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## Seventh-day Adventists Women Help Masai Girls

According to a report in the June 17, 2003, Adventist News Network, a group of Seventh-day Adventist women from the NewLife Church Women's Ministry in Nairobi, Kenya, have organized a Rehabilitation and Education Center to help Masai girls. The traditional beliefs and practices continue to deprive many of these girls of basic human rights and force them into early marriages - "sometimes as young as age seven." However, because of the compassion of a concerned group of Adventist ladies, the situation is changing.

Started in 2000 with 15 girls, the Kajiado Rehabilitation and Education Center offers shelter, education, and friendship to 61 girls between the ages of six and twelve. Coming from diverse backgrounds, all of the girls have experienced extreme poverty and forced marriages, and some have been sexually abused.

The principal of the center revealed that the first time some of the girls saw a bed was at the center. They had to be taught everything- how to make up their bed, how to shower, "and even how they're supposed to put on their clothes, because back at home, they only put on sheets, and even some don't have clothing." A staff of four guardian teachers take care of the girls and teach them how to read and write during their four-year stay at the center.

Since women have no rights in Masai culture, when they first arrive at the center, the girls are very shy; but after counseling, interacting with the staff and socializing with one another, they open up and are happy for their new freedom. But the center is challenged by some mothers who come to take their daughters back to the old way of life. Also, the center has to fight against the practice of female genital cutting. This usually takes place when the Masai girl is seven years old. At this age she is considered to be a woman and ready for marriage.

Some of the women at the NewLife Church serve as surrogate mothers for the girls and visit them once per month. Also, many of the girls' mothers visit consistently and are pleased with what the center has done for their daughters.

The center has been a real "source of hope" and help for many Masai girls. What the NewLife Church women are doing can truly be called "a ministry of compassion at its best." - ANC

### Evangelism: 'Let God Speak' Countdown

- July 13 - Bible Workers' Training Programme begins
- Mid-July -Media (newspapers, TV and Radio) advertising begins.
- July 26 - Evangelism commitment Sabbath
- Mega rally - first distribution of Bible lessons. Crusade teams' meeting. Decide on days for prayer and fasting.
- August 2 - Distribute crusade posters among churches.
- August 10 - 24 - Youth revival
- August 17 - 24 -Let God Speak pre-crusade revival (in co-operation with youth revival)
- August 24 -31 -Crusade grounds preparation
- August 30 - Prayer - 24-hour prayer circle
- August 31 to September 12 - Pitching and preparing tent for opening night.
- August 30 -Distribution of special invitations
- Sabbath afternoon August 30 - Mega rally #2
- August 31 -Arrival of evangelist
- Sept. 6 -Distribution of flyers
- Mega rally #3 with evangelist
- a) -Review all teams and crusade workers
- b) -Present Master Prospect List and Bible Lesson Graduates names with addresses and phone numbers.
- Sept. 6 - 12 Final check on all aspects of crusade to ensure readiness for 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Sept. 10 - All or part-night prayer meeting
- Sept. 12 - Rehearsal for opening night
- Sept. 13 - Opening night - 7:30
- Graduation for persons who took Bible lessons
- Sept. 14 -Mass Pathfinder parade to crusade site (distribution of flyers)
- Duration of crusade: September 13 to October 12 (Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

don't let somebody tell you about how good it was. Here is your invitation to hear and see the best dressed Adventist Men Chorale in the Commonwealth.

### HIV/AIDS Awareness Seminar

Pastor Paul A. Scavella, Health Ministries Director, will lead out in a HIV/AIDS Awareness seminar today at 6:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Church. Come and be informed.

### Funeral Announcements

The Bahamas Conference of SDA Officers, Departmental Directors, Ministers and Office Personnel extend heartfelt condolences to our colleagues, Pastor Jeremiah and Mrs. Joan Duncombe on the demise of their mother, Mrs. Ethel Duncombe.

Funeral service for Mrs. Duncombe will be held on Sunday, July 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillview Church.

We regret to announce the death of long serving Elder Bert Clarke of Devil's Point SDA Church, Cat Island on July 1, 2003. Funeral arrangement will be announced.

Condolences are extended to the families of Sisters Naomi Lockhart and Jacklyn Rahming. Please be assured of our prayerful support. - Administration, Bahamas Conference

### KEEPING THE FIRES OF LOVE FOR YOUNG COUPLES SEMINAR

The theme of our fourth quarter's upcoming Marriage Enrichment Seminar, October 31 to November 1, 2003, specifically for couples married less than 10 years, is "Keeping the fires of love for young couples." Plan to be there. Seminar co-ordinators are Pastors Michael A. Smith and Barrington H. Brennen. More information coming soon.

**DATA SOFTWARE FOR CHURCHES.** All church pastors are reminded to acquire the Church Membership Directory software as urgently as possible. Call Barrington Brennen as soon as possible.

### Youth Corner

● All Pathfinders/Masterguides are requested to participate in the Independence Day Parade on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m. The parade begins at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center and ends at Clifford Park.

● Work continues at the camp site tomorrow, July 6 with Hillview, Francophone, Bethel and Ebenezer Pathfinders. They will assist the skilled workers in preparing the campsite for BAMIVOCA 2003.

● BAMIVOCA 2003 will be held July 27 to August 3. Registration for Adventurers and Pathfinders is ongoing. Sign up NOW with your

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Hillview Adventist Men's Chorale to Host Pre-Independence Concert Today at 6:30 p.m.

Under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. Cynthia A. Pratt, MP, JP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hillview SDA Men Chorale invites you to attend a Pre-Independence Concert at the Hillview Church today July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of a Halfway House for the Simpson Penn Centre for Boys. A love offering will be lifted. Come and hear male voices at their best. This is a family affair, so

local club director or at the Conference Office. Deadline is July 14.

