

# NORTHERN JEWELS



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"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my jewels". Mal 3:17

In Pursuit of Excellence in Ministry

## Your Church is Blessed to have Leaders like you

My beloved Leaders

Your commitment to Women and children's Ministries during 2010 has been outstanding. You faced the challenges of ministry with boldness and passion and exercised commendable leadership skills. Consequently, your ministry was fulfilling and rewarding as growth and development were realized. I maintain that your church is blessed to have leaders like you.

We bid adieu to the islands of Antigua, Barbuda, Nevis, St Kitts and Montserrat as they restructure to form the South Leeward Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. We wish Children's Ministries continued success under the leadership of Dr Eulalie Semper and the same for Women's Ministries under the Leadership of Mrs Sonia Smith. I solicit your continued prayer and support for these two key ministries and the leaders whom God has chosen.

It was a profound joy to serve you. May you always find favor with God and may all your plans succeed. Ps 20:4



Mrs Gerene Joseph

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Children of Barbuda rendering a musical selection on Pan, while Elder Melanie Rodgers and Pastor Claudette Andrews smile in appreciation.



## Highlights of Vacation Bible School 2010

**enditnow**  
 Adventists Say No to Violence Against Women

enditnow is a global campaign to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence against women and girls around the world. It aims to mobilize Adventists around the world and invites other community groups to join in to resolve this worldwide issue.



*Villa SDA (Antigua)*



*Scenes from New Maranatha VBS (Antigua)*





*Bethesda SDA (Antigua)*



## Children's Ministries in Action in the BVI



**East End SDA (BVI) conducted Children's Week of Prayer, Fun Day, Training in the Gracelink Curriculum and a special Weekend Emphasis for Children. Congratulations to CM Leader Shehida Adolphus for her enthusiasm, and Pastor & Sis Winfield Ambrose for their support.**

## Weekend of Celebrations for Children's Ministries (East End) BVI

Friday evening's program was a series of interactive sessions. There was a parenting seminar conducted by Sis Linda Ambrose, rap sessions on Puberty and Child Abuse. Whilst the parents were in the main sanctuary for the parenting seminar, the children were divided into three groups in the fellowship hall for their sessions. Group one was comprised of boys ages 10 and older, group two girls ages 10 and older, and group three children 9 and younger. Dr. Campbell conducted a very informative and educational session with boys about Puberty, whilst Nurse Ideta Sylvester held open discussions with the girls about Puberty. Sis Vansitartt Huggins spoke to the younger children about Child Abuse.



Puberty Discussion with Dr Campbell



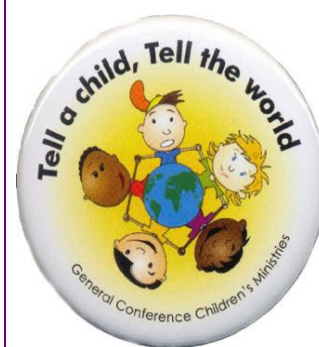
Puberty discussion with Nurse Sylvester



Child abuse Discussion with Sis Huggins

### Prayer Focus for 2nd Quarter 2011

- Children with learning disabilities
- Expectant Mothers
- Unemployed women
- Abused children and women
- Non-English speaking persons in NCC
- Success of VBS/ Summer Camps 2011
- Students writing exams at all levels
- Safety during the hurricane season
- Newly formed South Leeward Mission of SDA



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEADERHIP CERTIFICATION

In September 2010, 40 persons in Montserrat completed the Teacher Level Children's Ministries Certification course, while in November 2010, 22 persons on St Thomas (Agape church) completed Children's Ministries Leadership Certification course Level II. Congratulations to the 62 persons who completed the respective courses. Thanks to Pastors Carl Hastings and Trent Berg for their support and initiative.





October 29 & 30, 2010, the Departments of Children's Ministries and Education (NCC) teamed up to host a Children's Leadership Empowerment Conference in Antigua. Guest Presenter was Dr Judith Arndell (Left), Clinical Psychologist, St Maarten. 120 Children's Leaders including school principals and teachers, CM Leaders, Pathfinder Directors, Adventurers Leaders, Eager Beaver Leaders and others benefitted from this conference.

*8th Annual Women of Excellence Awards and Banquet (Antigua)  
December 2010*



Congratulations to Mrs Brenda Ashe and her team for successfully hosting this event.

# Shiloh WM (Adopt a Family)



## Shiloh Women's Ministries



Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year. Most recently the WM Dept was able to sponsor several families for the holiday through the Dept of Human Services Adopt-A- Family Program for the Christmas season.

We would like to thank our ladies and the Church Board for making this possible. We were able to donate \$865.00 to this cause.



Congratulations to Sis Nizra Lopez and her team for an exciting, successful VBS 2010. Thanks to Pastor Holford Browne for his support.



Watch out for our special issue of Northern Jewels highlighting the **Revitalized for Greater Service Women/Men's Retreat** which was held at Maho Sonesta, St Maarten, April 21-25, 2011



## VBS 2011

The package for Vacation Bible School 2011 is **DANIEL, FAITHFUL FRIEND**. It will be available by the end of May.

PLAN BIG FOR VBS 2011,  
and Bless our Children.



Make Women's Ministries Emphasis a treat for the women of your church and the church in general.

*"The Lord has a work for women to do as well as men. Women may take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them.. Their labor is needed." EG White*

## Women's Ministries Emphasis Day, June 11

Our theme this year is "**Love Changes Everything.**" We who are born-again Christians know that this is true, for the love of God has truly changed our lives. As you go through the material, prepared by Carla Baker, North American Division Women's Ministries Director, be blessed.

2011 Abuse Prevention  
Emphasis Day

**LOVED and EMPOWERED**

Written by  
Mable Dunbar



## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

*Women's Ministries  
Emphasis Day*

*June 2011*

*Vacation Bible School/VBS  
2011*

*July-August*

*Abuse Preven-  
tion Emphasis  
Day*

*August*



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