



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meeting our Sisters

Math--no problem

Plane Trigonometry. Probability. Differential Calculus. These words are music to Annabel's ears. A self-supporting math major at Mountain View College in the Philippines, she knows most students "hate mathematics," and that's why she means to be a math teacher. She says, "My aim is to challenge every student to love math. I will encourage them, and remind them of its importance in our everyday lives."

Beyond appreciation

Beyond helping students appreciate math, she says "Teaching is a great way [to spread] the good news of salvation. I strive to be a teacher...in whom the people who surround me—especially my students—will see Jesus."



Juggling...with grace

Annabel's teachers and employers say she is an industrious, trustworthy, friendly student who juggles missionary work, peer counseling, often full-time work, and school demands with grace and competence. She is also an active member of—not surprisingly!—the Math Club.

One less math problem

Thanks to a GC scholarship, Annabel will be able to solve the problem of financing her senior year. With all the variables in place, she anticipates graduating in March 2007. 🎓

*Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.

Her Mission: To College and Back to Academy

Weerawan is a Karen Thai. Her parents, Burmese who escaped into Thailand, reached a refugee camp, where she was born. When soldiers burned their home, the family providentially moved to Maela Refugee Camp.

There Adventists run Eden Valley Academy (K-12) which Weerawan attended. At age 15, she was baptized. That year, a family helped her get legal papers, enabling her to attend Chiangmai Adventist Academy. But after graduation, this family expected her to help earn money for them.



God responded

An Adventist pastor encouraged her to attend Mission College instead. With no finances, she prayed earnestly, and God responded through kind donors and Women's Ministries scholarships.

Now Weerawan is studying psychology and education, and she has already signed a contract to return to her alma mater, Chiangmai Adventist Academy, to teach after she graduates in 2010.

Saying Happy New Year to Our Sisters

Looking forward to 2007, we can say "Happy New Year" to our sisters around the world with our Christmas gifts for Women's Scholarship. As we count our blessings, we know the joy of sharing, the joy of knowing Dayawan, Marie, Shanti and Dipu will attend college because of our Christmas gifts.

We hope to say "Happy New Year" this January with scholarships to more women than ever. We can if we reach our goal—\$40,000. As of now, \$30,200 has come in.

Thanks to you, SOS has met every goal this year. We can meet this goal! Just \$14 from each of you readers will do it. And many of us will want to do much more.

It's a family thing

Let's invite family and friends to join us in Christmas giving that resounds around the globe, "Happy New Year, Sister!"

Challenge + Sales = Success

Thanks to your generosity, SOS met the \$3,000 back-to-school challenge grant. And SOS team members raised more than \$3,400 with two projects: a yard sale and a used book sale. Nearly a ton of donated books brought in \$2,400 for scholarships. "That's twice as much as we've made before," said Raquel Arrais, Associate Director of GC Women's Ministries and sponsor of the WM Scholarship program. 🎓



Importance of Education

By Hepzibah Kore, Women's Ministries Director
Southern Asia Division

At age 14, I took the 10th Standard government examination, but I failed. Hearing this, my father asked angrily, "Are you interested in an education?" "No, I am not," I said joyfully. A family member teased, "Buy a few buffaloes. Let her take care of them." That remark caused a turning point in my life. What I am today is because of education—the education I received in Adventist institutions.

A proverb in Tamil, my mother tongue, says, "Why education for women who ultimately end up in the kitchen?" Thank God that trend is changing.

Education builds confidence; it helps in decision making; increases self worth; gives better job opportunities; enables one to achieve her potential; makes better citizens; and shows one the value of education, which in turn means better education for the children. Education enables women to identify and use their potential which might be buried otherwise. As we see women take their place in all walks of life, in both the religious and the secular arenas, we see solid proof of what education can do for women.



Quick Notes



What is Scholarshipping Our Sisters? It is a team working with GC Women's Ministries to fund scholarships for women.

Could I start a local chapter of SOS?

Yes! We'd love to have you do this.

I'd like my gift to go to a specific country.

Is this possible? Yes! Just let us know.

How do I donate? You may make checks

payable to GC Women's Ministries.

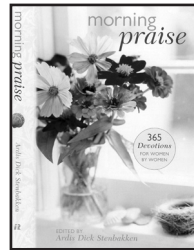
Memo: Scholarship Fund

What could my pledge of \$50 a month

do? It could fund a scholarship for a woman in Inter-America or in Russia.

The Super Gift Idea

What book makes a great Christmas gift? The 2007 women's devotional book, *Morning Praise*. It is a welcome gift for all the special women on your list.



A World of Writers

The new devotional book contains inspiring messages by women from around the globe. Available at your Adventist Book Center, this devotional book is truly the gift that keeps on giving because all proceeds go for women's scholarships.



Words of Gratitude

I promise you

"Thank you for your scholarship. I am a nursing student. I hate myself because I don't have many English ability. I promise I'll be a good nurse and a good missionary. And I'll give scholarship to student like me. Thank you very much."

JC, SNHC, Korea

I was so blessed



"I was really happy for your scholarship program because I was accepted. I was so blessed. Indeed God will supply all our needs. A lot of thanks

for the blessings you have shared to me."

APA, MVC, Philippines

God is in Command

"I express my gratitude for the WM Scholarship. During vacation I sold honey, but not enough to pay my school debts. With your help, I was able to register. I am certain God is in command of my life."

ECS, NeBC, Brazil

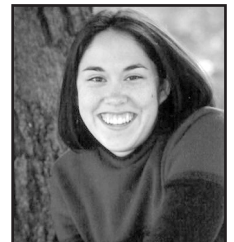
Making my dream come true

"I'm so grateful to you because you are making my dream of being a professional come true with the scholarship.

"I really appreciate all of you, and especially those ladies that wrote the devotionals.

May those devotionals reach many homes, carrying testimonies of truth so people can know how powerful is our Saviour, our God."

YTM, HC, South Africa



Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

Marcia & Allen Robinson

Juana Villalona Diaz

Alfhild Paulsen

Charles C. Cress

Margaret Plymire



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