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Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is risen; he is risen indeed!

I share this Resurrection greeting with you all and pray that as you celebrate Easter your hearts will be filled with wonder and thanksgiving as we ponder once again the extravagance of our heavenly Father who loves us beyond measure.

As I have travelled to various territories around the world, I am so happy to report that our current Women's Ministries theme - *You are loved* - has been very well received. Testimonies at rallies demonstrate that this is a reality in the lives of so many women.

The ultimate reminder of God's love for us is surely found in the Easter story. Speaking of Jesus' resurrection, the apostle Paul says:

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-23 NIV).

Paul's word picture compares Jesus to the first fruits of the harvest, a harvest of all believers who one day will also be raised again for eternity! If you, like me, live in the northern hemisphere, you will know the joy of glimpsing the first snowdrops or the first daffodils. They represent the promise that the long, cold, dark winter will soon be over and that spring with its new life and light is on its way. Jesus' resurrection is the promise of a bright future giving us hope for our daily lives and for eternity.

As we continue in our daily ministry may our prime motivation be found in the truth of this year's theme - *You are loved!*

With my warmest greetings

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