A Ministry for Every Woman: The Call

"If there were twenty women where now there is one, who would make this holy mission their cherished work, we should see many more converted to the truth" (Review and Herald, Jan. 2, 1879, "Christian Service," p. 28).

Whether church women are at home or in the marketplace, many are extending their hands to unchurched women.
One of our readers recently asked us, "What are some project ideas or mission tasks for taking women's ministry out of the church and into the community?" This is a great question, and we prepared ten outreach ministry cards to help our women to respond God’s call and go into the world.

Each Touch a Heart, Tell the World ministry card includes steps to get started and activity suggestions for one of these ministries: Intercessory Prayer, Plant a Seed, Friendship Evangelism, Small Group, Homes of Hope and Healing, Visitation, Prison, Discipleship, Bible and Baptism, Community Outreach.

Royalties from sales of Altogether Lovely, the 2015 women's devotional book, help fund Scholarshipping Our Sisters (SOS). In the past 20 years this GCWM program awarded one million scholarship dollars to 2,164 women in 124 countries.

Order book online, Adventist Book Center. Donate online, SOS Scholarship Fund.

Missionary Book of 2015

Health & Wellness: Secrets That Will Change Your Life, Mark A Finley and Peter N Landless, editors. Order book online, Adventist Book Center

Tips for Leaders
2015 GC Session Women's Meetings


Morning meetings, Monday–Thursday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM. Speakers: Dr. Ella Simmons, Janet Page, Heather-Dawn Small, and Raquel Arrais. [Note new time for meeting]

Women's meetings with seminar, Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Speakers: Ruthie Jacobson and Arlene Taylor.

Theme is "Arise and Shine, Jesus is Coming!"
Music by Sandra Entermann.

All women of all ages are invited to attend these meetings where we will worship together as daughters of God from every corner of the world.

Healthful Living

Listen first
Encourage creativity
Be passionate
Have a positive attitude
Keep trying new things

Don’t skip breakfast
Make small talk
Hydrate
Call a friend
Get enough sleep

Dates To Remember

March 7

International Women's Day of Prayer is celebrated by GC Women's Ministries the first Sabbath of March. Each year a sermon packet with suggestions for a special church service and seminars is provided free. To download the 2015 packet, It Is Well (The woman, the prophet, and the prayer), click here.

March 8

International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their
n's Bible

The first Adventist Women's Bible, co-produced by Safeliz Publishing (of Spain) and GC Women's Ministries, features full color portraits with biographies of thirty biblical women, an Adventist Bible Study series, colorful prophecy charts, and a list of the 28 Fundamentals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

View this video to peek inside the Bible, click here and scroll down to Women's Bible. Order Bible online, Adventist Book Center.

100 Days of Prayer, March 25-July 11

You are invited to pray for the world church during the 100 Days of Prayer beginning March 25 and ending July 11, the final day of 2015 GC Session.

Calendar

March

7 Women's International Day of Prayer
21 International Day Against Racial Discrimination
25 Begin 100 Days of Prayer

April

7 World Health Day
7 Day of Remembrance of Victims of the Rwanda Genocide

Prayer Corner

100 Days of Prayer, March 25-July 11, 2015
Women's Health
Women in Outreach Ministries
Young Women
Revival & Reformation
Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
GC Session Women's Meetings
GC Session 101: How to Be Involved

- Look around and learn as much as you can while at the GC Session.
- Attend the business meetings. If you don't understand what is happening, ask someone.
- Learn Parliamentary Procedure so you can better understand how the business works. Get a copy of the General Conference Rules of Order from Secretariat in your Conference, Union, or Division.
- Visit the booths to find out where you would like to develop a ministry if you don't have one already. Most have booklets and information.
- When you get home, get involved. If you can, serve on the church board or the Women's Ministries committee.
- Take the Women's Ministries Leadership Certification courses and become certified.
- When your church chooses officers, be sure that women are involved.
- When your church chooses delegates to a constituency meeting, serve if you can.

Prayer 777

Revived by His Word

Revival and Reformation
• Pray for and support women who are already in leadership.

By Ardis Stenbakken, Former GC WM Director

NEWS

Women's Ministries Around the World

Nurture

Teenage girls enjoy seminars and an outing in Malaysia

Teen girls came together in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 2-3, 2014 for a Women's Ministries program called 1319G (girls aged 13-19). In addition to nurturing the girls' spiritual experience, leaders also taught them to access the digital world with seminars about Safely Using the Web, Facebook, and Apps; and for designing artwork with MicroSoft Word to create a poster or flyer. The Mission office assigned computers to the teenagers who later visited the National Palace Royal Museum.

