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News from Women's Ministries Inter-European Division

ADRA Partners with HopeChannel International to Deliver Aid to Ukraine



ADRA PARTNERS WITH HOPECHANNEL INTERNATIONAL TO DELIVER AID TO UKRAINE

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has joined efforts with HopeChannel International, Inc. (HCI) to mobilize relief for the people of Ukraine. The international humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will work closely with HCI and Hope Channel Ukraine to deliver emergency supplies for displaced families, children, and individuals in the war-torn nation.

According to the United Nations, several children and many civilians have lost their lives. About 500,000 Ukrainians have fled their homes and crossed the border into neighboring countries since the ongoing conflict began on February 24. These numbers are likely to increase as the hostilities continue.

"ADRA is grateful to work with Hope Channel International, Inc. to support the vulnerable people of Ukraine in this crisis. We stand together with our shared values and commitment to doing God's work to garner vital relief for the tens of thousands of families in dire need of essential lifesaving provisions," ADRA president Michael Kruger said. "Our partnership will also ensure ADRA and HopeChannel staff and volunteers in the area are prepared to serve communities ravaged by this monumental emergency. Let's continue to pray for their safety as they engage in this crucial mission."

HopeChannel International president Derek Morris responded to ADRA's announcement: "Our team at HopeChannel International, Inc. is privileged to partner with ADRA as we deliver packages and messages of hope to our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generous support and continued prayers," he said.

ADRA and HopeChannel International, Inc. have deployed additional emergency personnel to the region to coordinate logistics and purchase supplies, including food, hygiene items, and clothing for the displaced people amassing on the border. ADRA workers, university student volunteers who relocated to area youth camps, and HopeChannel Ukraine staff will help distribute the food and provisions.

HopeChannel Ukraine has been part of the global HCI network and broadcasting in the Eastern European nation since 2009.

"Today, HopeChannel Ukraine has a dedicated, faithful, and talented team of employees," Morris said. "Our broadcasting on the radio has a potential audience of 1.7 million, and a real audience of about 105,000, of which 75,000 are regular listeners, according to the survey made in 2021. We also have a potential television audience of 5 million, of which 700,000 are regular viewers. In total, HopeChannel Ukraine programming is viewed more than 3 million times a month."

The original version of this release was posted by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

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Women's Ministries in Bulgaria



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

Hope Channel Bulgaria and the Women's Ministries department have prepared a program that will be broadcast on the internet on March 5, the International Women's Day of Prayer. It is a Bulgarian translation of parts of the Women's Ministries Global Conference from last year.

This program is dedicated to women whose vocation is to share Christian values through words and actions. In one hour, they will take a look at all world continents and see how women live out their faith. They want to encourage and inspire by their example and the music they perform. The power of prayer will also be addressed. The Women's Ministry Team of the Adventist Church extends their greetings to every woman on this upcoming International Women's Day!

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Women's breakfast in Guggisberg/Switzerland



TOPIC: TRUST

On March 2, 2022, the monthly women's breakfast took place again in Guggisberg/Switzerland, in the home of Evelyne, a member of the Women's Ministries team of the Swiss-German Conference.

The morning started with a delicious breakfast in a cozy atmosphere. In the theme cycle of the NEWSTART acronym, today's topic was "Trust", presented by Dagmar Dorn. Especially in these turbulent, explosive times, this was a very meaningful subject. It moved the participants and encouraged them to put their trust in God. A song and a bookmark with the text from John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" were given to the women to take home as a visible "promise of God."

March is Women's History Month



WOMEN'S MUSEUM IN HITTISAU, AUSTRIA

Women's History Month is celebrated in some countries in March of each year, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8. It is an occasion for remembering what great women have achieved but also the history of women in general.

The Women's Museum in Hittisau, Austria, is a museum to be recommended. We will be posting reminders of women's history from time to time in the month of March.

After a winter break due to the pandemic, the Hittisau Women's Museum is now looking forward to opening a new exhibition on March 6, 2022. Called "persecuted, engaged, married," the exhibit is dedicated to the fates and lives of twelve Jewish women who managed to save themselves from deportation and murder by the Nazis through a marriage of convenience. It is a loan and adaptation from the Jewish Museum in Vienna.

Especially in times of rising anti-Semitism, it is very important to contribute to making Jewish history visible. And the fate of Hilda Monte, who was shot at the Feldkirch-Tisis border crossing in March 1945, is also a part of the history of Vorarlberg, Austria.

Open Tue to Sun 10 am - 5 pm from 06 March - 30 October 2022, Frauenmuseum Hittisau is worth a visit.

