

REACH
THE WORLD



I WILL
GO



I WILL GO
Proclaim the Three Angels' Messages



Quinquennial Report of Family/Possibility Ministries Dept submitted to WAD Year-end session 2020 by Bindas, Stephen Haruna

- It is not news today to know that we are indeed in a new setting because of what Covid-19 has done to the whole world. No one expected it, but we are experiencing it. But because our all-knowing God has allowed it, He has a purpose for it.
- We thank God for this church. While we thought the whole world has come to an end, behold, new ways of doing things have emerged, and of course, things seem to me moving faster than we thought.

ADVISORIES

- As we all know, the 2015-2020 quinquennium started with the usual advisories after the General Conference session in San Antonio.
- The family Ministries Department had the following sub themes as the focus for the quinquennium:
 - 2016 Reach the world through healthy families for eternity
 - 2017 Growing Disciples
 - 2018 Discipleship and service

- 2019 Strengthening Disciples
- 2020 Making Disciples
- This resource materials were all produced by the General Conference Family ministries Department and made available to all the divisions
- This was followed by the Division advisories, and subsequently the Union advisories.

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- BUDAPEST HUNGARY- This was a partnership of the Family, children and Women's Ministries to strengthen our families, child training which becomes the bedrock of every society.
- Kenya AUA – Pan African Family Ministries Conference: This conference was hosted by the three Divisions in Africa to discuss and suggest ways to view Family challenges in the African context of family education on issues such as polygamy, high bride price, dual career marriages and high rate of divorce.

Kenya AUA.



- The collaboration between the Publishing and Family Ministries departments gave birth to the Missionary book of the year which centered on the family.
- During the quinquennium, we had a training for all our Union Family Ministries Directors with the General Conference Directors as our resource persons in Lome Togo in 2019.

Lome Training



WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
FAMILY LIFE AND PUBLISHING MINISTRIES

PRESENTS:
FAMILY LIFE IMPACT WEEK OF PRAYER

THEME:
FAMILY ENRICHMENT week

COME TOGETHER AND BE BLESSED!

FEATURING: COUNSELLING, SPECIAL PRAYER, HEALTH TALK, BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TIPS, HOW TO RAISE GODLY CHILDREN, FAMILY FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH, REACHING COUPLE GOALS, BONDAGE BREAKING, AND DELIVERANCE.

VENUE: ALL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCHES
<http://wad.adventist.org/family-ministries>
<http://wad.adventist.org/publishing-department>
www.wad.adventist.org

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100 years of Adventist Family Ministries

- Within the quinquennium we celebrated the 100 years of Family Ministries from 1919 – 2019. This was a celebration through out the world church. Our division was not left out as some Unions honored long married couples in their congregations. The division office was not left out in the celebration.

Older couples







The Centenary Cake,





A CROSS SECTION OF THE UNION PRESIDENTS



PLANS FOR THE COMING QUIQUENNITIUM



As the pandemic is still raging and the uncertainties still blurring our vision, the church of God is still marching on. We have already done the General Conference Advisory with the I WILL GO strategic initiative.

The focus of the Family Ministries is I WILL GO WITH MY FAMILY

The family resource materials for this year is captioned: **Unity in the Community.**

This is meant to x-ray the family in the light of Matthew 15:42-45

- *“ For I was hungry and you gave nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me. Then they will go away to eternal punishment but the righteous to eternal life.” (Matt. 25:25-27)NIV.*

- Thus the WAD strategic focus for the 2020 – 2025 quinquennium has newly rebranded it I WILL GO WITH MY FAMILY. It is hope that the content of the material will bring Pastors, church members, and leaders in Adventist Family Ministries a sense of new calling from God on our lives and that this calling will include all families in their involvement in the Primary mission of the Church of being light and salt to those who are in desperate need of the Savior, while also being mindful of the people's needs for food shelter, clothing, security, friendship and a sense of well-being.