See more here

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Empower

East-Central Africa Division (ECD)

[Tanzania] The Adventist Women’s Vocational Training Center in Nyanza, Tanzania is dedicated to the memory of our sisters who died eight years ago in a train accident while traveling home from ECD Women's Ministries Division Congress in 2007. Tanzania Union Women’s Ministries teaches classes in sewing, computer skills, English, and many other subjects at the center.

Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women’s Ministries director, visited the center while attending ECD’s Mission Extravagansa Celebration and presenting Women’s Ministries training and certification seminars from Thinking Well, Living Well.

Sewing projects displayed at Women's Center in Tanzania

News from the World of Women's Ministries is published bi-monthly by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Department of Women's Ministries for the purpose of communicating news and information about Women's Ministries.

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Empower Trans-European Division (TED)

[Latvia]

About 75 women from Latvia and Estonia gathered in Riga, Latvia for Leadership Certification Level 1 seminars conducted by Clair Sanches, TED Women's Ministries director, and Marite Lipska, Latvian Conference Women's Ministries director.

Outreach Inter-American Division (IAD)

[Panama and Nicaragua] Last year 7,000 women earned certification in evangelism with Women's Ministries Evangelism Manual, Outreach is for Everyone in training conducted by Women's Ministries of South Central American Union Conference.

These eager students implemented evangelism theory at the end of their training by holding evangelistic meetings throughout Panama and Nicaragua, November 3-8, 2014.
As a result of women’s outreach, thousands gave their lives to Christ, including 1,358 baptisms in Managua, Nicaragua and 1,900 in Panama City.

Adventists Say No to Violence

[ Rwanda] The GC Women's Ministries initiative enditnow recognizes April 7, named by the United Nations, as the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide. This day commemorates the deaths of 800,000 people who were murdered during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, central Africa.


Breaking the Silence Race Brings People to Christ
The population of Boa Vista, Roraima, welcomed the second race to raise awareness for Adventists Say No to Violence against Women and Children. Nearly 250 little ones participated in a march exclusively for children in the morning, and nearly 1,000 adults ran in the afternoon.

Thousands Run against Child Abuse

Professional athletes baptized in Brazil through the influence of Adventists against violence and abuse.

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The baptism of two professional athletes became the high point of the race day's event. Sportsmen Idejarlisson Moraes and Ronildo da Silva learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the race held last year.
Amazonas when Women’s Ministries organized a race, “Run against Child Abuse.” The event attracted 4,000 runners and more than 500 children participated at the same time in the “Kids Run.”

Analu Zhan, WM director for the Northwest region of the country said, “The runner’s race was a way to provide greater visibility for end it now."

“By taking this stand,” said Williane Marroni, South American Division WM director, “we are showing it is possible to fight it and prevent it, and this needs to start inside every home.”

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MINISTERING TO WOMEN

Maintaining Positive Mental Health

Preventative Tips for Positive Mental Health

- **Making** time to do the things we enjoy.
- **Taking** moderate physical exercise.
- **Cutting down** on coffee, alcohol, nicotine and other addictive substance.
- **Celebrating** the things we like
about ourselves.

- **Keeping** things in perspective.
- **Developing** and sustaining friendships.
- **Listening** to and respecting other people, even if we disagree.
- **Asking** for help if we feel distressed or upset.
- **Listening** to others who feel distressed or upset.
- **Taking care** of ourselves as well as we do others.

**Positive Mental Wellbeing**

Valuable health information encourages a lifestyle that will promote health of body, mind and spirit. Positive mental wellbeing includes:

- **A positive view of self**: self-awareness, self-esteem, and self-acceptance.
- **Personal growth and development**: developing talents and abilities to their full potential.
- **Autonomy**: being capable of independent action.
- **Accurate view of reality**: not distorting the world in any way.
- **Positive friendships**: the ability to build relationships of many varieties.
- **Environmental mastery**: meeting the requirements of the many different situations encountered in everyday life.
“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

“The condition of the mind affects the health of the physical system. If the mind is free and happy, from a consciousness of rightdoing and a sense of satisfaction in causing happiness to others, it creates a cheerfulness that will react upon the whole system, causing a freer circulation of the blood and a toning up of the entire body. The blessing of God is a healing power, and those who are abundant in benefiting others will realize that wondrous blessing in both heart and life” (Ellen G. White, Counsels for the Church, p. 216).

