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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

New Women's Ministries Director in the Romanian Union



Liliana Radu is taking over from Teodora Goran

In July, Liliana Radu was appointed to become the successor of Teodora Goran who led the women's ministries department in the Romanian Union successfully and with great engagement for the last ten years. We want to thank Teodora for her commitment, her faithful work for God and the women in her territory, and wish her God's blessings for her future ministry.

Liliana has always had a heart for women's ministries. She had been active as a WM leader in the Muntenia conference for several years. Liliana is married to Gabriel, a pastor, and they have one daughter who studies medicine. She also works as an English teacher in an International school in Transylvania.

Liliana likes to work with people and for people and has a heart for women. She enjoys working together with others in a team. May God bless Liliana as she takes up this responsibility.
Dagmar Dorn, EUD WM Director

Baptisms in Palma de Mallorca



Women's Ministries lead people to Christ

Saturday, June 22, was a day of celebration in the church of Palma de Mallorca. Ten precious souls gave their lives to the Lord. Four of these souls were led to Christ by Sister Rosalía Marton, director of the Women's Ministries department in Palma de Mallorca, who studied the Bible with them and a total of seven souls were prepared by the Women's Ministries group. They continue to work with enthusiasm, the group continues to grow, and they already have two more people with whom they are studying the truths of the gospel.

We wish that God may continue to bless the island of Palma de Mallorca, and that this group of warriors of the Lord will continue to bear fruit for eternal life. Photo: WM Spain

Women's Ministries Retreat in northern Tenerife



Woman of Virtue

From June 7-9, the church of Tenerife Norte organized a retreat for the women of the whole area.

It was a joy for a group of forty women to spend time together. They are united with a common goal, as they desire to work for God. The motto of our retreat was "Woman of Virtue" based on the text of [Proverbs 31:30](#). There were moments of prayer and camaraderie, and at the same time they enjoyed the themes presented by Amalia Reta, the Women's Ministries Director for the Spanish Union. Pastor Maicer Romero presented a highly interesting topic "Machismo and inequality in biblical texts". And as the icing on the cake Sary Hernandez presented two exceptional themes "Brave and courageous" and "Transformed and powerful".

Thanks be to God for privilege of being able to carry out this meeting. Meetings like these are an enrichment and help to foster the need to work together in this ministry. Photos: WM Spain

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day 2019



Women's Groups in Spain organize programs

Photos we have received show women organizing programs on Women's Ministries Emphasis Day in churches around Spain, including Cornella and Tenerife South. We are happy that women are actively participating in church services and other activities. In Cornella all participants held up lighted

candles as a symbol of their desire to shine for Jesus. Photos: WM Spain



Media Report on the work of Women's Knitting Group



Wool Mice in Grimma, Germany

The women's group "Wool Mice" have been knitting for a good cause for eleven years and are asking for donations of wool and recruiting more knitters through media.

The women in the group have been knitting tuques and mittens for the ADRA Christmas action "Children help children" for years and are always in need of donations of material.

ADRA Deutschland e.V. is the development and relief organization of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Germany.

About 20 women have been meeting once a week ever since 2008 in order to knit in the multigeneration house. The Christmas action prepares parcels for children in orphanages and also street children in eastern Europe. In addition to the warm knitted articles the parcels are filled with toys and utilities.

The spokeswoman for the group, Carola Leschik, says, "It is also possible to have wool delivered and to knit the articles at home. I can imagine that there are older people who cannot leave their homes but would like to knit a bit if there is somebody who needs the knitted articles. We still mostly knit tuques, scarves and mittens for children. But we appreciate socks as well." The media outlet then added information on how to contact the group.

What a good idea to ask for help from the community for a good charitable cause! Photo: Medien-Portal Grimma.de

Ghana Adventist Congregations in Italy



Women's Ministries Retreat 2019

From May 17 to 19, 2019, over 90 women from 10 Adventist churches in the Campo Nord met at the Istituto Salesiano Tusini, Bardolino in Verona for a 3 day life transforming retreat. The

theme for the retreat was 'Lift Him Up'.



Speakers included Pastor Richard J. Ehoussou, director for Multiculturalism UICCA, Pastor Robert T. Iosub, Campo Nord President UICCA, Mrs. Sarah Opoku-Boateng, Adventist World Radio director and Shepherdess Coordinator of the West-Central Africa Division, Mrs. Raquel De Oliveira, shepherdess and a professional psychologist, Mrs. Lucy Owusu Darkwah, shepherdess coordinator for the Ghanaian community in Europe and a professional nurse, among others.

Topics and discussions included: the worthy woman of Italy, spiritual woman, mental wellness, physical appearance, abstinence for the youth and singles, complete marriage and the consequences of divorce, the importance of praising God, balancing home and career, a panel discussion on abuse in our community (home, school, work, church etc.), and others.

