Endit-now Day 2015

The Ghanaian churches in the North-Italian region celebrated the End-it-now 2015 day on the 16th and 22nd August with the theme “Love at home”. Women dressed in traditional aqua and white with an orange flower ribbon (symbol of “orange day) led all services through the Sabbath day. The afternoon programme “Anger Management” was well participated. At Parma, members could not resist sharing their gratitude for their couples, friends and families’ contributions in their lives. The day ended gracefully with smiles on every face.
By Ophelia D. Nyarko, WM Director for Ghana Women, Italy

Women’s Retreat in Switzerland, September 11-13,2015

45 women had been looking forward to the WM retreat in St. Stephan and were curious to find out how the topics would once again enrich their lives.

The main topic was: Ganz schön Frau - miteinander auf dem Weg sein (Women on their way together).
The speaker, Renate Dost, is a nurse, pastor’s spouse, mother of three children, and is in charge of women’s ministries and counseling of students at Friedensau University, Germany. She showed aspects of various women of the Bible and how these experiences could be applied to our modern times.

Some examples:
Rahab saved her family and even gets a place in the genealogy of Jesus.
Rebecca agreed to an arranged wedding.
Abigail saved lives and prevents David from sinning through personal revenge.
Debora was a woman who combined multiple functions – wife, mother, judge, prophet, military assistance.

Synopsis:
In a crisis seek help from above and turn towards Him.
Be ready to engage with God and keep in contact with Him.
Be brave, helpful, energetic and self-confident: You are valuable, unique and beautiful.
Value yourself and accept yourself as you are with all your shortcomings.
Find your strengths and your calling. - According to a report by Christina Pohling
Women’s Incentive Day for Young Women and Mothers

Berlin, Sept 12, 2015 - What would have been if they had said YES?

The speaker of the Incentive Day Verena Greim concluded her refreshing sermon with a modern parable paraphrasing Luke 14:15-24 (the great banquet). Seasoned with a good pinch of humor and her experiences as a mother of six her thoughts were drawn from life.

What would have happened if the invited guests had said yes? In Verena's paraphrase God goes to pick each guest up and they are glad to come and at the banquet he surprises them with “small” presents they could never have imagined. Because they came they now have a whole eternity to commit to their favorite pastimes. God has invited each one to his banquet. Is there something to celebrate? Yes, because God gives us reasons for which we can be grateful and that is an occasion to celebrate.

After the church service young women and mothers with children stayed for the afternoon program. In the workshop devoted to the heart pillow action everybody was able to participate. About 50 pillows were prepared for mastectomy patients and given to Waldfriede Hospital. This action is supported by many groups within the church and in our communities.

The intention is to encourage women in a difficult situation and provide them with a ray of hope. Our team “Young Women BMV” of the Berlin-Central German Conference want to be active with our hands and hearts for Jesus. We also want to pass on information and motivation and tackle topics of interest to young women and mothers. See more at: http://www.christlichefrauen.net/young or https://www.facebook.com/jungefrauenbmv

The next Incentive Day will be in 2016. - Reported by Maike

Desert Flower Center, Berlin

Women who found healing for their mutilated body getting ready to offer a short program in the SDA Church of Waldfriede. What a blessing! Thank you Dr. Cornelia Strunz and Evelyne Brenda for your great help!

Bild Magazine article today:

In Interesting Autobiography of a Woman of Courage

Kari Paulsen, wife of our previous General Conference President has written her autobiography.

“With her customary honesty and wit, Kari Paulsen tells a moving story of resilience born out of deep personal faith. This warm and candid spiritual memoir will be read—and loved—by thousands of believers around the globe who are trying to understand the leading of God in their own stories of pain and grace. The writing is as bright and engaging as the author, who skillfully weaves the incidents of an unusually difficult life narrative with compelling insights drawn from years of study and daily Christian experience. Don’t miss this book, or the gift Kari Paulsen has given through it to the church she loves.” Bill Knott, Adventist Review and Adventist World

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ARM’s Seven Campaign Transitions to enditnow

Silver Spring, MD. August 19, 2015 – Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) is transitioning its campaign that focused on preventing child abuse to the enditnow campaign, led by the Women’s Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the World Divisions. The move will enhance the resources provided by the enditnow campaign and expand its focus to children in distress. The transition will be completed this fall.

