

# I Will Go Reach My World



NURTURE



EMPOWER



OUTREACH

"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

### Psychological assistance for Ukrainian Refugees

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ПОМОЩИ В ГЕРМАНИИ

Дорогие читатели!  
С 5 апреля начинает работать телефон душепопечительской помощи  
06151 811 510 доступные часы, кто нуждается в поддержке, круглосуточно.  
Получить помощь можно на русском, украинском и немецком языках,  
независимо от религиозной принадлежности и вероисповедания.  
Консультанты будут оказывать психологическую поддержку тем,  
кто сталкивается с проблемами, связанными с фазой адаптации к  
новой ситуации. Не являются частью деятельности душепопечителей  
с профессиональным образованием и опытом работы.

#### PHONE LINE IN OPERATION

ADRA Germany supports refugees from Ukraine with accommodation and financial aid. During this time it is incredibly important to find an open ear for the stories and concerns of our fellow human beings. A Russian-Ukrainian speaking pastoral care telephone was put into operation on April 5, 2022. Refugees can call the help line at any time for psychological assistance from professional therapists. With Ukrainian phones please use the international prefix: +49 6151 811 510

### Looking for a Sabbath keeping church



#### WOMAN WANTS HOME TO BECOME ACTION GROUP

Claudia was looking for a church where she could celebrate the Sabbath as it is instituted in the Bible. God guided her in her search and she discovered the Adventists through Facebook. She attended every Sabbath service and Wednesday prayer meeting, received Bible studies through the pastor and accepted all our doctrines with much gratitude and joy.

On Sabbath, April 26th, one year after her arrival, her desire to be part of our Adventist church in La Linea became a reality. Our pastor Margaret Gareze celebrated her baptism which was attended by all her family. Claudia's whole family feels a great admiration for our beliefs, and two of her teenage sons are also preparing to be baptized. Her two sisters are also interested in learning about our doctrines. Claudia wants her home to become an action group, since she and her children are already participating in all our missionary activities. Her greatest desire is to serve God and to be useful to help others in the knowledge of the Word of God. Acts 2: 47 "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Author: Manuel Reinozo, from the Adventist Church of La Línea. From Revista Adventista revista.adventista.es

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## Women's Breakfast Meeting in Luebeck, Germany on April 4, 2022



### A HEART FOR NEIGHBORS

The women coming to the breakfast meetings in Luebeck are always spoiled and pampered by the fantastic breakfast spread prepared by Petra Lolk and her team. With this start into the day, we were strengthened and looked forward to fellowshiping with each other, seeing each other again, and exchanging ideas.

Steffi Hansen was our guest speaker on this day. With the topic "A heart for neighbors" she gave testimony of her life with God. She told how already in her childhood, God prepared her way to Him and how a neighbor showed her the way to God and the church. She asked us to reflect on who is my neighbor. In the job, in the family, in the circle of friends, etc. Do you know who your neighbor is? We do not know what role we will play in the life of our neighbor's faith journey. Are we ready to reach out? According to a report by Nancy Duske, WM Department, Hanse Conference



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## Women's Sabbath in Rostock on March 26, 2022

### PRAYER IN OUR LIVES



Finally, after a long time, women were able to hold a Women's Sabbath in Rostock. Together with some sisters from Hamburg and Luebeck, we set out early on the Sabbath morning with the destination of Rostock. It was a pleasure to be there again.

Pastor Hans-Hagen Zwick accompanied us on this day, with the sermon and the afternoon program. The topic was prayer and how prayer affects our lives.

After a delicious potluck, we went for a walk in the beautiful weather. It was a big round through a beautiful park and a monastery in the city.

Strengthened by the fresh air we met again to sing together and consider the day's topic. Four prayer stations had been set up in the hall with the questions/statements: "My future with God?", "Witness & Service", "My longing for happiness", and "Worship." We grappled with these thoughts and wrote our thoughts and impulses on them. It was enriching and encouraging.