MY PRAYER

May the signs of the times help us a sense of urgency of the hour, and , like Isaiah be able to also declare with conviction “ I WILL GO!!!”

ADVENTIST POSSIBILITY MINISTRIES



- This is not a new nomenclature for us in the WAD executive committee. I know we voted the transition from Special Needs Ministry to what it is now.
- The truth of the matter is that this initiative started with the present administration in this passing quinquennium. It is indeed hard to embrace novelty.
- It became a challenge for me as a director in charge to make our unions to understand how serious this initiative is and I thought I was doing for us a favor to draw our attention to a proverb in my place

- The poverb goes like this:

GOD HAS NOT FINISHED CREATING YOU UNTIL YOU DIE.

- As I am reporting to this honorable house, some of our Unions have not taken the challenge of this initiative by the church serious
- They have neither allowed some of us to run programs nor put directors to coordinate the activities

- However, I want to acknowledge the cooperation of these unions
 - Southern Ghana Union Conference
 - Northern Ghana Union Mission
 - Northern Nigeria Union Conference
 - Eastern Nigeria Union Conference
 - Cameroon Union Mission
 - Eastern Sahel Union Mission
 - Western Sahel Union Mission

Special events ENUC- ABA

- In the past quinquennium we were able to organized and hosted successful conventions of people with various forms of disability in three of the Unions





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- Some initiatives have been added to what we had before because of the demands and the needs of the members:
- The blind and Low vision Ministry
- The Deaf and Hard of hearing Ministry
- Mental Health and Wellness Ministry
- Orphans and Vulnerable children Ministry
- Physical and Mobility Ministry
- Bereavement and Spousal loss Ministry
- Caregiver Ministry



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- As a department we have developed a 3A Strategy on how to involve our members in the implementation of the plan for the quinquennium:

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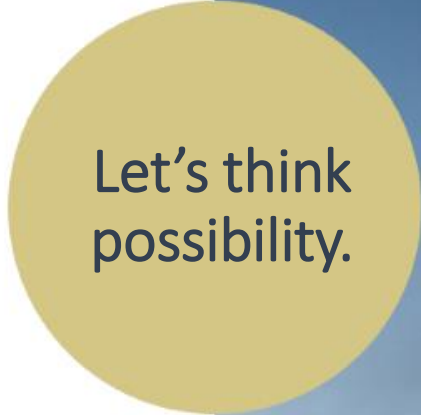
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ACTION PLAN



THE 3A
STRATEGY

- While these strategic actions are interrelated but they may represent a progressive development of love and concern, they are often an interwoven and simultaneous ministry response to those who have been alienated, ignored or hurt by others
- When linked together, this comprehensive approach can make a lasting difference.
- Behind the “ 3- A’s Strategy is not only the desire to understand, to instill hope and to inspire the marginalized, but also to encourage them to be the same with others who may have experienced unfortunate circumstances.



Let's think
possibility.

- By providing a ministry for them, we in turn call them to become a ministry for and with others.
- Together, we can make a difference in someone's life

We can
make a
difference.



- Some Unions have not embrace this ministries and are not responding to mails.
- The ministry is becoming wider because of the demand from those who have special needs.
- The materials are expensive to purchase
- Non reporting of activities is a disease that must be cured.

Challenge
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- *“ God will hold the church responsible as a body for the wrong course of its members. If a selfish and unsympathizing spirit is allowed to exist in any of its members toward the unfortunate, the widow, the orphan, the blind, the lame or those who are sick in body or mind. He will hide his face from his people until they do their duty and remove the wrong from among them. If any professing the name of Christ so far misrepresent their Savior as to be unmindful of their duty to the afflicted, or if they in any way seek to advantage themselves to the injury of the unfortunate*

