



VISITATION MINISTRY

Focus: Nurture and Outreach

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"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us" (Romans 12:6, NIV).



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What is it?

Visitation Ministry shares the love of God by providing visits to church members and friends, especially those who are in rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities, those in hospitals or just released from the hospital, and also those who just need a friendly visit.

For online resources on Visitation Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries and download *Outreach is for Everyone: Women's Ministries Evangelism Manual*.

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How to Begin

- Make a commitment to visit people. With your pastor develop a plan to involve women in visitation.
- Organize for visitation. Each group may select a specific place to visit, or individuals may choose whom or where they would like to visit. A commitment to making frequent visits is important.
- Plan weekly visitation. Organize groups to visit weekly. Regular visitation is the key.
- Establish and maintain a prospect list. You might begin with the names of visitors and members who are ill or shut-in. Ask members for names and addresses of people who might appreciate a visit. Ask local senior facilities for suggestions. Ask former members if you may visit.
- Incorporate variety in your visitation ministry. Some people are excellent at personal visitation. Others are better at writing letters or making phone calls. Others may relate best to youth or to the elderly. The more people you involve, the more effective your visitation ministry will be.

“The mission of Christ was to heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, bind up the brokenhearted. This work of restoration is to be carried on among the needy, suffering ones of humanity. There are souls who have lost their courage; speak to them, pray for them” (Ellen G White, *Pastoral Ministry*, p. 231).