Christ Austria

French Women's Trip to Greece



Following in the footsteps of Paul

The Women's Ministries Department of the Northern France Conference organized a trip to Greece from June 17 to 24, 2018, for women following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. It was an educational journey informing about the scope of evangelism in New Testament times. Two professional guides, Irimi Kompochoi, a greek archeologist, and pastor Jean-Jack Chafograck, a specialist in New Testament history presented old stones and ancient history in a detailed way that created passionate interest in the 25 participants. The cities of Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth and Athens opened up their treasure of ancient remains and history, and particularly the traces of the extraordinary missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. One of the participants expressed what the trip meant for her when she said, "This trip has reconciled me with Paul. I always considered him misogynic. Today I appreciate this man, his strong character, his intellectual capacities and his message centered on the Christ who died for us and was resurrected."



Enide CADASSE, Women's Ministries Director, North France Conference Photos: MIFEM FFN

Basic Course in Hand-lettering Creates Enthusiasm



Creative Encounter in Offenburg

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, the Women's Ministries Department of the Baden-Württemberg Conference invited women and girls to a creative day of encounter. About 30 participants were attracted by the topic "Hand-lettering". After a sumptuous brunch and a touching devotional about mastering challenging life situations the participants were introduced to hand-lettering in a basic course. They were then free to practice what they had learned in various projects: on canvas, blank Bible covers, cups, cards, notebooks etc.). Many gifts with spiritual messages were prepared by the participants to be given to friends. Some of the participants had come from outside the church and participated enthusiastically. The idea to take advantage of the present Hand-lettering hype and integrate it into the activities of Women's Ministries has been worth it – even before the day was over requests were received to organize similar events in a public school, a church school and two local churches represented by participants. We are grateful to God who blessed the effort and we are curious to find out how the project will spread out.

Reported by Jasmin Stanoschefskey, Director of the Women's Ministries Department in the Baden-Württemberg Conference in Germany



EUD Congress: September 18-22, 2019



"People 7.0 – forward together"

Save the Date: September 18-22, 2019 Next year there will be another EUD congress. This time it is a joint venture with the Children's, Family and Women's Ministries departments. As women we are involved in all these areas. This congress under the Motto "people 7.0 – forward together" will inspire, equip and empower you to reach in and out. There will be workshops on vital topics, different kinds of inputs, powerful life stories and presentations by very interesting and powerful speakers from around the world. It will be another great opportunity to enrich your spiritual life, make new friends and learn how to share the good news with your friends and neighbours. You will be touched but also energized. The Location is in Lignano Sabbadioro/Italy, only one hour east of Venice (www.bellaitaliavillage.com). The Place is a Sports village with its own beach, surrounded with a pine forest that gives you really a holiday feeling. There is plenty of space to host such an event. It is also a great place for families. All rooms are handicapped accessible and have attached bathrooms. The weather at this time of the year is still warm and pleasant. Start saving now! Plan to attend this international event, you won't regret it. A website is in preparation for information and registration. You will also find more information on this website under [events](#).

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