

[GIRL] POWER POINT

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The International Girls Ministries Team would like to make you aware of some exciting re-sources coming your way. Be sure to check out the advertisements included in this edition of *Com-munique*.

International Girls Club Week material is ready to be purchased! This year's theme is: "Mission Nutrition: Heart Healthy Life". This study will focus on having healthy and holy physical, emotional, and spiritual hearts.



New Year Brings New Beginnings

January is a month of irony. January marks the beginning of a "new year", but for most of our girls they are in the middle of their school year. New beginnings seem to go better with blooming flowers, but many of us will look out our window in January and see a cold day void of greenery. It can be challenging to embrace January as a time of "fresh starts"!

Still, the Lord tells us in Genesis that His Spirit hovered in the darkness and void. Out of the darkness and "nothingness" He created life! Perhaps there is a reason that we celebrate a "new year" when, for most of us, it is dark and dreary outside. Perhaps, the Lord would have us learn a

lesson that would be more difficult to learn if we celebrated the "new year" when the world seems more beautiful to our earthly eyes. Perhaps, the Lord is calling us to trust and have faith that there is hope for a new beginning even when our earthly eyes tell us differently. Perhaps, He wants us to remember that underneath all of that snow and dirt is a flower bulb preparing to explode with life.

There are such flower bulbs in your garden of girls attending your girls' ministries. "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9). The Great Gardener is using you to tend to these precious flowers. You are doing an incredible and

priceless work. "Only be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:6). Do not give up! You will see a harvest of beautiful flowers!

The Lord tells us in Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I will do something new. Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Girls club counselor, God is doing a new thing in the midst of your girls clubs. Out of the darkness and void of this world He is creating hearts for Him.