Source: Thinking Well, Living Well seminar packet, available for purchase through GC Women's Ministries for $10 each. For more information, call 1 (301) 680-6636 or email, womensministres@gc.adventist.org.

Global Health Figures
Women live longer than men in all regions.

- Two out of every five deaths of both women and men in Africa are still caused by infectious and parasitic diseases.
- Women are more likely than men to die from cardiovascular diseases, especially in Europe.
- Breast cancer among women and lung cancer among men top the list of new cancer cases globally.
- Women constitute the majority of HIV-Hpositive adults in sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East.
- The vast majority of the over half a million maternal deaths in 2005 occurred in developing countries.
- The proportion of pregnant women receiving prenatal care is on the rise in many regions.
- Despite intensified efforts for reduction, Africa remains the region with the highest child mortality.
- Data reveal no significant disparity in the proportion of underweight girls and boys.

More here about Global Trends and Statistics for Women.

The packet is available for purchase through GC Women’s Ministries for $10.
ISSUES

Poverty: One of Women's Ministries Six Challenge Issues

More than 1 billion in the world today, the great majority of whom are women, live in unacceptable conditions of poverty, mostly in the developing countries. Poverty has various causes, including structural ones. Poverty is a complex, multidimensional problem, with origins in both the national and international domains.

When women are poor, their rights are not protected. They face obstacles that may be extraordinarily difficult to overcome. This results in deprivation in their own lives and
losses for the broader society and economy, as women's productivity is well known as one of the greatest generators of economic dynamism.

More here about Global Poverty of Women.

Women in Poverty

- Households of lone mothers with young children are more likely to be poor than households of lone fathers with young children.
- Women are more likely to be poor than men when living in one-person households in many countries from both the more developed and the less developed regions.
- Women are overrepresented among the older poor in the more developed regions.
- Existing statutory and customary laws limit women's access to land and other types of property in most countries in Africa and about half the countries in Asia.
- Fewer women than men have cash income in the less developed regions, and a significant proportion of married women have no say in how their cash earnings are spent.
- Married women from the less developed regions do not fully participate in intrahousehold decision-making on spending, particularly in African countries.
and in poorer households.

**Ministry Ideas**

- Small business development
- Money management seminar
- Debt counseling
- Food baskets for needy families
- Family Hygiene Packs with personal hygiene products
- Meals for a homeless shelter
- School supplies for needy children
- Blankets in winter time
- Retirement planning seminar
- Community vegetable garden
- Community classes: adult literacy, hygiene, and basic sanitation
- Widow support groups
- Offer medical/spiritual assistance in partnership with Health Ministries department
- Develop and implement anti-poverty projects in partnership with other departments in the church and community
- Enable women in your church and
community to meet the needs of those living in poverty

- Provide information on how to access low-cost legal services, including literacy programs, health care assistance, and educational service especially designed to reach women living in poverty

Source: Women's Ministries Six Issues - Poverty brochure

View one-minute video about Women's Ministries Six Issues including poverty, click here and scroll to second video.
INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER MINISTRY

Focus: Nurture and Outreach

TOUCH A HEART, TELL THE WORLD
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“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us” (Romans 12:6, NIV).
INTERCESSORY PRAYER

What is it?
Intercessory prayer is prayer for others. An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads for another's case.

For online resources on Intercessory Prayer Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries.org

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How to Begin
1. Working with the pastor and a small prayer committee, plan prayer events throughout the year.
2. Choose a prayer coordinator to lead the prayer committee.
3. Create a prayer team of women who love praying for others and feel a burden to do so.

Intercessory Prayer Ideas
- Prayer Walking: Pray for a specific area while walking through that area.
- Secret Friend Prayer: Pray for a friend who needs a special blessing, perhaps for a specific period of time, or pray for a different friend each day.
- Prayer Chain: Form a team of women to pass prayer requests from one to the next, with each one praying for that request.
- Praying for Neighbors: Pray for your neighbors by name; reach them by prayer and love.
- Prayer to Save: Encourage each member to intercede for the salvation of five friends.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Timothy 2:1, ESV).
PLANT A SEED MINISTRY

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PLANT A SEED MINISTRY

What is it?
There are many ways for us to plant seeds, but the best way is to plant seeds of love in the lives of people we meet. Just find your talent and begin.

