

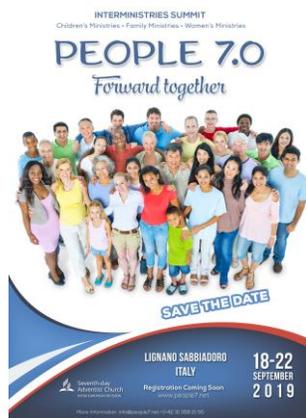
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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

Forward together – Interministries Summit for Children's, Family and Women's Ministries in Italy



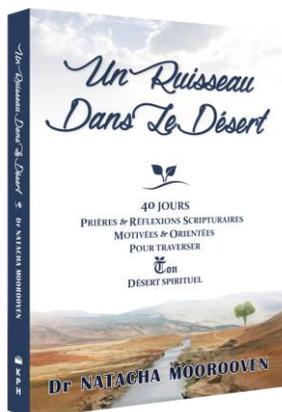
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Have you already registered for the „Forward together” interministries summit in September 2019? All of us have been children or have children; we have all been part of a family and may have a family of our own; no-one came into this world without the help of a woman. So all of us have something in common, whether we are interested in children's, family or women's ministries. That is a good reason to come together to share our experiences and to learn from one another and from the best speakers the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has to offer. Many very interesting speakers and presenters will be there and a multifaceted program is being prepared for September 18 to 22. The congress website has been updated with more information and you can see what awaits you when you log in to people7.net. Early registration prices are available until the end of April.

You will be touched but also energized! There will be workshops on relevant topics, different kinds of inputs, 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 neighbors.

Register now under: people7.net/registration/

Devotional book in French “Un Ruisseau dans le Désert”



Devotional book in French “Un Ruisseau dans le Désert” Prayers & Scriptural Reflections Motivated & Oriented To Journey through Your Spiritual Desert during 40 Days

Who has not experienced a time of spiritual drought? Dr. Natacha Mooroooven has written a book with 40 short devotional chapters to help you cross your own desert experience successfully. Called a “A Stream in the Desert” she reflects on personal experiences and current events in order to find encouragement and motivation as the reader faces herself in the desert, leading to her meeting God there as well. The next step is to see his or her neighbor in the desert. Finally, she shows how to face the future in the desert and that God is always your protection, watching over your life according to Psalm 121.

The author, Dr. Natacha Mooroooven, an educator at heart, hails from Mauritius. She spent the last twenty years of her life in Africa, America and Asia. She holds a bachelor's degree in Information Management and Theology, a master's degree in Religion and Ethics, and a PhD in International Relations. She has served as an intern pastor and as the director of the Voice of Hope in Mauritius. She then joined the Adventist Volunteer Service at the General Conference in Maryland, United States. In this capacity, she is a missionary for two

South Korean Adventist churches and for illegal immigrants - victims of sexual exploitation. Three years later, she worked for the Communications Department of the General Conference in the United States. In spring of 2008, she obtained a scholarship for a Ph.D. in International Relations at Sogang University, in Seoul. She completed her PhD in 2013 and was hired right away as an Assistant Professor at Gyeongju University, then in March 2014, at Yongin University. This inspirational book is simply the result of her passion and the experiences she has acquired over the years. The book can be ordered through: www.vie-sante.ch/meditations/2896-ruisseau-dans-le-desert-un-9788963753102.html?search_query=ruisseau&results=3& The quote on the back cover expresses so well what we need when we are crossing a desert: "What makes the desert beautiful," said the little prince, "is that somewhere it hides a well..." — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

International Women's Day of Prayer in Massagno (Lugano), Switzerland



Presentation of Andrews University Continuing Education Certificat

On March 2, 2019, the day designated as the International Women's Day of Prayer in Seventh-Day Adventist churches, the Women's Ministries group of Massagno conducted the church service. Five women participated in presenting the day's topic, "Walking with Jesus". Bernadette Fogliani, Women's Ministries leader of the church, also gave a short history of the special day, dating back to 1990 when the General Conference Office of Women's Ministries instituted the International Day of Prayer. On this day a whole list of prayers are suggested: for governments, persecuted Christians, suffering children, abused women, church leaders etc.