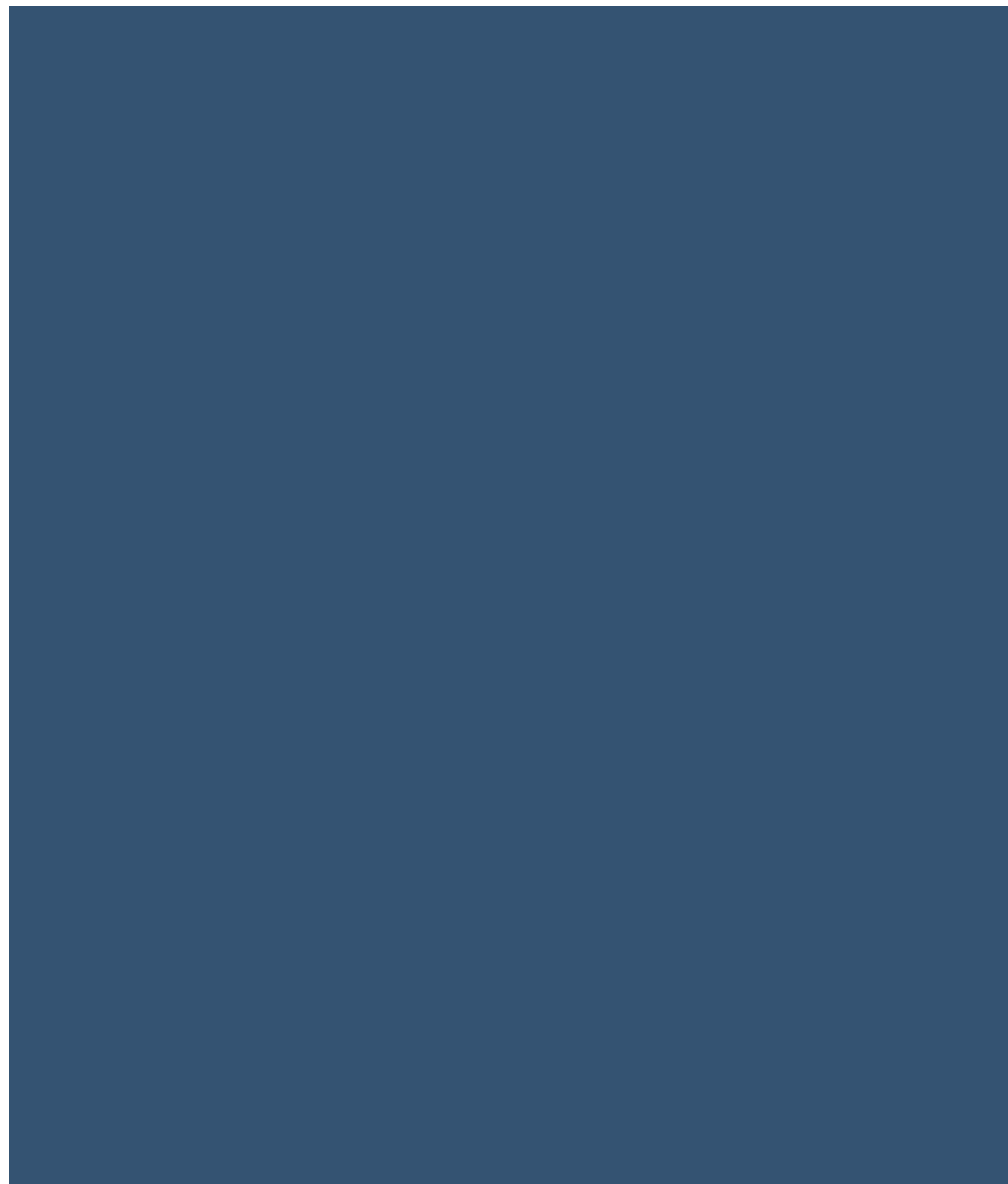
3 Testimonies, p. 517

and thus rob them of means, the Lord hold the church accountable for the sin of its members until they have done all they can to remedy the existing evil. He will not harken to the prayers of His people while the orphan and the fatherless , the lame, the blind and the sick are neglected among them.”



