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

A MINISTRY FOR EVERY WOMAN



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Enditnow in Muntenia Conference, Romania



CHILDREN CELEBRATE ENDITNOW DAY

The Women's Ministries department director Lidia Lixandriou and Mihaela Lascu from Mărăsești Church, Campina, who directs the Licurici Natanael Club (a Youth Department children's club), decided to have a very special 25th of November, Enditnow Day. Licurici Natanael Club, made up of children from Mărășești, Petru-Rareș, Sălaj and Urleta churches wanted to help people, both children and adults, to be aware of violence against adults and children. So, helped by their instructors, they prepared 119 packages and 119 leaflets about the elimination of violence against children and adults.



They distributed the packages and flyers in the center of Campina to all the people passing, in schools, in kindergartens, among the neighbors in Campina, and, also, in schools in the towns of Urleta and Breaza. The leaflets called "The Pain Is Not Love" contained information and alarm signals about situations of violence against adults and children and called for ending violence by loving and caring behavior towards adults and children. The packages contained a balloon, a wafer, a children's, and a book for grown-ups.

The surprise of this project came from a situation when doctor Ovidiu Popa Balaban, an Adventist psychiatrist, whose child attends the Licurici Natanael Club, wanted to help the coordinators of the program with the leaflets. He promised to print the leaflets, but his printer broke down. And because the flyers were needed urgently, he went to the hospital where he works, to ask the manager for permission to print the leaflets there. He received the permission, but the manager of the hospital liked this project and, by mutual agreement, they decided to print another 140 leaflets. These leaflets were given to the patients and employees of the hospital as well as the people from the vaccination center.

Due to this wonderful event, the small participants from Licurici Natanael Club got an invitation to come again to the hospital on December 21 to sing carols for the sick children there. At the same time, the children from the hospital will join in singing carols with the children from the Club.

Reported by Lidia Lixandriou, WM director of Marasesti Church, Campina

Enditnow in Transylvania South Conference, Romania



ENDITNOW DAY IN FAGARAS

This year, on November 27, the Seventh-day Adventist, the Church in Făgăraș, a city in the center of Romania, celebrated the Enditnow Day for the first time.

“Although we did not hold an impressive celebration, we think that speaking about the abuse of the vulnerable is a first step in stopping the mistreatment and telling the abusers that their behavior takes them further away from God and His image”, said Anamaria Maier. “We have also found it important for the possible victims of abuse to know that they can find refuge in Casa ADRA [the ADRA House], an ADRA Romania `hidden` safe place of refuge for victims of domestic violence, that also provides psychological and legal counseling”, Maier added.

Reported by Ana-Maria Maier, coordinator of the program

Enditnow in Banat Conference, Romania



ENDITNOW AND TRAINING SESSION IN CUVIN

On November 20, an Enditnow program was held at the Adventist Church of Cuvin by Mariana Toma, Women’s Ministries director of the Banat Conference. On this occasion, three churches met together to celebrate this special day and to pray together for the young people to be safe

from violence and pornography. Cuvin’s mandolin orchestra delighted the hearts of the participants of this meeting.

In the afternoon, they took advantage of the opportunity and had a training session and advisory, both for the newly elected women of the WM department and the women in the churches.

The WM leader from Cuvin had made bookmarks with the title “Bring peace home”, which were distributed at the end of the program. May God bless the women who work for Him with a joyful heart!

Reported by Mariana Toma, WM director, Banat Conference, Romania

News from Banat Conference, Romania



TRAINING MEETINGS IN GATAIA AND TIMISOARA

At the elections of church officers last summer, new persons were chosen as Women’s Ministries leaders in several churches, making it necessary to start training sessions for them. On November 27, a meeting was held in the town of Gataia in the morning, and, then in the afternoon in the

Betania Church in Timisoara, with the women from all four churches of the city. The women gathered in a sweet fellowship together, praying to God, singing, preaching, training, and exchanging experiences.

All participants received a little hand-made sign, specially made for this occasion by the WM director of this church, with the text “If you love your family, take care to fill their hearts with joy. Bring peace in your home through all you do, say or think!” The meeting was closed with a fellowship meal.

As reported by Mariana Toma, WM director, Banat Conference, Romania

Women's Group Meets in Dillenburg, Germany



THOUGHTS ABOUT FEAR

We are all feeling the effects of the corona crisis first hand - the various restrictions have significantly changed both our private and professional lives. Does corona also have a positive impact? The answer is a resounding yes. We have learned what it means to miss companionship and how important it is that we take time for each other.

One last time before the winter break, respecting the Covid regulations, the Dillenburg women's breakfast group came together on the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We knew that we were not allowed to offer buffet foods, but our creative team came up with the idea of exchanging Christmas cookies that all were able to take home.

An important part of the program was the presentation of the theme, "Fear - Wall or Door" by the speaker Ivana Kostadinovic Gigic and the ensuing exchange. Without fear, humans could hardly live today and our ancestors would not have been able to survive. Fear warns us and keeps us from taking irresponsible risks. At the same time, it mobilizes forces, be it for defense or escape. We have learned that fear is not only a negative influence on us but also a drive protection mechanism. God knew at creation that we need fear. Ivana explained clearly that fear is like a door and we should never consider fear as a wall.

At the end of our afternoon, each participant received a colorful Christmas gift. This surprise brought a smile to everyone's face. The next meeting will be in January and all are looking forward to seeing each other again.

According to a report by Mihaela Georg

A Call to Men to #OrangeTheWorld



END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Women all around the world are calling for an end to violence. The Seventh-Day Adventist Church has joined the chorus with the enditnow campaign. Many men are involved in the fight against abuse and violence. We can only end violence together, with men and women working together to raise awareness that violence should STOP NOW.

Once again this year, the Women's Ministries Department in Germany asked women at an in-person event to participate in a photoshoot and we got great photos of women calling for violence to stop. At the same time, the WM Director launched a request for her male colleagues in leadership to send in their photos for #OrangeTheWorld. We would like to pass on this request to all men who read these lines. Please join the pastor in the photo who raises his hand to say "Stop Violence against Women" and send us your photo for publication in next year's campaign. We would like to post photos of men joining in a movement of Adventist men and women who fight to stop violence against women.

Please send your photos to womens.ministries@eud.adventist.org

Women's Ministries Meeting in Bovisio Masciago, Italy



BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

We are borrowing the title of the classic movie starring Audrey Hepburn for our report of the first Women's Ministries in-person action of the Bovisio Masciago Adventist Church since the start of the pandemic.

The breakfast appointment on Sunday morning, November 14, 2021, was a wonderful opportunity to meet each other, share some ideas about what we would like to do as a group, compare and tell each other about our experiences with sincerity and sisterly love. Conversations among women can be deep and touching, as was the case now. We exchanged impressions about ourselves and our sisters, we clarified and resolved some loose ends that could, potentially, harm the beautiful harmony of our group. And we did it with our hearts on our sleeves.

The meeting was supposed to last for the time of a breakfast, but it quickly turned into such a moment of sharing therapy that, at noon, we "had" to reluctantly say goodbye with the promise of repeating this experience.

The Women's Ministries group wanted to remind each woman of this special moment by distributing a seedling to each of the participants and the message "Take care of me," with the double reference to the plant but, above all, to the department itself, and us women as mothers, wives, sisters.

As reported by Eugenia Carbone, Women's Ministries leader of the church in Bovisio Masciago

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