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Women's Ministries in the Bangladesh Union Mission

To begin, I would like to share a quote from *Messages to Young People*, p. 357—"The Lord would have woman seek constantly to improve both in mind and heart, gaining intellectual and moral strength that she may lead a useful and happy life,—a blessing to the world and an honor to her Creator.."

Women's Ministries Seminars - So far Women's Ministries trained about 1,800 women for different church responsibilities for the years 2001-2004, encouraging them to do their duties faithfully in the different responsibilities for which they were appointed.

Women and Health Evangelism Training - During 2001-2004, Women's Ministries trained 450 women in the sessions for preaching the gospel to this generation.

Women's Convention - The first Women's Convention was held at the Mirpur Campus, Dhaka, September 11-14, 2003. Women from different territories participated and made history by contributing their own money to hold it; 175 women attended.

Women's International Day of Prayer and Women's Ministries Emphasis Day - According to the church calendar, we observe these special days every year in missions, institutions, and local churches. On these special days the women get to speak, pray, read the Bible, sing songs, and witness for the Lord in the church service and Sabbath school program.

Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day - This is a very good program for Women's and Family Ministries. For the past 4 years Women's and Family Ministries of Bangladesh Union Mission have emphasized this program in the missions, institutions, and the local churches. It is appreciated by many people, and they think that it should be promoted to non-Christians also.

Women and Health Evangelism Meetings – So far we have conducted 20 Women and Health Evangelism Meetings during 2001-2004. As a result 1,108 souls were baptized. By the end of this year we will have more souls for Christ.

Women's Prayer Cell Group - The local church Women's Ministries leader formed Small Group Ministries in different territories to pray for the sick and the sufferings.

In conclusion, I would like to share the quote from *Evangelism* p. 464, "The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Savior will

reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and will give them a power that exceeds that of men.”

Ann Biswas
Women's Ministries director,
Bangladesh Union Mission

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Not Shown: Two pictures – Women's prayer cell group; first Women's Convention in Dhaka.
Available at <http://wm.gd.adventist.org>

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Discipleship Training School Opens

The Women's Association of Southeast Korean Conference opened a discipleship training school under the auspices of the Busan and Daegu District Women's Association. They had their first meeting under the title of “The Discovery of another Esther to bear the Responsibilities of the Nation in these days.” The Women's Association members got together to consult and pray for more than a month and a half in preparation for the first meeting on April 10 in Busan district. The attendance was 61 members including 8 pastors from the district. It was an instructive and impressive meeting. The first meeting in Daegu district was held on April 24, attended by 35 persons; they also had a spiritual time together. Everyone felt a missionary passion. We believe that this monthly meeting will develop into the Southeast Korean Conference Women's movement and promote its leaders' spiritual ability.

Not Shown: One picture of participants. Available at <http://wm.gc.adventist.org>

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Maranatha - Durban:

The Women's Ministries department at Maranatha comprises a small but faithful band of ladies. They decided to adopt the AIDS orphans at St. Mary's Hospital, Marrianhill, as a project for 2004.

An amount of R2000-00 was raised (US\$46.) and the ladies made teddy bears, caps, baby blankets, and duvets.

In November 2004 they visited St. Mary's and were met by Sr. Regina, CEO, who received the cheque and took the ladies to visit the children's ward. There was great excitement when the caps and teddy bears were given to the children.

The ladies were so deeply touched by the plight of these children that they have decided to continue with their project for 2005.

Frances Charles
Maranatha, March 2005

Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Malaysia:

March 13-19, 2005, was the high point for the Women's Ministries group in Goshen under the capable leadership of Winia Santon. For many months, this group of women had laid the groundwork for an evangelistic effort, setting a goal for 50 souls. Since money was needed, the women raised \$5,000 Malaysian dollars through a food fair. Mrs Fien Sumendap, shepherdess coordinator of SSD, was the invited speaker, and to the delight of the women, she brought with her US\$2,000 to help them with expenses. This was a very pleasant surprise. Working hand in glove with the pastors and elders in the district, the women witnessed 170 baptisms at the end of the evangelism. Praise the Lord!

Women's Ministries director for Sabah, Jupitah Lim, was pleased with the growth experienced by women involved in Women's Ministries. She believes that the training and certification that the groups are working on currently has helped them focus on soul winning as the most important component of this work.

SSD Women's Ministries director, Dr Ellen Missah, also visited Sabah to assist with Women's Ministries certification classes March 12 and 13 in Tamparuli, right on the mission compound. Although the group was limited to 100 women, 308 women showed up for the four classes conducted for Level One certification—Communication Skills, Effective Leadership, Introduction to Women's Ministries and Self-esteem.

Ellen almost could not make it for this training as she was having some problems with her eardrum, but the Lord healed her so she did make the trip.

Sabah plans to have a Women's Convention December 2-4, 2005 in Tamparuli to further encourage the women and inspire them for greater service.

Sally Lam-Phoon
Women's Ministries director

Go to our website: <http://wm.gc.adventist.org> for more news and information.

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Five Valuable Characteristics to Help You Achieve a Servant Attitude:

Adjustability. Do you have the capacity to accept the unpleasant graciously? It is often true that the more you focus on others the easier it becomes to adjust to life's changes.

Attitudes: Your attitudes are clearly reflected in your habitual way of feeling about people and things. Learn to judge yourself—not others. Trust those who have earned your respect. Look inward and outward with respect and trust.

