



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meet our sisters

Teacher, Drama Coach, Singer, Asset

Fellow teachers say that Solomon Islander Kerryn is one of Jones Adventist College's most "faithful, punctual and committed" secondary school teachers.

But Kerryn's exemplary life is far from what it once was. As a teen, she attempted suicide twice by overdosing on anti-malaria pills. "While laying in the emergency room, I could almost hear a voice ... [and] I realized that God had a special plan for my life, no matter what my past," she remembers. Today, Kerryn enjoys writing scripts for the youth drama group she directs. Her writing, speaking and singing talents make her a valuable asset to her church and community, her

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school chaplain told Women's Ministry leaders.

Because Kerryn has already graduated from Pacific Adventist University, she helps with her three brothers' school fees and helped with her parents' purchase of a home.

Without financial aid, Kerryn won't be able to work toward her doctorate in Education, which will "better equip [her] to return to [her] home province where the local high school is poorly managed and offers a compromised education." There she hopes to provide leadership to significantly improve the school and strengthen the school's ties to community

Math and Science Whiz

Svetlana, a student at the Ukrainian College of Arts and Sciences who excels in both math and science, has won many special



awards. This year she won first place in a scientific student's conference and first place in mathematics. She has even given reports at scientific conferences. She also tutors students at UCAS.

Analyzing and Participating

Those who know Svetlana confirm her great ability in analysis, investigation, and independent learning. She is also known as a conscientious, purposeful, responsible, and spiritual young woman, well respected by teachers and students. She is an active participant in church services and evangelistic meetings, sings in the choir, and worked with children, youth groups, and the aged.

Majoring in economics, she has an avid interest in understanding and creating prosperity. However, meeting school expenses is difficult. Her parents both work, but her father has work just three months of the year. They sacrifice to help pay for Svetlana's education, but it is more than they can afford.

Academic Excellence

Despite financial difficulties, Svetlana excels academically, with a grade point average of 4.7 last year. Congratulations and blessings to this supremely gifted young woman as she continues her education and takes her rightful place in the development of the community and church.

Memorial Scholarship Honors Lynn Friday

Last year we lost a very dear friend and co-worker, Lynn Friday. Even so, Lynn's compassionate spirit will touch the lives of some who never met her.

On April 24 the General Conference Communication and Women's Ministries departments introduced the Lynn Friday Scholarship Fund for Women in Communication.

For many who knew Lynn, a scholarship fund for communication is the perfect way to remember a woman who excelled at communicating compassion. "We all

knew her faith, her generosity and her passion to be



a people person," Ray Dabrowski (COM) said. "She was a genuine communicator ... who mixed care as well as attention to detail."

"The relationships she developed with us here in the building and around the world show how we can effectively and genuinely communicate with one another," said John Torres III (COM). "This scholarship is a very appropriate way of remembering a life of honesty, compassion and transparent communication."

Raquel Arrais (WM) said, "I can think of no better way to honor her than this scholarship fund to help many women around the globe engaged in communication studies in our universities and colleges."

Readers wishing to establish a named scholarship are invited to contact Raquel Arrais at GC Women's Ministries.



Those Creative Juices

by Carolyn Kujawa, SOS Volunteer Coordinator

Would you rather be endowed with creativity or money? Yes, SOS very much appreciates your financial gifts to help our sisters attend college. But your creativity can also help move them closer to graduation. We'd like to get your creative juices flowing with a few ideas. Then we'd love to hear from YOU about your creative ideas and how you can help.

Which of these grabs you? Which matches your talents and interests?

- **Unbake Sale and Round-up.** No cooking required. This just involves good advertising as you invite friends and co-workers to: 1. think about something they'd make for a real bake sale; 2. estimate the cost; 3. round that amount up to the nearest dollar; 4. make an SOS donation in that amount. Much easier than a bake sale.
- **Start something.** Preferably a local chapter of SOS. Imagine how many women could be helped to graduate if there were two SOS chapters in every state, province or country! Yes, YOU can start something. Gather your friends. Tell them the potential these women offer. And organize! (We'll be glad to provide materials and a PowerPoint presentation.)
- **Give up.** Support a monthly pledge by giving up something that's less important than our sisters' education. How about...one manicure, two large pizzas, three trips to Starbucks, a fourth pair of red shoes, five dinners at a favorite restaurant...or a partridge in a pear tree?
- **Alumni Rep.** Volunteer to be the alumni representative for your alma mater to let folks know about SOS. Helping spread the word about how SOS supports our sisters around the globe is a tremendous way to help.

Now that your creativity is revved up, tell us YOUR plans and ideas.

Where Do My Dollars Go?

This January, 72 college women received GC Women's Ministries scholarships, totaling nearly \$35,000 dollars—but where do these awards go? The chart below shows how many schools and countries these women represent.



Each year's funds are divided equally between the 13 Divisions. Clearly in some places the amount will provide more scholarships than in others. In Korea, even \$1,000 will not go far toward college expenses; whereas in Myanmar, \$100 makes a great difference.

Rwanda, Montserrat, Canada

WM scholarships help women such as the pastor's wife from Rwanda who has been the speaker at many evangelistic meetings; the Med Tech major from Montserrat whose father's business was destroyed by the volcanic activity; the music major in Canada who is active in street evangelism; and the nursing student in the Philippines whose mother, her only support, has cancer. Those are only a few of the places your money goes, a few of the outstanding women you help.

But no matter where the money goes—to Avondale or Zurcher—your gift, whether \$100 or \$1,000, will bless a woman who is struggling to fulfill her dream of a college education, her dream of preparing to serve God, her church, and her community.

Division/Awards	Schools	Countries	Typical Award
East Central Africa (8)	8	5	\$250
Euro-Africa (3)	3	3	\$830
Euro-Asia (14)	2	2	\$285
Inter-America (4)	3	3	\$475
North America (4)	4	2	\$1,000
Northern Asia-Pacific (1)	1	1	\$1,000
S. Africa-Indian Ocean (2)	2	2	\$300
South Pacific (3)	3	2	\$1,300
Southern Asia-Pacific (10)	5	5	\$195
Southern Asia (6)	1	1	\$1,000
Trans-European (1)	1	1	\$2,000
West-Central Africa (16)	4	4	\$310

Quick Notes



What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

SOS is a volunteer team supporting the GC Women's Ministries scholarship program for Adventist women attending college around the world.

What can my gift do?

- \$350 provides a scholarship in the Philippines
- \$65/month = 1 semester in Argentina

Can I get the SOS newsletter by E-mail?

Yes. Just let us know your e-address.

Book Sale Success



GC employees and friends of SOS donated many boxes of used books. SOS helpers set up and sold the books. GC employees and delegates to meetings at the GC bought books at the April SOS book sale. The sale added over \$1,800 to the Women's Scholarship fund.

"We do it for love of our sisters," said Karen Banner, who organized the sale, adding that books are already being collected for the next book sale. Of Karen's hard work, Raquel Arrais, WM associate director, said, "She is amazing. We couldn't do it without Karen!"



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