Many women testified of the Lord's goodness and providences in their lives. The retreat ended on Sunday with games and a walk in spite of the rains, and a benediction which was led by Pastor Frank Owusu-Sekyere; chairman of the Ghanaian congregations.

Reported by Ophelia Dedaa Nyarko (WM, GACI) Photos: WM GACI

An exploded unicorn or The treasure of being a child of God



Girls4Christ meeting in Tübingen, Germany

The whole table was covered with glitter and gold foil, and I had to laugh properly. It looked as if a unicorn had exploded. Yes, we are at a Girls4Christ Day in Tübingen. It was June 30, 2019, and none of us was void of color anymore. "I have glitter in every pore", a girl laughed and we all agreed.

All were busily designing their own treasure chest because I had said I would present biblical knowledge that we should treasure in our hearts.

At the last Girls4Christ meeting a few weeks ago, the girls had wanted the theme of "Being God's child - what does that mean?" And, according to the weather forecast, which promised us 40°C, I had been wondering how to make this topic as entertaining and refreshing as possible. So I came up with the idea of the treasure chest and a pearl necklace. I told them about 13 aspects that make us God's children, symbolized by different beads on a chain:

1. A round pearl with a heart painted on it: That we are loved with eternal love - something we should never forget (Jer 31: 3)
2. A small rose pearl as a symbol that God desired and created us
3. A marbled, jagged pearl to remind us that we are unique and wonderfully made
4. A golden pearl as a reminder that we - man or woman - are created to the image of God
5. A butterfly bead that glows at night - as a reminder that God is our helper in distress and a light in the night when we are not feeling well
6. Ten copper-colored pearls - a symbol that God our Father did not leave us disoriented but

gave us the Ten Commandments as a guide

7. A golden pearl - a reminder of the golden rule of Jesus in Matthew that we should love others as ourselves and treat them as we ourselves want to be treated

8. A little bell, symbol of the Holy Spirit who admonishes and reminds us and wants to be our comforter and companion



9. Seven Pearls, which the girls are allowed to choose from a box of pearls in different colors, as a symbol that we all have a free will and the opportunity to decide for ourselves. Because God does not want puppets - thank God!
10. A heart bead - as a reminder that Jesus gave the ultimate love service on the cross for us
11. A shell-pearl reminiscent of the Bible verse which tells us that God throws our sins into the deepest ocean. And that he has forgiven us, if we repent - whether we can forgive ourselves has nothing to do with it
12. A big rose pearl as a reminder that we have a lifetime of growth in which we can learn from our mistakes
13. A big, shiny, blue pearl as an indication that what's happening on Earth is not everything that awaits us. But that we will once stand together with Jesus on the sea of glass in heaven. We will move into our heavenly apartments, designed by Jesus personally, and be eternally happy with Him.

I then asked the girls to repeat to me what they had learned with the pearls. I must say, I was speechless, because the meaning of each pearl was repeated verbatim, it had settled in their hearts. I could not believe it - my entire mini talk had remained in their heads, despite 40 °C. Only God can do that!

After the topic it was time to bake pizzas, and every girl created her own, choosing from various delicious toppings. With the finished pizzas, the group marched to the nearby creek Steinlach, where they ate, splashed in the water and laughed a lot. Some girls used the time to rest from the heat, others chatted or made friends. The day was over too soon and at 16:00 o'clock it was time to say goodbye until next time after the usual feedback session.

On the way home I talked to one of the girls from a secular home. She told me how awesome it was and that the next time she would like to have such a creative theme again so that she could remember everything well. I frowned in my thoughts, because: the next desired topic was "Why do we as Adventists not eat and drink pork and alcohol?" I imagined a pig and a beer bottle on a chain and had to laugh heartily. Let's see how God inspires the next topic. I'm curious.

Jasmin Stanoschefsky, Women's Ministries Leader, Baden-Württemberg Conference Photos: Jasmin Stanoschefsky

Sagunto Women's Ministries Health Walk



For a better life

The Women's Ministries Department of the Adventist Church of Sagunto (Valencia, Spain) celebrated its first edition of its walk "FOR A BETTER LIFE" on May 12, 2019. Approximately 60 people participated in the event. Based on John 3:16 the walk had two objectives: to interact with the local community and raise funds for ADRA. A total of € 380 was raised for the ADRA Center of social work in Sagunto. In addition, in collaboration with the Personal Ministries Department, we gave away 260 bags with the health book "Salud y Bienestar" (Health and Wellbeing). We concluded the event with the collaboration with the Health Ministry department with a series of stretching

exercises. In the words of one participant, the walk was "an excellent opportunity to work on physical, social, mental and spiritual health". Several people showed interest in visiting the Adventist Church and others in supporting ADRA. We thank God for the success of this activity. It will be repeated!

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