● Adventist Youth Council for Summer Crusade and A. Y. Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Berea Church. All A.Y Leaders and other persons working in the trenches of evangelism are invited to attend.

#### ●Church League Basketball Continues Tonight

The Basketball league continues tonight at the H. D. Colburn Gym. Tonight's schedule is as follows: Living Faith vs Bahamas Academy; Johnson Park vs Bethany; Berea vs. Hillview and Breath of Life vs Philadelphia.

#### Health Ministries

●It will be bigger and better than ever. It's the Second Quarterly Be Healthy, Be Happy Fun Run. Get in shape, and stay in shape as we walk by faith with Jesus. Pathfinders, Adventists Men, Women's Ministry, plan to be there. Come get FREE breakfast and weight management tips. Order your Be Healthy, Be Happy T-shirts NOW. (Call 341-4021/2)

●●Coming in November is a Health Seminar to be conducted by presenters Dr. W. R. McMillan of the West Indies Union; Dr./Pastor Honoree, Inter-American Division; Doctor and Mrs Hollingstead from Pacific Health; and Pastor Paul Scavella. Vegetarian cuisine cooking by Marlene McKinney will be available. Seminars will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 nightly, Wednesday to Friday and all day on Sabbath.

Continuing Education Credit is being sought with two institutions for those who attend. Confirmation will be forthcoming. The programme can accommodate only 150 persons, so register today.

#### Colporteurs to Meet

All part-time Colporteurs and others who are interested in the Publishing Ministry are invited to meet at the Philadelphia Church on Sunday, July 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

#### Adventist Business Newsletter

Churches are asked to collect their copies of the first issue of Adventist Business News on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, after 1:00 p.m. for distribution on Wednesday nights. This newsletter is not to be distributed on Sabbaths. - Barrington H. Brennen, Departmental Director

#### SAFE Seminar Cancelled

The S.A.F.E. (Sexual Abstinence for Everyone) seminar has been cancelled, a future date and time will be announce.

#### Lost and Found

A Timex watch was found at the campsite at the end of a recent workday. Its owner should call M. Bonamy at 393-8507Hm. or 394-8935 to identify.

#### Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camp Continues

The first week of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camp got off to a successful start. Person interested can still register their boys and girls at the camp from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the H. D. Colburn Gym.

#### PENTECOST 5000

#### 'Let God Speak' Reaping Campaign

On September 13, 2003, at 7 p.m. the Bahamas Conference of SDA will embark on the largest citywide crusade in our history under the theme "Let God Speak." Evangelist Guy Nembhard is requesting that all members pray for the upcoming meetings during our Wednesday' prayer services and in our daily family and private devotions.

#### Personal Ministries Monthly

#### General Meeting

All head elders, elders responsible for Personal Ministries and Personal Ministries Leaders are asked to attend the monthly general meeting July, 6, 2003, at 8 a.m. at the Centreville Church. - T. Basil Sturru, Departmental Director

#### Best-kept Secret in The Adventist Church

ASI (Adventists Laymen's Services and Industries) is an organization for Adventist business leaders to hasten the Lord's second coming through witnessing about Jesus in the business environment.

At its last meeting, Mr. Sidney Sylvester was elected second vice-president and Mrs. Kimberly Bryan secretary/treasurer

A very important ASI meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Conference Office. Plans for the upcoming ASI thanksgiving banquet, to be held November 29, 2003, will be discussed. ASI dues are now due

For information regarding an ASI Convention planed for Trinidad and Tobago August 15 to 22, 2004, please contact Dr. Alvira Higgs at 325-5866.

#### Grant's Town to Host Independence Day Cook Out July 10<sup>th</sup>

From 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July 10, 2003, the Grant's Town Church Community Services Department will host a cookout at the Western Esplanade. An assortment of dishes will be available. You're invited to come and support this event.

#### VBA Need Volunteer Cooks

VBA request persons who are willing to volunteer their cooking skills to assist with providing lunches for the camp site, Ephesus

and especially Bahamas Academy Project to please contact D. Ritchie at 341-0550 or W. Ash at 394-1063.

#### No SDA Burial Society Meeting

There will be no meeting of the SDA Burial Society during the month of July, owing to Evangelistic Outreach programme at the Church. -H. Moncur

#### Adelaide SDA Church to hold Revival

Camp Meeting 2003 continues at the Adelaide SDA Church under the Theme "Lord Send the Fire," as follow: Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Sabbath, July 12<sup>th</sup> special services will be held at 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service followed by fellowship meal; 3:30 Health Symposium and 6:15 p.m. Services will conclude with a concert.

#### Living Faith Church Mega Weekend

#### July 16 to 20, 2003

The Living Faith Church will host a mega weekend at the church on Old Trail Road under the theme "Seven Steps to Revival In Your Life." Services will be held nightly from July 16 to 18 at 7:30. On Sabbath, July 19 at 11 a.m. Sabbath afternoon at 6:00 o'clock a mega concert. On Sunday the activities will conclude with a mega church picnic. Place and time to be announced.

#### VBS at Living Faith Church

Vacation Bible School will be held June 30 to July 11 at the Living Faith Church. Sessions run from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. A fun-filled time is planned for our youngsters. Parents can register by calling 324-2721. -Dr. C. McPhee

#### VBA at Hillview Church

The Sabbath School Extension Division of the Hillview Church cordially invite parents and guardians to register their children for Vacation Bible School beginning July 21 to August 1 at the church on Harrold Road. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. A fun-filled time is promised for those in attendance. -M. Walker-Coordinator

Two Christian young ladies need a room for July and August. Call Dr. Carey at 3414021 or 324-0470

Sun sets today at 8:04 p.m.

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