



Calendar 2019

- 24/6-27/9
Long Service
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- 1-3 November
New Caledonia
Women's Retreat

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Welcome Spring

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Where we lived in Pakistan, there were only two main seasons: hot and cold. In between, there were a few short weeks of nice weather. The rest of the time it was either too hot or too cold. The hot weather also lingered too long. So how hot was hot? About 7 months of over 30 degrees Celsius and at least three months of over 40 degrees, where night temperature would drop to 30 degrees. Relief would come with a dust storm that would bring dust to every possible place in the apartment, although our windows were closed during the storm. After the dust storm, there would be rain. For a few hours we would relish the 25 degrees. The next day would be hot again; this time humid too, which made the 40 degrees-plus heat more unbearable.

I told my husband that I would like to live in a more moderate climate next time. Where did we go? To Papua New Guinea where summer is all year round! Most days the top temperature is around 30 degrees. Hot and humid.

My next request to my husband was to live in a four-season climate. Having grown up in a Mediterranean climate, I have found Sydney weather,

where I now live, very similar. With September in Sydney comes the joyous expectation of sunny days, of spring and summer, of beach games, whale watching and spring fruits. At the same time, my friends in Europe are sadly saying goodbye to summer and preparing winter warmers.

Like other springs, I look forward to new green leaves on the trees, spring fruits such as cherries and strawberries, longer days so I can walk after work in daylight, and smelling the roses in full bloom. More than that, spring reminds me of the new heaven and new earth that God is preparing for us, where we will no longer need days such as last month's EndIt-Now and Women's Ministry Emphasis Day. All will be well!

What is this month bringing to you?

What are you bringing to others this month?



Ministry that Empowers



There is a man in New York who decided to use his profits to help people who are forgotten or don't have the adequate resources. He created an organisation called "Believe in Yourself" which provides brand new dresses to girls from low-income families. They are required to set a goal for themselves and when they accomplish that goal they receive another dress. This project is dedicated to the gainful advancement and empowerment of young women with a gift of confidence. Read more about the organisation on the following website <https://www.believeinyourself.org/>. Although we may not have the company of the one of the largest internet retailers as Mr Sisakhti to start up a charitable organisation like Believe in Yourself, we have God who believes in us, blesses us and together we may be an unstoppable force for good. What ministry idea for women in your area has flourished?

Digital Resources

The Discipleship Ministries Team of the South Pacific Division has invested in digital resources for church leaders and church members. You can find them on the following websites:

<https://vimeo.com/spddiscipleship>

<https://vimeo.com/spddiscipleship/albums/sort:date/format:detail>

What will you find there?

1. Adventures in Discipleship

Several stories where you will see how ordinary people share the Gospel and how ordinary churches have found ways to multiply and grow.

2. Adolescent Journey

Nick Kross sheds light on the adolescent journey that young people go through from childhood to adulthood and what parents and church members can do to help them through that journey. Two insightful videos.

3. Sabbath School Lesson

Short summaries of Sabbath School lessons shared by ordinary people and how the lesson relates to their life. These are available for the last three quarters. Find topics such as: Preparing for Change, Wise Words for Families, and Keys to Family Unity.

4. Multiplying Disciples and Churches

This is a trailer that gives a snapshot of other detailed videos on the themes of discipleship and church planting.

5. Following Jesus

Several episodes that explain how Jesus prepared disciples and what it means to us. Other videos in this series have the following titles: Preparation, Foundations, Participation, Leadership Multiplication, Movements.

6. Following the Spirit

Several episodes that explain how the movement grew after Jesus. Titles such as Movement Foundations, Relational Streams, Multiplying through Oikos, Multiplying Hubs, Movement Multiplication.

7. Church Planting

Several videos explaining how to plant a church in one year. The following topics are covered: Why Plant Churches?, Relational Streams, The Harvest Cycle of Evangelism, Become a World Changer, Jesus' Method of Discipleship, Discovery Bible Reading.

8. Stewardship

Several videos enlarging the view of stewardship: Keep it Clean, Trust & Give, Trust & Dedication, Trust & Care,

Trust & Service. Other Stewardship videos available include The Results of Stewardship, The Habits of a Steward, Debt – A Daily Decision, The Role of Stewardship, The Impact of Tithing, Offerings of Gratitude, Honesty with God, The Mark of a Steward, Escape from the World's Ways and others.