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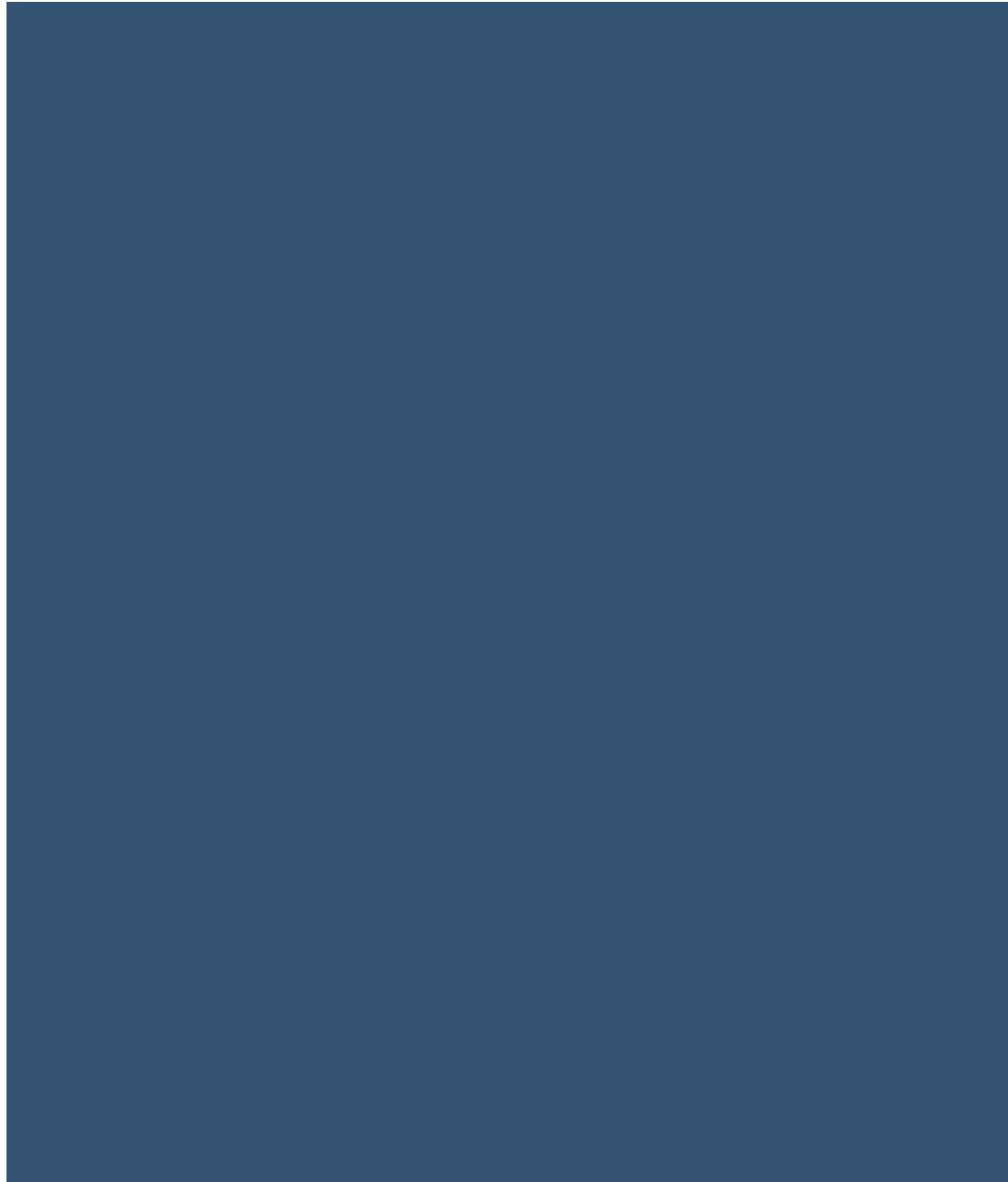


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