How to Begin

• Do you love to read? Visit the elderly in an assisted living care facility and read to them.
• Do you love to cook? Cook for someone you know who is sick or has lost a loved one. Teach neighbors or coworkers to cook healthful food. Bake bread and take it to a homeless shelter or a new neighbor.
• Do you love to craft? Make cards and give them to people whom you meet every day—in the supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, or airport.
• Are you elderly and unable to go out? Call other shut ins or send cards or letters to young people from your church who are away at school.
• Are you a sympathetic listener? Take time to listen to people who need a place to share their pain and problems.
• Do children like to be with you? Volunteer to tutor children in your church or neighborhood who are having a difficult time in school.

“"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34, 35).
FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM MINISTRY
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FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

What is it?
Friendship Evangelism means caring for others, building trust and respect, and creating genuine friendships. We can all be friendly. If we each make friends and gently lead them to a friendship with Jesus Christ, we will all be blessed.

How to Begin

• Select someone to become your new friend. Think about her and pray for her. Ask God to provide openings for you to show God’s love for her.
• Talk to your new friend. And listen to her. Show you care. Spend quality time with her. Concentrate on what’s important to her.
• Find common interests. Do you both like to hike, garden, read, or swim? Begin with what you have in common.
• Find common ground between your beliefs and those of your new friend.
• Be humble. Be willing to learn from her as well as to teach.
• Share God’s truths with your new friend and introduce her to your friend Jesus.

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (Ellen G White, Ministry of Healing, p. 143).
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY
Focus: Nurture, Empower, Outreach

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

What is it?
The Small Group Ministry program deepens and broadens personal spiritual growth, facilitating relationships that bring friends to Christ. Often the small group meets at each other’s homes, usually once a week. Each meeting is focused on a spiritual or religious topic. The goals are to listen and be listened to in a safe place, to discuss spiritual questions, to build new and deeper personal connections, to serve our community and the needs of one another, and to maintain personal connections and a caring community.

For online resources about Small Group Ministry go to www.adventistwomensministries and download Outreach is for Everyone: Women’s Ministries Evangelism Manual.

How to Begin
• Select a facilitator who will link the group.
• Personally invite potential group members.
• Be specific about details of the study by telling people what you plan to do, when you plan to meet, and how many weeks the course of study will require.
• One way to start a group Bible study in your neighborhood is to invite several people to your home for refreshments.
• At that time tell them of your interest in starting a small group Bible study and invite them to join you.
• A good group size is six, but a smaller group can be effective.

“If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers” (Ellen G White, Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 22).
HOMES OF HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRY

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HOMES OF HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRY

What is it?
The Homes of Hope and Healing program involves opening our homes to our neighbors for fellowship and learning.

For online resources for Homes of Hope and Healing Ministry go to www.adventistwomensministries and download Homes of Hope and Healing Topics and Power Points for the 8-week program.

How to Begin
• In this ministry, we open our homes to women in our community. We work in small groups (between 3 and 15). The goal is to make lasting friendships for Jesus.
• Invite women to come to your home or other non-church location (if possible).
• You may want to offer a lunch or a light supper.
• Share your personal testimony of what Jesus has done in your life.
• Invite them to participate in an eight-week Homes of Hope and Healing journey.
• Explain that this is an ongoing program with breaks every eight weeks. (The number of weeks is flexible. Keep it short to accommodate people’s schedules).

“Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life” (Ellen G White, Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 128, 129).
VISITATION MINISTRY

Focus: Nurture and Outreach

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VISITATION MINISTRY

What is it?
Visitation Ministry shares the love of God by providing visits to church members and friends, especially those who are in rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities, those in hospitals or just released from the hospital, and also those who just need a friendly visit.

For online resources on Visitation Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries and download Outreach is for Everyone: Women’s Ministries Evangelism Manual.

How to Begin
• Make a commitment to visit people. With your pastor develop a plan to involve women in visitation.
• Organize for visitation. Each group may select a specific place to visit, or individuals may choose whom or where they would like to visit. A commitment to making frequent visits is important.
• Plan weekly visitation. Organize groups to visit weekly. Regular visitation is the key.
• Establish and maintain a prospect list. You might begin with the names of visitors and members who are ill or shut-in. Ask members for names and addresses of people who might appreciate a visit. Ask local senior facilities for suggestions. Ask former members if you may visit.
• Incorporate variety in your visitation ministry. Some people are excellent at personal visitation. Others are better at writing letters or making phone calls. Others may relate best to youth or to the elderly. The more people you involve, the more effective your visitation ministry will be.