With refreshments and a cozy get-together, this great day came to an end. We thank Thekla and her team for this women's Sabbath. According to a report by Nancy Duske, WM Department, Hanse Conference, Germany



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## Women's Weekend Retreat in Hesselberg, Germany, March 25-27, 2022



### MY GOD AND I

How do you express what women feel and experience during a women's retreat? The topic "My God and I" presented by Dany Canedo, the new Women's Ministries Director for both German Unions interested and intrigued me and my curiosity was very high.

It was nice to see the faces of old friends and new people. The spring-like decorations and flowers added to the feel-good factor.

After a short round of getting to know each other - without name tags (intentional cognitive challenge) - Dany started with the question "Where do I come from?". Using colorful slips of paper, she demonstrated her own biographical family tree.

Sabbath followed with "Who is God?" God is everywhere, not just in certain places of power, such as in Israel in the Church of the Nativity or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

She continued with the question "Who am I?" For this, Dany had tied strings to a central, thicker rope and decorated them like entwined branches on either side. She asked us to record on 5

pieces of paper our date and place of birth, three life-changing events, and how we were feeling at the moment, each pinned to a rope as it ran. Looking at the whole work of art up close was very impressive and made connectedness, community, and concern visible.

On the topic of "Images", Dany presented a long list of promises or designations that God uses to describe us in His Word. Our task was to assign God's promises to the women present by name using small her-shaped sticky notes and to pin them to the pinboard.

The theme was rounded off with the thought "How God sees me". The promises and names of God were deepened and internalized, and each woman was then allowed to take away the hearts assigned to her.

What else was there? The most beautiful weather, a goldfish pond, good food, afternoon coffee on the sun terrace, visits to the swimming pool and sauna, singing, music with piano and guitar, and all that the beautiful surroundings around the Hesselberg conference house offer. A completely successful weekend retreat for women!

According to a report by Dorothee Meiners

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## Women's Meeting in Coburg on March 13, 2022



### VALUED AND BELOVED

As beautiful as a gold-tipped harp sounds - played by Claudia Forster - as beautiful as women sound when singing, laughing, praising God together, being together with God in spiritual communion is wonderful. Led by Lydia Lukic, women came together for a day of loving, feminine, spiritual, heartfelt, and profound input on March 13, 2022, in the Coburg church in northern Bavaria. A program with mixed elements and good food awaited the participants. The speaker and author Jaimée M. Seis led in the rediscovery of the intangible value and unique characteristics of women. With the help of the Bible, she interpreted that we are precious and loved by Jesus our Shepherd, King and Savior - beautifully formed creatures of God. He knows us, our body, our feelings, our imperfections, our being. He treasures us like a pearl. A pearl that has and finds its security, not in a shell, but in God's hands.

God has given and entrusted to us, as women, the most important and most precious thing of all - His Son. Yes, through a woman Jesus Christ came to this earth. Now he is with us - with me and with you. Thanks be to God!

According to a report by Julia Tomas

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## Heart Pillows



### COMFORT FOR PATIENTS

Sewed with love and given away from the heart! With heart and soul, the women's group "Herzen von Herzen" of the Adventist congregation of Luebeck has been meeting to sew colorful heart-shaped pillows even under the difficult Corona restrictions and were now able to hand them over to the Palliativnetz Travebogen.

The heart pillows can do great things! They have a pain-relieving effect, make lying down easier and protect against accidental shocks. They are also a wonderful comfort for the soul. In addition to the heart pillows, the creative ladies of the Adventist congregation in Luebeck also had new ideas in their luggage: smaller port pillows in the shape of a heart and a lovingly crocheted octopus, which can serve as a reassurance to those affected by playing with the tentacles with their fingers and thus contribute to inner balance.

"The heart pillows are extremely helpful for many of our patients and are simply a wonderful gift," emphasized Travebogen CEO Thomas Schell. "We are very happy about the active support and creative ideas of the Women's Circle "Hearts from the Heart" of the Adventist congregation in Lübeck."

Photo: Petra Lolk (Herzen von Herzen), Inken Genkel (Palliativnetz Travebogen), Sandra Groß (Herzen von Herzen) Photo: Hansa WM

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