In March 1938, a race against time began for Austrian Jews. Some Viennese Jewish women saved themselves through a marriage of convenience with a foreign citizen. The exhibition in the Women's Museum Hittisau traces the lives and different fates of twelve Austrian Jewish women.

These were pro forma marriages, made out of solidarity or for payment, to get to a country where Jews are not (yet) persecuted. Women who were already in exile entered into marriages of convenience to escape statelessness or to obtain a work permit.

The Women's Museum website is a treasure trove of information about strong women with strong stories.

<https://www.frauenmuseum.at/ausstellung>

26 years of Women's Ministries in Spain



SPECIAL PROGRAM ON MARCH 5, 2022

Women's Ministries will celebrate 26 years of activities on the Women's International Day of Prayer by sharing a national program on the YouTube channel of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Spain on March 5 at 6 pm. The program will include information about the origins of this wonderful ministry and some of the pioneers will be participating. These women were aware of the needs of Christian women and passionately embraced the project of working on their behalf. Some of them had leading roles, others worked in less visible positions but had an equal influence

on the women around them. Thus others were motivated by their enthusiasm to serve while discovering the great potential of women.

Working groups were created, activities were organized that had not been developed before that joined women together in spaces where they could share common interests. All were, in some way, used by the spirit of God and guided by the Lord to be a blessing.

These were the pillars of the ministry which developed as time passed, with many other women joining forces. The new leaders had the same vocation to serve and were just as willing to join the project in whatever form the Lord called them to do.

Gladys and her prayer group of more than 70 women.

Among them we find Gladys. A woman who, even before becoming a church member, and out of love for the Lord, provided support to migrant women who were alone. The fact that she gave them a space to talk and pray for their needs in her own home, awakened the interest of other women to share the love and attention they received from Gladys. Today there is a group of more than 70 women from different congregations led by this courageous woman.

The ministry developed by Gladys awakened the interest of the City Council of the place where she lives. The city leadership offered to provide her with a meeting place, thus becoming a living testimony of how love in action and solidarity among women, restores the lives of other women.

Several of these women will join us on March 5 to share with us the experiences gained through service to women, sustained by faith and prayer.

Young women between the ages of 7 and 15 will also be participating, telling us about their relationship with prayer, their needs and concerns, and the resources they find in our church communities. All of this will be enhanced by uplifting musical performances by Christian women.

For all these reasons we invite you to join us and enjoy this special online program this March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Celebrate with us 26 years of Women's Ministries!

Author: Sara Hernández, SDA Women's Ministries, Spain

Chats with Experts



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES IN SPAIN

Another episode of the "Chats with Experts" was organized by the Women's Ministries Department in Spain on February 27 by zoom. Marián Sanchez spoke about Resilience and How to regain stability when everything is upside down. These programs where women can ask questions and get answers from an expert are very valuable.

March 5 is International Adventist Women's Day of Prayer 2022



PRAYING IN THE LAST DAYS

On the first Saturday in March (on the 5th of this year), Adventist women all over the world celebrate the International Day of Prayer. It is an important moment promoted by women, which involves all the realities of Adventist communities: because prayer concerns everyone.

In the churches, the pulpit is left to women who share the spiritual message prepared by the Women's Ministries (WM) of the global church. If there was ever a time when we need to pray, and we must not stop, it is now.

"We are living in uncertain times of loneliness and fear," says Heather-Dawn Small, WM's global leader. She continued, "Where can we go? How can we find peace and comfort? The International Day of Prayer materials will answer these questions and point to the one place where comfort and peace can be found. That place is alone with God in prayer."

On this special Saturday, communities will be in prayer for the entire 24 hours of March 5. In fact, in every time zone, there will be a group of women around the world praying, creating a strong chain of devotion and praise to God.

Sermon

The theme "Praying in the Last Days" is developed in the sermon—based on the text of Joshua 5:13-15—prepared by Cindy Tutsch, former associate director of the Ellen G. White Estate. The biblical account of the people of Israel in front of the flooded Jordan River, the last obstacle separating them from the promised land, offers many insights for us, both women and men, today. Without forgetting the most important lesson: turn to God.

"My sisters," Small adds, "we need to be connected to our source of strength, comfort and peace, and that connection happens when we pray. If you are feeling empty, lonely, afraid, hopeless, then drop what you are doing right now and seek your Father in prayer. Tell Him how you feel, ask Him to give you strength, courage, peace of mind. He will answer. He always does.

And the Bible exhorts us: "Seek the Lord and his strength, always seek his face! Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments of his mouth" (1 Chronicles 16:11, 12).