“The mission of Christ was to heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, bind up the brokenhearted. This work of restoration is to be carried on among the needy, suffering ones of humanity. There are souls who have lost their courage; speak to them, pray for them” (Ellen G White, Pastoral Ministry, p. 231).
PRISON MINISTRY

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**PRISON MINISTRY**

**What is it?**
Prison Ministry ministers to prisoners and their families, helping them reach their potential in Christ through spiritual, emotional, and physical support.

For online resources on Prison Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries and download Outreach is for Everyone: Women’s Ministries Evangelism Manual.

**How to Begin**
- Pray first
- Seek counsel
- Find a vision
- Get organized
- Build a team

Recruit two men (or two women) who are willing to give three hours one day each week to visit the local prison together.

**Prison Ministry Ideas**
- Encourage church members to become pen pals to at least one prisoner.
- Provide transportation for the relatives of prisoners to visit the prison.
- Provide occasional babysitting events at the church for prisoners’ wives to enjoy an evening for themselves.
- Give attention to prisoners’ children on the birthdays, Christmas, and other family holidays.
- Attend activities, such as programs and sports, when the child is participating.

“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matthew 25:36).
“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us” (Romans 12:6, NIV).
What is it?
Discipleship Ministry offers friendship, instruction, and support with the goal of integrating new members into the life of the congregation. Studies show that people need to have at least five friends in a church or organization before they feel at home and are willing to stay. An important part of discipleship ministry is helping new members to grow in Christ.

How to Begin
• Form a committee responsible for effective integration of new members.
• Encourage your members to choose new members to befriend. Be sure every new member is “frieded.”
• Hold a banquet once or twice a year to introduce new members to the congregation.
• Be sure each new member is visited once a week during the first month, then once a month for the first year.
• Invite new members to participate in a small group for intentional spiritual growth.
• Share special books, such as Women’s Devotionals, Spirit of Prophecy books, or church magazines.

“After individuals have been converted to the truth, they need to be looked after....These newly converted ones need nursing, –watchful attention, help, and encouragement. These should not be left alone, a prey to Satan’s most powerful temptations; they need to be educated in regard to their duties, to be kindly dealt with, to be led along, and to be apportioned to every man in due season” (Ellen G White, Evangelism, p. 351).
B=B (BIBLE = BAPTISM) MINISTRY

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**What is it?**

B=B (Bible=Baptism) Ministry challenges women in the church to choose a relative or friend who could find greater happiness in knowing the Word of God. The participating church member will commit:

- To study the Bible with one interested person (B=B recipient).
- To prepare the B=B recipient for baptism by the end of the year.
- To pray for the B=B recipient whose name is also added to the Women’s Ministries prayer list.

Each participating church member is given a Bible, a set of Bible study guides, and a baptismal certificate for a woman who will receive Bible studies. She is also given a B=B enrollment card to complete and return; it functions as her commitment card.

For online resources on B=B (Bible = Baptism) Ministry go to:

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**How to Begin**

- Pray. In Women’s Ministries meetings pray specifically for B=B Ministry.
- Present the project to the pastor and elders.
- Select the date to begin the year-long event.
- Negotiate the purchase of Bibles and Bible studies through the church or by other means and prepare the materials, including the B=B enrollment card.
- Launch the project by inviting women church members to commit to studying the Bible for one year with one person. Participants who accept the challenge will complete and return the B=B enrollment card.
- Commission the participants in the B=B Ministry during a divine service. Distribute the Bibles with Bible study guides, baptismal certificates, and participant enrollment cards. Dedicate the participating women with a prayer of consecration.

“In the various branches of the work of God’s cause, there is a wide field in which our sisters may do good service for the Master. The labours of such Christian women are needed” (Ellen G White, Review and Herald, Dec. 10, 1914).
COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

What is it?
Community Outreach ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of your community.

How to Begin
Research the demographics of your community (population, religious preferences, income, etc.).

How do you discover the felt needs of various groups in your community?
• By mingling with people as Jesus mingled.
• By bringing personal ministry to individual homes.
• By asking “What do you need?” through canvassed questionnaires or by chatting as neighbors.
• By researching local community service agencies.

Community Outreach Ideas
• Seminars on topics such as healthful cooking, stress reduction, AIDS prevention, grief recovery, self-esteem, depression, and family matters that include issues of child abuse, single parenting, and marriage enrichment.
• Classes for language literacy, computer literacy, micro-business training, or English as a second language.
• Service assisting abused women, respite care for care-givers, child advocacy, or help for the homeless.

To be successful, pray often, plan well, and always suit your program to the needs of your community and the resources available.

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