



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meeting Our Sisters

Joyful New Leader

Chantal, studying law at Hope Africa University in Burundi, is praised by teachers as optimistic, dynamic, courageous, dedicated, and intelligent.

At HAU, Chantal helped found the school choir, in which she also sings. Active in church programs, and a woman



who is "strong on prayer," she participates in school prayer groups and often brings friends and classmates along.

Chantal is called a "lady of happiness and joy." In a country

struggling to emerge from war, she is a ray of hope—a potential leader—ready to meet the challenges her country faces. May she continue to use her God-given talents to improve the lives of the people in her country.

**Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.*

Where are They Now?

Bangladesh Graduate Begins City Evangelism

Want to know what WM scholarship recipients are doing now? Recently Premlata wrote that after graduating from Bangladesh Adventist Seminary, she is now teaching health classes as a way to reach people in the city of Sahajatpur with the gospel.

Studying, saving, serving

Premlata is also taking classes in Communication. And as sole support of her mother and sister, she is saving to provide medical care that both need. Thanking Women's Ministries for encouraging women to work for God, she says, "God gives us special talents to lift Him up."



Premlata (r) with Helen Gulfan, SSD WM director

Scholarship Awards Top One Half Million

With this July's awards, the scholarship funds provided by GC Women's Ministries to Adventist women attending college around the world have passed the half million dollar mark, reaching a total of \$506,600. Thanks to your support, these funds have helped 1,272 women in 93 countries since this program began in 1993.

Helping 135 this year

Scholarships awarded this year provided a total of \$53,800 to 135 outstanding women in 52 colleges. This assistance goes to women such as Millie, a natural leader, who started an Adventurers Club in Chad, trains teens for youth ministry, preached for youth evangelism, and, according to her pastor, is "indomitable when pressed by adversity."

This year marks the second highest number of awards given in one year. Let's make 2008 an even better year.



Honoring-a-Teacher: the Back to School Challenge

September! The time when students in many parts of the world return to school. Recalling our own school years, this is a wonderful time to honor those special teachers who have made a tremendous difference in our lives.

Today we can thank them in a special way with gifts to SOS in their honor or memory. These gifts will help our sisters around the world receive a college education.

\$2,500 by October 15

Now you can double your gift because we have a challenge match. All gifts of \$40 or more received by October 15 will be matched dollar-for-dollar—if we reach the goal of \$2,500. That is the goal for this challenge. Working together, let's make sure your gift is doubled.





Can you be half of a prayer?

Guest editorial from an SOS donor

As a teacher, I am besieged with requests for help every day. Students sell all kinds of things to raise funds for their worthy causes, and public service announcements ask for help to rescue animals, the ecology, and abused children. The dollars I can afford to donate to worthy causes are limited, and the needs are so great.

The other half of a prayer

I love the SOS fund because I can see what my gifts are doing. Unlike the drop in the bucket a donation is to most organizations, my check can help send a nurse to save lives in countries torn by war and natural disasters. It can help create a teacher whose dedication will bring whole communities out of poverty. It will allow me to be the other half of the answer to someone's prayer for an education and the opportunity to serve.

Bottled water or a social worker?

The amount I send is no more than I spend on a bottle of water each day at school. This year, I'll carry a thermos of ice water each day. The money I save might create a social worker or translator—and I won't be littering the environment with plastic bottles.

Quick Notes



What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

SOS is a volunteer team funding GC Women's Ministries scholarships for Adventist women attending college around the world.

What can my gift do?

\$48/month = 1 semester Thailand
\$425 = 1 semester Malawi

Can I get the SOS newsletter by E-mail?

Yes. Just send us your information and let us know that is your preference.

What's an SOS challenge?

You can challenge SOS donors to raise the amount you specify in order to "earn" your matching gift.

Let's take SOS on vacation

Now is a great time to ask us for extra SOS materials to share with friends as you travel.

Words of Gratitude

My heart is touched

"Thank you for the money you sent. It paid last semester's school fee. My heart is touched by Women's Ministries. I will be graduated in the coming September."
ZK, EAC, Ethiopia

Thanks for your loving service

"This is my note of gratitude to all who donate money to help women in many parts of the world to continue their study and upgrade themselves to serve the Lord. I appreciate very much for your loving service.

"This is my final school year. Last week I was accepted into the national honorable society in business administration."
JWYC, AU, Hong Kong

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Following Dad's Example

Esther knows character is the only indelible part of life. When her father fell ill with cancer last year, she realized just how fragile life is and that a person's character is what really matters.

During her father's illness, Esther took a year off from school because all the funds available to Esther's family and church in East Peru were funneled toward his treatment rather than her education.

Esther's father passed away early this year. Now Esther wants to continue her education full-time and complete her degree in psychology. "I want to advance the gospel like my father did," she writes. "In spite of the difficulties that he had, he always came out victorious with the help of God."



One semester, one obstacle

Esther is just one semester away from graduation at Peru Union University. Her teachers, who describe her as a humble, dedicated student and a responsible, cooperative worker, say the only thing between Esther and her goal is the money she needs to finish her education.

An SOS scholarship will help Esther fulfill her dream: encouraging others through her counseling skills.

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

Lynn Friday

Faith Musonda

In Honor of

Dorothy Musonda

Carolyn Kujawa

WM Devotional Book



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