

# I Will Go Reach My World



"We have different gifts according to the grace given us..." — ROMANS 12:6, NIV

A MINISTRY FOR EVERY WOMAN



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## News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

### ROMANIAN WOMEN MEET BY ZOOM



#### SAFETY IN THE WILDERNESS

Like silver trumpets through which the angels announce the awakening, so is the good news that comes in spring! For Romanian Women's Ministries, the good news of spring began with a Zoom meeting with Heather Dawn Small, director of the General Conference Women's Ministries Department, on Sabbath, March 6. Almost one hundred women enjoyed the message that she shared with us from the Word of God. Heather encouraged the women to be brave and not to run away from the experience of the wilderness. She taught us how to understand the will of God when we are in the desert and how to have joy in our hearts in these circumstances.

Step by step, she showed us the presence of God in our trials and how He intervenes, and the precious lessons He wants us to learn when we are in the wilderness in order to become mature in our Christian experience.

At the end of the sermon, she showed us an image of a little green plant in a dry forest and said: "My dear sisters, if you think you are dead inside, and you have nothing left, look at this little green plant. This little green plant represents you. Remember, God is with you and He never let you alone. God fills your hearts with joy, hope and peace."

We were lifted up in prayer by Dagmar Dorn, director of the Women's Ministries Department at Inter-European Division and the translation was done by Elida Oncea. May God bless us all with joy, hope and peace!

Reported by Liliana Radu, WM director, Romanian Union

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### EUD WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRAYER MEETING



#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday night, March 5, 2021, women from around the division territory met on Zoom to pray together on the eve of the International Women's Day of Prayer. EUDWM Director Dagmar Dorn had invited the Union leaders and other women to join in a prayer session to kick off this special day of prayer. After a short devotional introduction by Dagmar, the

participants were able to open their hearts in prayer to the Lord. It is always good to hear how God answers prayer, and the testimonies presented by two ladies showed that God knows what we need in advance and provides answers at the right time. Such online prayer meetings are a part of the blessings God bestows on his children even when other means of meeting in person are not possible. But who would have thought that women from several countries - Italy, Romania, Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria - can share their thanks and requests in prayer this way just a year ago? The feeling of being part of God's family and spending time together to encourage each other is so valuable. Photo: EUD WM

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## ADVENTIST WOMEN OF THE PAST



### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every year, March in the United States and some other countries is Women's History Month. Living in Europe, we have no obligation to follow this tradition, but it inspired us in the EUD Women's Ministries Department to find out more about European women who have made an impact in the past. After all, March 8 is International Women's Day, so it is fitting to think of women and their contribution to the world. That is why we will be

presenting short sketches of Adventist women who lived and worked to spread the Gospel. They said, "I will go" when they felt called by God to fulfill their part of the mission to reach the world.

To read the complete article, go to the Adventist online encyclopedia:  
[encyclopedia.adventist.org/article](http://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article)

#### **Haseneder, Maria (1901–1995)**

Shortened version of the original article by Chigemezi Nnadozie Wogu

Haseneder was born on October 2, 1901, in Zürich, Switzerland. Not much is known of her family background and childhood. In 1925 she enrolled as a student at the Waldfriede Adventist Nursing Training School in Berlin.

#### **Dessie, Ethiopia**

In 1928 she was called to go to Ethiopia. She first settled at the mission located at a city outside Addis Ababa, near the Kabana River. Because of the rainy season, she stayed in Addis Abba until the rainy season ended before proceeding to the Dessie mission station, where she then worked. While she waited, Haseneder assumed responsibility of the girls boarding school. She started teaching in the day school, and at the same time, she studied Amharic.

When she eventually got the opportunity to move to Dessie, Haseneder made the long trip on mules and caravans with a missionary family, Dr. and Mrs. George C. Bergman.

As a team, Dr. and Mrs. Bergman together with Haseneder set to work. The first operation was conducted in the storeroom of Mrs. Bergman on a man suffering from elephantiasis. The success of this operation apparently opened up the local people to come and seek medical help. Six months later a small hospital was inaugurated. This hospital offered "the only medical help to inhabitants in a radius of about 150 miles."

After a few patients came for treatment, tragedy struck. A severely ill man was admitted for treatment. However, he died. His death drove the patients away.

In the meantime, Haseneder went to teach at the boys school in Addis Alem. While there, she would go to the markets to talk especially with the women and tell them stories of Jesus Christ with the help of Picture Rolls. As a result, many learned to read and write. Around 1932, after she left Dessie, she was made director of the girls school in Addis Ababa.