9. The TuIs

Several episodes of children's cartoons that use everyday situations to help kids understand Bible truths and open the way for parents and children to talk about important topics. Adults will also enjoy watching. There are additional resources available for each episode for both children and parents at <http://thetuis.tv/>.

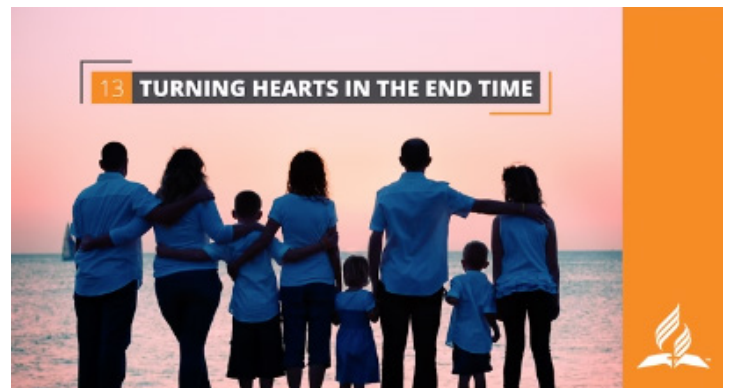
How can you use these videos?

- As tools for your personal development
- Share them during church programs
- Share them with your family, friends and small groups
- Share them on social media, so others can also use them

Let us know if you would like other materials developed. We're here to serve you.



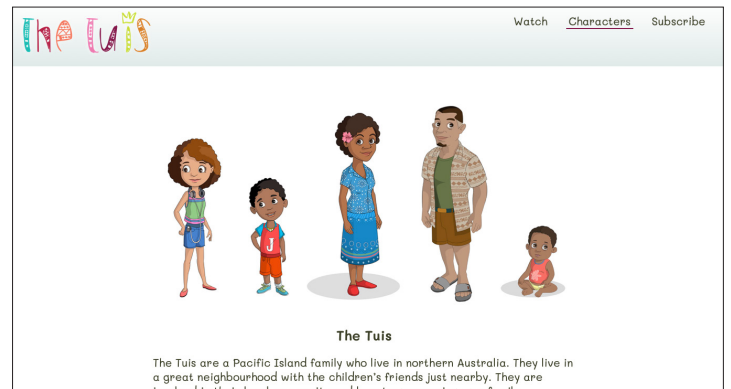
Adventures in Discipleship



Turning Hearts in the End Time



The Adolescent Journey



The TuIs

North New Zealand Retreat for Women



Lynelle Laws, Women's Ministry and Partners in Ministry leader for the North New Zealand Conference, organised a Women's Ministry retreat in Silverstream, Upper Hutt, New Zealand from May 3-5, titled 'Start With Amen'. Guest speaker was Litiana Rakarakatia Turner, Children's Ministry Director

for the South Pacific Division, who thanked "Lynelle and her awesome team for such fun fellowship, authentic sharing and the privilege of testifying to each other of the GREATNESS & GOODNESS of our ever faithful God."

South Qld Renew Women's Conference

Priscilla Mariassouze, guest speaker for the Adventist Women South Queensland Renew Conference, challenged women to DEFINE their purpose, DISCIPLINE their purpose and DEFEND their purpose in Jesus Christ. Before attending the

conference, women were invited to bring warm jumpers, jackets, new socks and blankets for men and women. Those were later distributed to homeless people in their community — items renewed to be a blessing to others!



News From Solomon Islands

Women's Ministry has been involved for years in tackling illiteracy in several Pacific countries. Earlier this year another celebration was in place in Isabel Province—Buk Save Literacy Graduation. Men, women, young and not so young can now read. What a blessing!



Kopiu Adventist High School in Guadalcanal completed the Real Me seminar. It is the first of its kind program where they also involved boys and not only girls.



While at Kopiu Bay Beverley Maega, the leader of Women's Ministries for Solomon Islands Mission also participated in Women's Ministry Emphasis day.



Being unsure about how to proceed is the most natural feeling in the world. I feel that way all the time.
Asking for input is not a sign of weakness but often the first step to finding a path forward.

Sheryl Sandberg