



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Giving the Most Ever—\$75,300

This July, the GCWM Scholarship Committee awarded \$31,650 to 56 women. This brings the **total for 2009 to \$75,300—a new record**—to help 135 of our sisters.

Accountants, teachers, nurses, biochemist—you helped them, and many other women, attend college

An Orphan, a Nurse

Lama, a nursing student in Nepal, is typical of these outstanding women. Raised in an orphanage because her father left and her mother was too ill to care for her, Lama makes top grades and takes part in church activities, but has no financial help. An \$800 scholarship will help her finish her senior year. *(Note: for \$66 a month you could give Nepal a nurse!)*



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But Next Year?

This year's awards mark a big increase. But gifts are lagging, and this may force a cut in the amount given next year.

Omobonike

What a loss if SOS can't help women such as Omobonike from Togo, studying Christian Leadership at Adventist University of Africa. Very talented and a skilled leader, she is Women's Ministries director in Togo Mission. But her pastor husband's salary is not enough to cover her final year's tuition.

Bringing Joy

What talent these scholarships encourage. What strength these women bring to their families, their communities, and their church! What a joy to help 135 women!

Meet our sisters

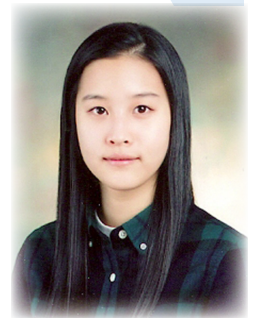
Reaching Mongolia's Women

In Mongolia, Counseling Psychology is not well developed, and the need is urgent," explains Ulziimaa, one of our first scholarship recipients from Mongolia. She knows first hand. **Four years ago when their father died**, her sister succumbed to mental illness and was admitted to the mental hospital in Mongolia's capitol, Ulaanbataar.

This experience revealed the needs of other sufferers. After completing her Bachelor's in Theology at SahmYook University in Seoul, South Korea, Ulziimaa entered their Masters' program in Counseling.

Tri-Lingual Cook

Ulziimaa flourished in Seoul, with her talents for singing, cooking, and languages. She has learned English and Korean, and **often serves as translator** at camp meetings, evangelistic initiatives, and for foreigners who are just moving to Korea.



Her first semester in the Masters' program revealed to her the true value of women. **"Mongolian women are very strong,"** she says, "but are not adequately valued in society." She hopes to return home to work with women, showing them their God-given value.

Odd Jobs and Limits

Ulziimaa is an excellent student, but since foreign students may not hold regular jobs there, she must constantly work odd jobs. This restricts her studies and real-world counseling practice. Although helped with tuition, she must pay **housing and food, both expensive** in Korea. Her scholarship will help Ulziimaa bring Christian counseling to women of Mongolia.

My Sister is from...

July scholarships went to women in 23 countries, including

- Chile
- Mauritius
- Panama
- Kenya
- Philippines

And it was a joy to add 5 new countries

- Bulgaria
- Namibia
- El Salvador
- Mongolia
- Nepal





Our Teachers—Past, Present, and Future

By Jamie Trefz, SOS supporter extraordinaire



SEPTEMBER. In many places it's Back to School time—when our youngest becomes a first-grader, or our niece starts grad school. A time we remember special teachers.

A Special Teacher

I had a special teacher, Eleanor Marks Lindsjo. She was an elementary school teacher for 42 years, teaching in five states, in both Adventist and public schools.

Happily for me, she was my first grade teacher in Takoma Park, Maryland. Often she told how my father stood outside the classroom to see how I'd like my first day of school. But we children knew at once that she loved us, and we loved her in return.

I Wish School Would Never End

Children, parents, and school administrators loved and appreciated her. One superintendent wrote, "Mrs. Lindsjo accepts and loves every child and supports each in his personal growth." A student wrote: "I wish school would never end. You are the best teacher in the whole world. I wish you could teach me in every grade all my life."

A Teacher's Legacy to Teachers

When this special teacher passed away at the age of 98, she was pleased to know her legacy would continue with a gift to Women's Ministries Scholarships. Many scholarship recipients are becoming teachers—125 in the last 5 years—and they will bless many children, just as Eleanor did.

Quick Notes

What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

It's a volunteer team supporting GC Women's Ministries scholarships for Adventist women in college worldwide.

How Easy is it to Give?

Now you can use your **credit card** to give to the scholarship fund by using the response envelope or by calling us.



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Who's Your SPECIAL Teacher?

*Who inspired you?
Encouraged you?*

*Was it...
your first grade teacher
a choir director
an English teacher
your coach*

*Honor that special teacher
with a gift for
WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIPS.
Create a new
generation of
SPECIAL teachers.*

Gifts of Remembrance

In Honor/Memory of
Phyllis Willauer
Lois and Ranny Luce
Louise and Ada Graham
Dorothy Musonda



Meet our sisters

Trust and Talent



Born into an Adventist home in Serbia, Ivana says her life is anchored in a quiet reliance on God. This first-year theology student at Belgrade



Theological Seminary credits her parents. "I could always count on them as a true example of belief in God, trusting His word and His will."

Trusting Early

Their faith, even amid financial difficulties—both parents have limited educations; neither has a steady job—led her to entrust her life to God early.

“Already her commitment and diligence stand out.”

Now, with her family's limited funds needed for her younger sister's education, Ivana is still trusting God will help her graduate in four years.

Waiting For...

In the meantime, she'll use the talents God has given her. Outstanding as a public speaker, Ivana is also actively involved in music as founding member of a girl's quartet now awaiting the release of its first album.

Delighted With...

The faculty are delighted with Ivana, one saying, "Already her commitment and diligence stand out." Another adds, "Ivana knows what it means to work hard for achievements." She also has a "gift to inspire and motivate people."