Seminar

Cindy Tutsch is also the author of the seminar "Why prayer is important". What should be the focus of our prayers in these last days? What should we pray for as we see the urgency of the times in which we live? These are the initial questions that guide the way through the seminar.

Written by Lina Ferrara, Hope Media Italy

Women's Help Initiative



Donations for Women and Children in Ukraine

The solidarity with the people of Ukraine is great after the Russian invasion. Lots of initiatives have emerged as people want to help. International organizations are taking care of the people who flee the war-torn country, but many people who stay are also in need of help. While many inhabitants have fled to the west, others cannot or do not want to leave the country. All over Germany, private initiatives have emerged, hoping to help alleviate the suffering by bringing necessary help into the country.

One such initiative was created by three women from the Zollernalb region in southern Germany who decided to actively help women and children in Ukraine. They organized a collection of warm clothing for women, children, and babies as well as necessities. The local newspaper wrote about the initiative on Tuesday, March 1.

When the Women's and Senior citizens' groups of the Adventist church in Tübingen heard about this local project, they spontaneously donated money to buy diapers, baby food, powdered milk, first aid kits, articles of hygiene, and medicine. It was such a joy to be able to do something to help, and we bought the necessary supplies. When we arrived at the drop-off location on Wednesday evening, we realized that the appeal had reached hundreds of people. The parking place was jammed and there was a continuous stream of people coming with boxes of donated goods. The donations were sorted and packed by volunteers. The organizers were overwhelmed by the generosity and helpfulness. Many who brought donations asked if they could stay to help with the packing. The diapers were deposited in a trailer, baby food was packed in one corner of the venue while clothing and shoes were packed in boxes. Lots of people had brought baby clothes.

On Friday morning, March 4, trucks will set off in the direction of Ukraine with these donations. They are planning to make stops in several Ukrainian cities to distribute the supplies. May these products reach the people who need them most. May God bless all who are showing solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the brave people who will be helped by such initiatives.

ADRA EUROPE COORDINATES RESPONSE AND FUNDRAISER



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

We are deeply troubled by the armed conflict in Ukraine and the devastating consequences than an escalation of violence could bring to this country of 44 million people. The potential for significant loss of life; destruction of homes, hospitals, and schools; deprivation of basic needs such as water, heating and communication systems is extremely high. Additionally, a significant influx of millions of refugees to neighbouring countries is expected.

In Ukraine and in neighbouring countries, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is preparing its teams to protect lives and bring support to those in need. ADRA Ukraine has over thirty employees and equipped offices in Kyiv, Kramatorsk, Mariupol and Mukachevo. There are also local ADRA coordinators and hundreds of volunteers all over the country. With the help of the staff, coordinators, and volunteers, ADRA is responding in different parts of the country.

Appeal

ADRA teams in Ukraine's neighbouring countries (such as Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova) need funds to assist refugees fleeing Ukraine.

ADRA Ukraine needs funding in order to:

Continue its Water Sanitation and Hygiene Programme in the east of Ukraine. Thousands of residents in the remote villages along the contact line do not have access to basic needs, such as water, shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI).

Purchase and store winterization materials. Food and NFIs which will be distributed in the following weeks.

Prepare cash vouchers, which will be distributed in the following weeks.

Procure petrol needed for the evacuation vehicles, to succour vulnerable people when local authorities cannot do so.

Thank you for considering supporting this appeal through your national ADRA office.



Press Release from Inter-European Division

UKRAINE

“As the horrible sound of war drums rises in Ukraine, we pray for all those affected by this conflict. May human beings be touched by God and lives be spared, the dignity of each person be respected, violence end and peace return. We also remember all those who work to advance the cause of God and those who seek to find God in their lives.”

Women's Ministries Congress for the German-speaking countries



REGISTER NOW FOR: SEPTEMBER 22 TO 25, 2022 IN SCHWÄBISCH GMÜND

The long wait is over... from now on you can register for the Women's D A CH Congress via the website sta-frauenkongress.org.

We are looking forward to days full of encounter, input, workshop, and music, days in which we want to enter and experience the presence of God in a special way.

When Esther hears about the threat to her people, she feels the pressure but also the desire to go ahead. And yet she hesitates. Was this a wise attitude? Or rather an expression of insecurity and doubt?

If you are looking for answers to life's questions and how faith can succeed in everyday life, join us on a journey through time to discover what we can learn from the story of Queen Esther and put it into practice today.

See you from September 22 to 25, 2022 in Schwäbisch Gmünd and we are already looking forward to meeting you.

Congress language is German. You are cordially invited. We are looking forward to seeing you. Dany – Elida – Dagi

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