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Challenge One
Use your social networks to write assertive phrases against violence

We say NO!
to the abuse of our children women & others

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the WOUNDS of ABUSE

Can we do more?

- by Mrs. Denise Johnson

CHURCHES IN NEW PROVIDENCE

Adelaide
Agape
Bethany
Berea
Bethel
Breath of Life
Centreville
Ebenezer
Ephesus
Francophone
Gambier
Good News
Grant's Town
Hillview
Johnson Park
La Senda De La Vida
Living Faith
Maranatha
Message of Hope
New Englerston
New Haven
New Providence
Peardale
Philadelphia
Real Harvest

CHURCHES IN FAMILY ISLANDS

North Andros Churches
Lowe Sound
Red Bays Company
Central Andros Company
South Andros Churches
Kemp's Bay
Blessed Hope
High Rock
New Macedonia
Mangrove Bay
Cat Island Churches
Seaview
Devil's Point
Crooked Island Church
Landrail Point
Eleuthera Churches
Bluff
Gregory Town
James Cistern
Rock Sound
Tarpum Bay
Exuma Churches
Mount Thompson
Moss Town
Rolleville

Long Island Churches
Steven's
Millerton

Inagua Church
Matthew Town

Acklins Church
Lovely Bay

San Salvador Church
Cockburn Town

Yes, we can! As we focus on the annual initiative of the Women's Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, *enditnow*, we urge you to do more to help prevent and heal the wounds of abuse among women, men, the elderly, adolescents, and children throughout in our world.

This year's *enditnow* observance comes at a time when there are concerns about the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on family relationships. It has been reported that there has been an increase in family relationship issues during this unprecedented time, resulting in divorce in some instances (USA Today, June 02, 2020). As children of God, we are not immune to these subtle and overt attacks upon the family. At the same time, we have a responsibility to prevent and, where necessary, help those experiencing abuse.

Abuse is defined as treating another in a cruel or violent manner. For many, one is considered abused only when there are visual signs of physical harm with obvious scars that may heal. However, there is the psychological trauma of emotional and verbal abuse that one may not readily see, and which may take years to heal. Words can hurt. A person can experience trauma from harsh and unkind words, destructive criticism, belittlement, intimidation, name calling, and ignoring. These are just some of the ways used to devastate a person's self-worth, engendering shame and low self-esteem.

Additionally, you can get help or provide help for abusers and the abused, pursuing relief and healing as implied by James 1:27: "... look after orphans and widows in their distress." We must not be reluctant to talk about the problem or pretend that it does not exist in the church. It does, but help ought also to be found in the church. We are called to "heal the broken hearted" and "to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18) as practiced by Jesus. His life was characterized by this type of ministry. For example, in Luke 13, we read how Jesus put an end to the suffering and pain of the woman who was bent over. And we, too, are called to put an end to the suffering and pain of the abused.

Through Christ, we can end it and must endeavor to *enditnow!*

Article written by Mrs. Denise Johnson in observance of *enditnow* day Saturday August 22, 2020. Mrs. Johnson is the Women's Ministries Director for the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

Enditnow is a global initiative to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence around the world. It aims to mobilize Seventh-day Adventists around the world and invites other community groups to join in to resolve this worldwide issue.

Free Seminar
Let's join in the fight against the different types of abuse.

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Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church Family Ministries Department is conducting a series of virtual seminars entitled "Finding Paradise In Pandemic". This Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 6:00p.m join us via Zoom link 242-0123-456.

The presenter will be Pastor Barrington Brennen on the topic is "End It Now: Dealing With The Pain of Abuse."

Dealing with the pain of abuse

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Everyone is invited to attend the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church this Saturday. Sabbath School (Bible Lesson Study) starts at 9:15 a.m. Divine Worship Service (with the Preaching of the Word) begins at 11:00 a.m. Adventist Youth Hour (one hour before the sunsets on Saturdays). For the church listing, call our Conference Headquarters on Tonique Williams Darling HWY. at (242) 341-4021, or visit the website www.southbahamasconference.org.

Come and See the Blessings the Lord Has in Store for You!