#### **Back to Europe**

In the fourth year of her missionary work in Ethiopia, Haseneder fell ill and returned to Switzerland. Though sick in Europe, she categorically wanted to go back to Africa since she cared about the unfinished work in Ethiopia. She claimed, "I was in Europe, but my heart remained in Africa." With this type of mindset, she went ahead to prepare herself for further studies. She took a course in tropical medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. From 1933 to 1937 she worked at the Lake Geneva Sanitarium, Gland, Switzerland. While there she was engaged to a German who became an Adventist. The man, however, died.

#### **Belgian Congo and South Africa**

After Haseneder recovered, she returned to the mission field in the spring of 1937. This time Ruanda-Urundi (Belgian Congo) was her destination; she served as a nurse in the Rwankeri mission station, joining fellow missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Henri Monnier to run a clinic. When a girls school was later opened that year in Gitwe, Haseneder was asked to run it. Later she was transferred to Songa mission station. It was during this missionary stay that she adopted a baby boy whose mother had died.

Sometime later in 1942 Haseneder moved to Nokuphila Hospital in Johannesburg as a surgical nurse and part-time instructor of nurses. She was there until July 1946, when she returned to Switzerland to take care of her aged mother.

#### **Belgian Congo: 1957–1961**

From 1948 to 1957 Haseneder served in the German Swiss Conference as assistant medical secretary and director of the welfare work. In 1957, after Haseneder, at the age of about 56, had indicated interest to return to Africa as a missionary, she was called to travel as a missionary to Ngoma Mission Hospital in the north of Ruanda-Urundi. After a brief period at Ngoma Mission Hospital, she went to work at Songa Mission Hospital and later in a leper colony in Songa. In 1960, as a result of the civil unrest in Congo, the Adventist missionaries were evacuated from Congo through Salisbury to Rhodesia (Zambia), where Haseneder also took care of lepers. In 1961 Haseneder requested to go home on permanent return. This time it was for retirement.

#### **Later Life**

Haseneder did not return to Switzerland immediately. She decided to take the opportunity to fulfill her lifelong dream of traveling by ship to India from Durban, South Africa. She spent a year (1962–1963) in India working as a nurse in a

leper colony before returning to Switzerland. Her last years were spent in the Oerlimatt Seniors Home in Krattigen. She died on June 16, 1995, at the age of 94.

## Greeting Cards for International Women's Day in Bulgaria



### Women share the Message of God's Love

In Bulgaria International Women's Day on March 8 originated as a day of recognition of the social role of women and their political and economic achievements. For this reason, this holiday is associated with the socialist movement, but it is still appreciated. Men show their gratitude, respect and attention to women. It is also an occasion to emphasize the problems and rights of women and topics that are of interest to them.

It is a tradition to give flowers to women on this day, and people love to do this. They give flowers to female colleagues, friends, mothers, and wives. The traditional flowers to give are carnations. However, they are sometimes considered too standard and for this reason tulips, hyacinths, or freesias, and lilies-of-the-valley are preferred, while rose bouquets are considered the most special gifts.

The Women's Ministries Department in Bulgaria prints beautiful greeting cards, usually with pictures of flowers, for the International Women's Day for the women to give away to friends and acquaintances. The cards are handed out to women who work in banks, municipal administration and teachers, in fact, any woman they meet on March 8. The text in this year's card is 1 Corinthians 13 and is a good way to show God's love.

## ENDITNOW EMPHASIS DAY IN BUCHAREST



### NOBLE AND LOVING BEHAVIOUR LIKE JESUS

January 30th, 2021, was an occasion of celebration and joy for Balta Alba Church, Bucharest, as they observed the Enditnow® Emphasis Day with a carefully planned meeting. The GCWM Department resource package with the sermon „When Jesus Ended It” was studied and adapted to fit the church. They highlighted the way Jesus treated women and especially His attitude concerning human suffering. Jesus showed a delicate, noble and loving behaviour, full of compassion towards those suffering, towards the victims of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual abuse and He brought full recovery. They emphasized the way Jesus talked to people and also observed the effect of friendly words. As a symbol of this meeting they had prepared for everyone there a little jar with

honey, a bookmark with the text: „A little honey for your family” and one book for each person offered by WM Department, Muntenia Conference (The Power of Hope, Step to Christ, etc). On the back of the bookmark, they chose the verse from Proverbs 16,24: „Pleasant words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.”

In addition to the church members, 18 guests participated in this event. They really enjoyed the meeting and promised to come to other events, too. It was an occasion full of the presence and the blessing of God. God be praised for the joy that we experienced together.

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