



Association of Adventist Women

Gladys Jeremiah

— Woman of the Year —

Spiritual Life

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Born into an Adventist family in Zimbabwe, Gladys Jeremiah left the church when she was 16. However, she was re-baptized in 1994, and two years later she began working as a literature evangelist.

In 1997, Jeremiah started a self-supporting ministry of teaching and preaching. Her evangelistic work has been incredibly successful, and in the past five years more than 2,200 persons have been baptized in some 50 evangelistic meetings.

Her work involves conducting meetings, speaking at women's retreats and family life seminars, and establishing home-based care programs and self-help projects.

In 2000, she was nominated as an outstanding lay person in evangelism and asked to represent the lay persons of the East Zimbabwe Conference at the General Conference Session in Toronto.

During one four-week evangelistic series, Jeremiah faced great difficulties. She fractured her ankle and was put on crutches. But she kept on preaching.

Then Jeremiah's husband died. She and five young children traveled some 700 km to mourn and bury their husband and father. After the funeral, Jeremiah returned to Nekabandama and finished the series—where 19 were baptized.



“Women of this quality, determination, and courage are rare,” says Thabisa Masina, a pastor in Jeremiah’s district.

Gladys Hollingsead, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Health Education Center, said of her: “Gladys Jeremiah is a woman who has left a mark in people’s lives by bringing them to Christ, and in spite of the hardships, trials and challenges in her life, she goes on with the work that the Lord has designed for her.”

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