



# Women's Ministries Newsletter

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Where does the time go. I don't know about you but it seems to be going faster and faster. One minute you are making plans for 2012 and the next minute half the year has come and gone.

It sometimes worries me. There is so much you want to do. It seems that Satan is filling up my time more and more and I have less and less time to spend with God. Just like with all things in life, if they are important to you, you will find the time. A conscious choice.

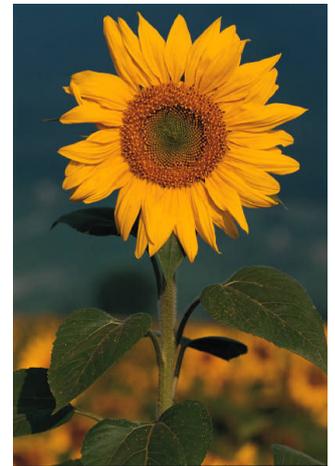
This summer I want to relax and spend more time with God and my family. I want to make a conscious choice. I don't want anything to come

in the way of this.

When I read in the Bible how important it was for Jesus to spend time with His Father, how much more important should it be for us. We cannot go through life alone. We need help.

My prayer for each of you is that you will find time to spend with God, that you will find time to relax and enjoy life. That the sun will shine on you and fill you with warmth and love.

God bless.



*Clair*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONGRESS UP-DATE

In 2014 we would like to organize a Congress for Women's Ministries. All other Divisions already do this and even though we may be the smallest Division we still need moments where women can meet and be uplifted.

The dates as many of you

know is 24-28 September, 2014. We are currently looking at a venue in Slovenia but there will be more on that later.

We have a theme which will be :

COME TO THE SPRING.

We hope that you will be able to translate this into your languages. Please start promoting this event so that women have an opportunity to save money for this event.

More information will follow as soon as we have it.



## *Language of Flowers seminars*

Language of Flowers seminars were held by Debby Birach-Mayer in Belgrade (March 3-4), Belgrade Theological Seminary (March 5), Hajdukovo (March 7), Novi Sad (March 9-10) and Banja Luka (16-18). Belgrade, Novi Sad and Banja Luka are headquarters of the South Conference, North Conference and Conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina, respectively. Each seminar was accompanied by the creative workshops of the creative

use of flowers as an evangelistic tool and a weekend evangelistic series on the value of flowers in our everyday lives for flower shop owners, flower arrangers and other flower lovers.

The flower arrangements made at the workshop were given as a gift to those who came to church for the first time, recently had a birthday or anniversary, cared for a sick family member or relative, or simply were the oldest or the youngest participant.

The attendance was more than expected. Over the whole week 2203 Adventists and 241 non-Adventists visited the seminars.

Church members were delighted with the flower arrangements as a new innovative way of outreach while the visitors were delighted with the life wisdom learned from the flower world.



## *Sabbath School Service*

Debby Birach-Mayer and her two sons, Enoch and Natan took an active part in the Sabbath School service, talking on the reasons God made flowers, flowers as an entrance to the treasury of God's Word, flowers through the Bible history and Good News proclaimed on the language of flowers. During the

church service Debby preached about how our dream can become God's plan and shared the story of her life. During the creative workshop time she explained why we need flowers in homes, churches and work places. During the Sabbath and Sunday evangelistic series she shared why the modern

man needs flowers and how we can find life wisdom in the flower petals. Marija Trajkovska, Women's Ministries Director for the South East European Union Conference, writes that she is thankful to God that it was all possible and prayed that He would plant the seeds to grow and give fruit.



## *A little quiz for you*

In the North American Women's Intuitions Express Newsletter I found the following little quiz. Can you match the answers.

According to the 2009/10 Consumer Expenditures Survey, single women's spending varies greatly according to their ages. See if you can match the age to the spending. Answers on page 4.

### Age

- A) Under 25
- B) 25-34
- C) 35-44
- D) 45-54
- E) 55-64
- F) 65 and older

### Expenditure

- 1) Audio visual equipment
- 2) Charitable giving
- 3) Clothing
- 4) Education
- 5) Food away from home
- 6) Health care
- 7) Personal care products
- 8) Shoes
- 9) Sweets
- 10) Fruits and vegetables
- 11) Transportation

So do women really get sweeter with age? Do younger women really care more about their shoes matching their outfit? How does your spending compare (or not) to the study findings?



## *Music Evangelism*

The retired pianist and music professor Liliana Krdzalic-Arsenovic (76), who considers herself to be a music missionary and evangelist even in her old age, held a concert of classical and spiritual music in the City cultural hall "Djura Jaksic", in downtown Belgrade, Serbia, and promoted

her first book "Female Bible characters" on fifty Bible women on March 20, 2012



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### Answers quiz:

1=e, 2=f, 3=b, 4=a, 5=b, 6=f, 7=c, 8=c, 9=2,  
10=d, 11=d

*Are you Lonely? (The Ministry of Healing, p. 249, EG White)*

*We need never feel that we are alone. Angels are our companions. The Comforter that Christ promised to send in His name abides with us. In the way that leads to the City of God there are no difficulties which those who trust in Him may not overcome. There are no dangers which they may not escape. There is not a sorrow, not a grievance, not a human weakness, for which He has not provided a remedy....*

*He who took humanity upon Himself knows how to sympathize with the sufferings of humanity. Not only does Christ know every soul, and the peculiar needs and trials of that soul, but He knows all the circumstances that chafe and perplex the spirit. His hand is outstretched in pitying tenderness to every suffering child.*

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## REFLECTIONS

Psalm 107:1

"Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever."

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and get off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

Corrie ten Boom

**"With God behind  
you, you can face  
whatever lies ahead  
of you."**

**Unknown**