

I Will Go Reach My World



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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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Christmas Message from EUD Women's Ministries



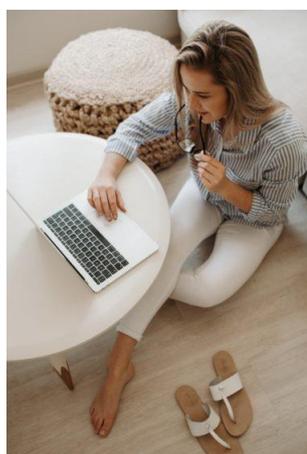
ONLY BY LOVE IS LOVE AWAKENED

"Only by love is love awakened." This quote just won't let me go... How often do we want to gain recognition or attention from others through our good deeds and total commitment, even from God. In our brokenness, all our attempts are incomplete, even useless. And then Jesus, God's Son, the creator of the universe, comes into our brokenness, becomes a human like us, and loves us until death. He shows us our value and thus makes us able to see others as He sees them and to love them in the same way. With this in mind, I want to celebrate Christmas and enter the new year. What about you?

"We love each other because he loved us first" 1 John 4:19 NLT

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and may GOD bless and guide you through the New Year as you share HIS love.
With love, Dagmar and Sonja

Women's Ministries Department in Spain Organizes Talks with Experts



EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS SUPPORT OTHER WOMEN

Since October 2021, the Women's Ministries department has launched its "Talks with Experts" project, in which professional women share their experience to support other women. With this goal in mind, every fourth Sunday of the month from 7 pm to 8 pm, meetings are organized by Zoom. The next online meeting will take place on December 19, on this occasion Graciela Salvador (clinical psychologist) will talk about emotional dependence. The talks will continue until June 2022.

We know that there are a large number of professional women in our church who shine a bright light wherever they work. The Women's Ministries Department wants to take advantage of all this talent and put it into practice in our "Talks with Experts."

At these Zoom meetings, professional women of our church make a brief presentation on the selected topic related to their profession. They then answer the questions that the participants have previously sent in by email, as well as those made live via chat with the people who are connected.

The current issues, which are presented each time, have been chosen considering that they are useful and interesting topics for Christian women, as well as for friends with whom they want to share the information. The project thus becomes an opportunity to transmit the gospel through a Christian perspective on the challenges that come with being a woman in the society of the 21st century. Some subjects that have already been presented dealt with the relationship between our personal image and self-esteem; and women's intimate health;

On October 24, we had the privilege of having the expert Carie Mercier, image consulting coach, who among other concepts, demolished the myth that our external image is incompatible with spirituality. We learned that at the same time that we take care of our body inside and our mind, we should also take care of our external image. We are ambassadors of the God of heaven, and we must transmit honesty, simplicity, and security. On this occasion, up to 71 women from all over Spain connected to the program.

In November we had the privilege of listening to the expert Dr. Loida Pamplona Bueno, who provided us with valuable information as a gynecologist when she spoke about women's intimate health. During her presentation, we reflected on the importance of paying attention to our intimate health and learning how to take care of ourselves. We learned that we should not overlook certain signs and differentiate "frequent" from "normal" in women's health. This time the participation exceeded 80 women, who actively participated by sending their questions and later expressed how grateful they were and how beneficial the activity had been for them, which encourages us to continue providing this service from the Women's Ministries Department.

We will continue with the "Talks with experts" until next June. We will count on professionals from the fields of medicine, psychology, law, business, etc. We encourage you to participate and share the information and invite others so that more women can benefit from this project that the Women's Ministries team prepares every month with the Lord's guidance and the desire to serve.

We thank the professionals who have agreed to share their knowledge in this forum. Thank you for providing Christian points of reference to our younger women, and for bringing knowledge and pride to the more mature ones. "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16NIV).

According to an article in Revista Adventista, December 15, 2021, by Maya Mercier revista.adventista.es/charlas-con-expertas-en-ministerio-de-la-mujer/

Platform against gender-based violence in Spain



EL AMOR NO DUELE - LOVE DOES NOT HURT

The Platform against gender-based violence of the Women's Ministries Department of the Spanish Union has produced a series of short videos about gender-related violence. In these videos Sara Hernández Venencio, a specialist in promotion of gender equality and social integration as well as a vocational training teacher, seeks to help end violence in families and the relationships of couples. To start with, she defines what gender-based violence is and explains the various facets and forms of violence. The short informative videos are being posted on youtube under the title „El Amor no duele“ – Love does not hurt. Further episodes will be posted in the coming weeks and it will be interesting to see what topics will be taken up in this context.

Episode 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhTUIId0mSmc>

Episode 2: www.youtube.com/watch

Via Ellen Gould White in Florence, Italy



A STREET NAMED AFTER ADVENTIST PIONEER

The city of Florence has a street named Via Ellen Gould White, co-founder and prominent figure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The street was inaugurated on Friday 10 December 2021. It all began when the Adventist Institute "Villa Aurora" of Florence presented a request to the designated bodies to name the street overlooked by the new campus facilities after the pioneer of the Adventist Church. Before, the name of the street was Viuzzo del Pergolino.

In its decision, the City Council considered various elements including the fact that the Adventist religious institution, settled on the property since 1947, in addition to being a university seat, has dedicated some of its facilities to receive the families of patients hospitalized in the nearby hospital complex; it is only the buildings of Villa Aurora that overlook the street in question; Florentine streets, according to an ancient custom, often take their name from the surrounding context; and, last but not least, providing ease of access to the facilities for those who want to use the services but often take the wrong street because there are two similar names (via del Pergolino and viuzzo del Pergolino).

The president of the Italian Union, past. Stefano Paris, and the Toponymy Councilor in Florence, Alessandro Martini, displayed the street sign. During the celebration, the fact was highlighted that the pioneer of our Church was a woman who lived at a time more than a century ago when women were little considered. "She was a woman who fought for the good and the rights of people through the help for health, education, and for the growth of coming generations. Who better than her name can seal the good relationships between the Adventist church and the city of Florence" said Martini.

On the same day, the "Ellen G. White" Center for Studies and Documentation was inaugurated in the library of the Adventist campus.

Watch a short video of the event: <https://hopedia.it/inaugurazione-via-ellen-gould-white>

Reported by Lina Ferrara, Italian Union Women's Ministries Director

Enditnow® Day in Italy



SEVERAL EVENTS ORGANIZED

In Italy, Women's Ministries celebrate enditnow® Day in November, the month in which the United Nations and the whole world commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25). In many Adventist churches, Women's Ministries leaders at the national, regional, and local levels preached on the theme "Bringing Peace into the Family" chosen for this year. In some churches, children were also involved and bookmarks were

prepared to be given to all present on Sabbath morning.

On Thursday, November 25, the Romanian Adventist community in Florence opened its doors and donated many enditnow® bookmarks with the slogan "Adventists say No to Violence against Women," in Italian and Romanian, and several books to passersby and business people in the surrounding area.

In Bologna, the Romanian Adventist Church gathered in the historical center of the city on the afternoon of Saturday, November 27, to raise awareness of Enditnow® Day. A booth was prepared to offer various materials. The women of the church made crocheted flowers and attached them to the bookmark prepared for the occasion. Also at the booth were many copies of the book "Hope for Today's Families," from the Adventist ADV publishing house. In all, more than 300 bookmarks and 150 books were distributed. Photo from event in Bologna

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