On this special day Antonia Paz was awarded the Andrews University Continuing Education certificate after completion of all four levels of Women's Ministries Leadership Certification. The certificate was presented by Ildiko Jennah, Women's Ministries Department Director for French and Italian speaking parts of Switzerland, who stressed the importance of the leadership training seminars. Women who have participated in the courses are better able to

serve in local churches and also in outreach. For this special occasion the church had been decorated lovingly in the colors of the Ticino Women's Ministries organization.

According to a report by Bernadette Fogliani Photos by B. Fogliani

International Women's Day of Prayer in Tübingen, Germany



Women of the Bible following Jesus

On March 2, 2019, the women of the Tübingen Seventh-Day Adventist church invited church members to join them in a journey to Israel at the time of Jesus. The topic "Women following Jesus" was presented in a dramatized way by several women who portrayed women of the Bible. The Samaritan woman who had met Jesus as the well came to call the citizens of Sychar to see Jesus for themselves. Mary of Bethany told about her friend Jesus, who let her sit at his feet, listening to his teachings. The women of Galilee talked about following Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem, where they watched him die. Mary, mother of Jesus, talked about all the things she had hidden in her heart ever since the angel Gabriel appeared to her with a mind-blowing message. Mary of Magdala was portrayed as the woman who was determined to find Jesus' body but who found a risen Saviour instead and to whom Jesus gave the mission

of proclaiming his resurrection. Both men and women are called to follow Jesus. Sometimes women feel that their part is just to assist men who minister. But the Bible words in Psalm 68:11 "The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng" shows that God has a mission and ministry for women to take up!

Reported by Hannele Ottshofski Photos by W. Nixdorf

Speak up for out of school children



Sign the petition



Introduced at the GAIN Conference in Jordan on February 26, the ADRA/InSchool initiative aims to collect 1 million signatures by June 2020. At the conference, Raquel Arrais, General Conference Women's Ministries Associate Director, gave a powerful message about the need for education and what Women's Ministries are doing to help women and girls go to school. Every child. Everywhere. In school. is a global, Adventist-led movement to ensure that every child, everywhere, attends school and completes their education so they can fulfil their God-given potential. No child should ever be denied an education. Not because of where they live. Not because their government is failing to provide adequate and free education. Not because their family is poor. Not because of conflict or displacement. Not because of their gender, ethnicity, or disability. Every child, everywhere, has the right to attend school and get an education.

Unfortunately, 262 million children, adolescents, and youth are currently denied this right.

There are 131 million girls worldwide out of school. Girls are 1.5 times more likely than boys to be excluded from primary school. That means that 15 million girls of primary school age will never have the opportunity to learn to read and write in primary school, compared to about 10 million boys.

Education changes lives. Without it, nothing changes. Disadvantage lingers. Poverty continues. When a child completes their education, a whole new world of opportunity opens up. When you educate a child, you don't just change one life, but the life of their family, their community, and future generations. When every child receives an education, the whole of society benefits. For girls the benefits are especially profound – if all women completed secondary education, there would be 49% fewer child deaths, 64% fewer early marriages, and 59% fewer young pregnancies, and they would earn up to 45% more than a woman with no education.

Conflict, natural disasters, and other emergencies severely disrupt children's education. Children in fragile, conflict-affected countries are more than twice as likely to be out of school than children in non-conflict affected countries.

Refugee children are five times more likely to be out of school than non-refugee children.

Between 93 million and 150 million children are estimated to live with disabilities. Children with disabilities are one of the most marginalized and excluded groups of children, and are often 'invisible' due to high levels of stigma, poverty and vulnerability. Disability has a greater impact on access to education than gender, household economic status, or rural/urban divide.

You can sign the petition at <https://inschool.adra.org/> and find out how you can take action and promote the initiative. The petitions will be presented to world leaders, calling on them to take more action. The petition is just one part in a sustained global campaign, launched by ADRA and supported by the SDA Church, to see every child, everywhere in school by 2030.

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