



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

## 20th 1991-2011 anniversary

“On this 20th anniversary of the Women’s Scholarship Program, as a recipient of a scholarship, I am thrilled with how far the joy I felt back then has been duplicated over and over in the lives of my sisters all over the globe.

“God is certainly in this program of empowering and equipping women worldwide to take their service for Him to a new level. God bless SOS!

From May-Ellen Colon,  
the first scholarship recipient

## \$10,000 CHALLENGE EXTENDED TO JUNE 20

The deadline for the \$10,000 Matching Challenge has been extended to **June 20**. Because the goal was not met, you still have time to help SOS meet the biggest challenge yet. Our sisters need all the help we can give!

# Following God . . . to the TOP



When Omobonike Sessou was named Women’s and Children’s Ministries Director for the West Africa Division [WAD] during General Conference Session 2010, it was a joyous moment because she is one of our “sisters” who received a GCWM scholarship.

Omobonike, truly a woman of faith and courage, sent us her story. Here is a short version. You will be inspired.

“I was born into a non-Christian family, second of three children. My parents divorced when I was 3 years old. My mother later remarried. Through my stepfather, my mother became an Adventist, and I learned about Christ. But life was difficult with a stepfather, and my father ignored us because we were Christians.

“When I was 13, my father offered to help us if we returned to Islam. I could not accept because I loved Jesus. When I was 15, my mother divorced again and abandoned the church. She told all the children to leave it too, but I could not because I embraced the truth with all my heart.

“My decision angered my mother. She cut all financial support, and I had already rejected my father’s offer. I was between two choices; become a Muslim to benefit from my father’s offer (He is a rich man living in Saudi Arabia) or join

my mother’s charismatic church to gain her support.

“Knowing the consequences, my younger brother and I chose to obey God. I will not bother you about the danger from my father; he even attempted to kill us, but God hid us. My mother finally sent me away. With no place to go, I looked to God. My Bible became my best friend.

“Throughout those trials God sent people who encouraged me. Yet I needed a home. Then an elder in the church said God asked him to accept me into his family.”

To read more of Omobonike’s story, of her marriage and work in Togo, see GCWM website [www.adventistwomensministries.org](http://www.adventistwomensministries.org). She concludes by saying, “And by the grace of God, I was named Women’s and Children’s Ministries Director of WAD. Hitherto the Lord has led me in life.”

# THANK YOU *notes*

"I'm speechless after the great action you have done for my friend and me. It was wonderful that from all those who need this help, you have chosen us. I had a heart full of joy when I received the good news about the scholarship. I'm not totally at the end of my joy. This helped achieve our studies in Adventist University Cosendai. I graduated in August. I will pray always our beloved Lord to be forever with you."  
Djla Myriam, Cameroon

**I wish to thank you with all my heart about the financial support I received. I am grateful for the effort to help women who you don't know personally and who have no way to repay. I'm sure God will reward greatly."**

Maria Delgado, Belgium

"It is an honor to write this letter of thanksgiving after completing my studies in Education. Thank you very much for the scholarship fund you donated for my school fees. God bless you."  
Kahambu Vyaluhenie, Congo

**I am very thankful for the Women's Ministries Scholarship. It has lightened my burden. God has truly blessed me by receiving the scholarship. It could not have come at a better time. God's timing is always best, and I cannot thank Him enough for what He has done for me."**

Elize Celic, Australia



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# TO LET YOU KNOW

## WHAT IS "SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS"?

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

## HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISTRIBUTED?

Each Division receives the same amount of money. Clearly, in some areas more scholarships can be given because costs are lower.

## Why I support the Women's Scholarship program

Notes from SOS team members

"Education can make such a difference in one's life as to how one views life and lives it. It is marvelous to contribute and help these women get that education."  
Mary

"I know firsthand how hard it is for women to get an education in some parts of the world, so any little thing I can do to help is an honor."  
Vasti

"I believe in education and believe every woman should be educated. With education comes knowledge, enabling women to share and to help others to grow."  
Lois

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Charlotte Ishkanian

IN MEMORY OF  
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Lynn Friday | Lois Luce

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