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By Gillian Panigot

AS INCOMING STUDENT CHAPLAIN of Discipleship in Campus Ministries, Tariro Mutindori understood her job involved giving Bible studies. She was new to the Andrews University campus and fully anticipated a list of work expectations. Instead, she was asked a question: “How would you like to do discipleship?”

Prior to attending Andrews, Tariro had started an Instagram account and blog called TeaTime where, on Tuesdays, she would post videos. “I would ask the community what they wanted to talk about,” she says. “Sometimes they wanted to focus on prayer for the month or on confidence.” Tariro would research the topic, then share personal stories or Bible stories to excite people about the Word of God.

Tariro decided to follow a similar, feedback-based format — in person — for her Andrews Bible study, which she named Fresh Brewed. She says, “We developed a mission statement: ‘We exist to help collegians gain a personal connection with God through His Holy Word, and we strive to introduce fresh perspectives on how the Bible can inform our daily living.’”

► Tariro Mutindori



Courtesy Tariro Mutindori

Initially, Fresh Brewed met in the Campus Ministries office. Tariro found additional ways to incorporate tea into the meetings, serving the hot drink and inviting people to bring their own unique mugs. Tea-themed cards, including peppermint and chamomile, noted questions for the day’s study. All of these pieces added to the relaxed setting.

Tariro facilitated and directed conversation but let the students take it from there. “They really like that they can talk amongst themselves,” she says. “Yes, I’m the one leading the discussion but, at the same time, I don’t feel like I am. A lot of times a student will ask a question and another student will answer.”

At first, two or three attended. Then Tariro told three Fresh Brewed participants about the low response to advertising and they said they would invite their friends. After that, Fresh Brewed grew to six people, sometimes even nine or 10. They moved to the Student Life office for more space. “I was so happy for the students to see the value and for them to enjoy it and share the joy with their friends,” she says.

Tariro is now in her second year at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and plans to complete her MDiv. Her classes, particularly Hebrew and Greek, have allowed her to go deeper in her study of Scripture, and she often brings perspectives to Fresh Brewed that the other attendees may not see. She also has grown because of the group. “Students have come and said it was exactly what they needed because they’ve been struggling to get into the Bible. It’s been a struggle for me, too, because I’m so used to being told to read the Bible for school. But being able to study, just to study — that has helped a lot in my own spiritual walk because it’s like, ‘I really enjoy doing this!’ I often tell the group they have really helped me out a lot. We’re in the same boat.” ■

Gillian Panigot, Media Communications manager and FOCUS editor, Andrews University

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La vespertina musical del viernes será en el auditorio de la universidad Howard Performing Arts Center, donde más de cuarenta participantes unirán sus voces

y talentos para disfrutar de la recepción de sábado. Para la programación del sábado en la mañana, tendremos la oportunidad de escuchar ponencias presentadas por Adriana Perera, Francisco Stout y Pavel Semanivsky, músicos de gran experiencia en el ministerio de la música en la iglesia. El sábado en la tarde se realizará el Gran Concierto *Adorarte* en el cual participarán grandes músicos y artistas invitados que serán acompañados por la Orquesta Sinfónica de la Universidad Andrews. El evento será totalmente en español con traducción al inglés disponible.

Gracias a Dios, al apoyo de la Universidad Andrews, la Unión del Lago, la Iglesia Hispana de Berrien Springs este evento puede ser una realidad. Estamos seguros de que Dios dirige este proyecto, que es y seguirá siendo bendición para la iglesia y su crecimiento.

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Edgar Luna, director asistente de la Orquesta de la Universidad Andrews. Organizador de *Adorarte* juntamente con Adriana Perera.



Courtesy Edgar Luna



▲ Edgar Luna

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