“We’re grateful that ARM is sharing its resources with us. This is a meaningful contribution to our mission to protect women and children around the world from abuse and neglect,” said Heather-Dawn Small, director of Women’s Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. “It is a natural progression in our journey to reach not only women in trouble but their children as well.”

Launched in 2012, the Seven Campaign raised awareness on child abuse, including bullying, neglect, physical and sexual abuse against children. The transition comes as leaders at ARM felt enditnow would be a better platform to share preventive resources globally. enditnow is a well-known and established initiative that has called attention to the plight of women around the world who suffer in silence against physical and emotional abuse.

“We’ve seen that enditnow has impacted the lives of many women and we want this important focus to expand to children who are in danger,” said Bob Kyte, president of ARM. “Our mission is to encourage risk management and any way we can help other ministries of the Church protect the most vulnerable.”

Learn more about enditnow and its digital resources at www.enditnow.org.

Hope for Europe Conference

Hannover, September 16-19, 2015 – It was a special privilege for me to be invited to the International Grow Together Conference in Hannover. With 170 women from different denominations and 28 countries, all in leadership positions, we shared joys, hope and challenges we face in our ministries, were encouraged and enjoyed fellowship with each other.

Hope for Europe celebrates its 25th anniversary, as it was organized after the fall of the wall that devided Germany in East and West until 1989. The aim was and is still to help Christian Women in Europe grow together. Therefore Grow Together Conference was the title of this meeting which takes place every 2 years.

We received greetings from Angela Merkel, the Federal Chancellor in Germany who said she supports networking and wishes a succesful meeting. The main speaker Gery Scazzero from New York spoke about finding to our inner strength through Jesus. She encouraged us to be honest with ourselves, and to listen to our hearts and learn about our gifts and limits. Only if we have a healthy self-awareness, can we help others.

We studied passages form the Bible, prayed a lot and sang together. In addition to the 20 Workshops we heard reports from many countries, e.g. Greece, Hungary etc, from women who have direct contact with the refugees. One of them lives in Serbia near a forest. She sees the refugees passing by from her kitchen window. We learned about the great needs. ‘The refugees don’t leave their countries without reason’, she says. We heard stories of women giving birth to their babies on their long and tiresome trips, and of the fathers carrying these babies in their hands, while continuing their journey.

‘We have been praying for the 10/40 window for years and find it very difficult to reach the people there, and now they come to us. God is very creative in finding ways for us to minister to people from this territory,’ so Lisa Diirim who is a missionary in Greece and with many other persons engages there and provides food, 2nd hand clothing, showers to the refugees and speaks about the love of Christ to those who thirst for Him. Religious liberty was an important topic, and we
heard Mrs. Katharina Schnurrbard who works in Brussels at the EU. We learned about tolerance, women in persecution, shelter for abused women. At the meeting I met interesting persons such as Colonel Anne-Dore Naud who with her husband leads the Salvation Army in Germany, Lithuania and Poland. I found out that the Salvation Army is the only Christian Church who ordains women and men alike, and they are blessed by this.

I was happy to meet with Margret Meier from Open Doors (picture left) who was a speaker at the DACH Congress in 2013 in Bad Kissingen.

Elisabeth Mittelstädt (picture right), the editor of the first magazine for Christian Women Lydia and founder of Hope for Europe spoke about the history of the organisation and signed her biography.

For the closing session on Sabbath we met at the SwissLife Hall in Hannover where approx. 1000 women came to hear the preaching, prayed and sang together.

It was good to look beyond one’s own nose for a while. I got home blessed by this wonderful and enriching time of exchange. – Reported by Denise Hochstrasser

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