Emotional control: We all have constructive and destructive emotions.

Worry is a classic example of a negative emotion that can sap energy and distort your thinking. So live above worry by cultivating the positive emotions of faith and hope.

Impulse control: Think before you act or speak. Planning, self-control, and self-discipline allow you to accomplish much more than you could otherwise. This saves time, energy, and enables you to accomplish those things that are really worth while.

Sensitivity: Develop a sincere desire and ability to be aware of the feelings, needs, and wishes of others. This will prepare you to become a source of strength and encouragement to give of yourself as a leader. To give your time, your smile, or some specific talent to those whose lives you touch. *It Takes Little to Be Above Average*, Florence Littauer.

Your manners are like a silver thread running throughout your personality, making it beautiful. Good manners are perhaps the most vital and distinguishing characteristic of a person. Good manner are never reserved for special people, but sincerely practiced every minute of every day. The mail man, the store clerk, the paperboy—everyone who comes within your sphere of influence are accepted and respected as important individuals. A lady is always a lady regardless of the situation. Rudeness on the part of others is not justification to demonstrate a lack of courtesy.

As you pray for the Holy Spirit to shape your attitudes so that they truly represent our Heavenly Father, your life will take on a richer meaning. You will be rewarded by the success that you experience as a leader when you have achieved the attitude of a servant leader.

Having the Bearing of a Leader:

Mothers are the queens of their households. We are daughters of the King. People want to look up to someone. As you develop your leadership skills, don't let your Christian humility keep you hovering in a corner. Stand up straight and walk with confidence, speak with conviction.

Sometimes Christian women are thought of as plain and frumpy. Let's change that. It doesn't take an expensive wardrobe but some co-ordination, well-cared-for-clothing; good grooming and good posture go a long way in accomplishing your goal of having the attitude of a servant and the bearing of a Christian leader.

A popular speaker at women's groups suggests that in the morning when you stand before the mirror readying yourself for the day, pretend there's a string on the top of your head being pulled up to heaven. Keep your elbows back and your tummy tucked. A leader should have a certain bearing. So make sure before presenting yourself to the world that you're well put together in such a secure way that you have no doubts draining your demeanor.

The Bearing that says you are a leader:

- 1-Your entire physical being expresses yourself.
- 2-People believe what they see and you can control what they see. Assume good posture, a pleasant, relaxed facial expression, and make sure that your clothing is appropriate and that you are well groomed.
- 3-Act in a slow and deliberate, purposeful manner. Whether you scratch your head, adjust your eyeglasses, straighten your scarf, or search for a piece of scrap paper in your folder, do it with

purpose. Almost anything you need to do will be okay, if it is done with purpose. If you make your moves too rapidly, too abruptly, or without awareness, chances are you will come across as being nervous, flustered, unprepared. Remember that 85 percent of what you communicate will be transmitted non-verbally.

4-Don't respond to distractions: Don't let furniture, the air-conditioning fan, sirens outside, airplanes overhead, or a wart on the presenter's nose take you off track!

5-When entering your boss's office, pause. Wait to be noticed and invited to have a seat. Cross the room maintaining good posture and extend your right hand and give a firm handshake while wearing a sincere smile on your face.

6-When sitting around a conference table, sit back in your chair with relaxed open arms. -

D. A. Benton,

Lions Don't Need to Roar, Time Warner

(Taken from the Leadership Certification Seminar Level 1 "Professional Appearance" by Rose Otis)

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God's Timing

Bethlyne Dick is from Vanuatu, the second child of five, and now in her second year of the theology diploma program at Fulton College – a faithful and competent student. Her family is not able to meet her financial needs, and so early in 2004 when the Women's Ministries representative from the Fiji Mission called at Fulton, Bethlyne asked her about the possibility of some sponsorship from Women's Ministries. The application was completed and sent in, and Bethlyne waited and hoped and prayed. As the date for registration (Feb 16) approached, Bethlyne's prayers became more urgent, and often ended in her tears as she cried herself to sleep. The day before registration in family worship in the home where Bethlyne stays and gives help, Bethlyne took a promise from the promise box and read, 'And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.' (Lev.26:12) That gave some comfort, and strengthened her faith. She felt that God was somehow going to meet her need. But the next day she did not go to register, nor the next.

On the 18th she finally had the courage to go and see the Principal in the hope of being allowed to start classes while her family desperately tried to find some financial help. Then to her surprise on the 22nd of February the Principal called for her and told her there was a letter waiting for her, and asked if he could see what it said. It was from the Women's Ministries department, and said her sponsorship had been approved, and Bethlyne's financial needs for the year were largely covered.

The next tears were from joy, mixed with prayers of thanks. To her surprise and delight Bethlyne found that the day she had read the comforting promise of God's care was the very day the letter telling of her sponsorship had been mailed. God worked in a mysterious way to strengthen the faith of a young lady training for His service!

by Dr Ray Wilkinson for Bev Chapman, Fulton College
Sent in by Joy Butler, WM director, South Pacific Division

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Prayer Corner

Emilienne Rasamoely, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division WM director, and the Division

Joy Butler, South Pacific Division WM director, and the Division

Women who are helping prostitutes know Jesus

Special Meetings—July 4 - 7 at GC Session—sponsored by Women’s Ministries and Shepherdess International

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Special Days

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