



## SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

### In Her Own Words



Elizabeth Ogot, studying counseling at University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya, was interviewed on campus by Charlotte Ishkanian of the GC Sabbath School Department.

"I came to Baraton 10 years ago, but I'm happy I'm finishing this semester. It's been a long struggle. I'm a pastor's wife with two children, and my husband is also in school.

"I didn't have money to register for my final semester when I received a scholarship from Women's Ministries. I was so excited. I can't thank Women's Ministries enough.

"I've enjoyed being Dorcas leader. We go to hospitals and pray for the patients, to prison and pray for the inmates. I was Women's Ministries leader.

We go out to churches to encourage women to be leaders. Our mission is to encourage women.

"I've learned so much in my classes that will allow me to help people my husband can't reach. We can help each other in our ministry. It's been a long journey, but it's worth it. When my husband graduates in a year, we'll truly be a ministerial team."

**OUR MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN**

### INSPIRING! *Moving!* *Blessing!*

**"INSPIRING!"** That describes the women receiving college scholarships from GC Women's Ministries. Their dedication, persistence, and faith are inspiring.

This July, **39 women** from **18 countries** received \$21,800 in scholarships. Added to the January awards, this means that with your support 154 women have been helped this year. From many countries—Bolivia to Bosnia, Madagascar to Mongolia—these women are able to attend college because of your generosity.

#### MOVING—AND MOVING

Their stories are moving, and these women are *moving*—moving forward as God calls them, moving their churches and their communities forward.

**Kahindo**, studying public health in the Congo. With her prior nurses training, she works with victims of abuse and war trauma, and conducts HIV/AIDS seminars. Not born an SDA, she was drawn to the church by the love and kindness of her teachers at an Adventist school.

**Gilda**, a nursing student in Bolivia. Overcoming hardships, including being an unwanted child and having no family support, she is always cheerful, active in church and determined to finish, in spite of often going without food.

**Nataliya**, an Honor Roll student in Ukraine. Her mother works only in summer and her father is ill, so she receives no financial help. But she is active in children's and church programs.

#### BLESSING TOGETHER

This group includes young women from very poor families, mothers, orphans, and widows. They are excellent students, hard workers, and dedicated leaders. Taking inspiration from our sisters, let us join them in blessing others.



Young women from Egypt are being prepared at the Middle East University to go back and serve the Church in Egypt.

#### NEWS BITES

# \$42,100

Still needed to continue funding at current level.

*"It was a wish coming true."*

—Yulia, on her baptism in the Jordan River

# 18

Number of different schools receiving July scholarships.

# 16

Number of different majors taken by July recipients

# \$410

Tuition for 1 semester in Madagascar

### How to support SOS?

Ask for SOS newsletters to share.

# It's URGENT!

For the past few years, each of the 13 world Divisions has been allocated **\$5,000** in GC Women's Ministries scholarship funds.

That may change—for the worse. Until last year, royalties from the annual Women's Devotional book provided about half the scholarship funds, with donations making up the rest.

But royalties have dropped by more than **\$10,000**, a loss of **30%**. It is urgent not only to continue our support but to increase our giving. More requests for help come in, often from places nearly impossible to reach with the gospel. The need is urgent!

## Now it's 15

It's also urgent because funds are now divided between **15** entities rather than **13**, due to the administrative decision to separate the Middle East Union and the Israeli Field from their Divisions.

The opportunity is great—to provide dedicated, well-trained women in God's service around the world. The need is urgent! Will you help today?



# Blessed FOR YOU

*Blessed* is the title of the 2013 Women's Ministries devotional book for women. Written by women from around the world, it shares how God has blessed their lives.

This book is special—the 20th anniversary edition. It has been a blessing, not only to readers but to every college woman who receives a scholarship from the profits of these books.

Support the women's scholarship program by buying a book for yourself and extra copies as gifts.

**Did you know?**  
This year's devotional book, *Renew*, is available from Amazon and on Kindle. It is an audiobook CD at the ABC.

**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.

Please make checks payable to  
**Women's Scholarship Fund.**

Mail to:  
Women's Ministries Department  
General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists  
12501 Old Columbia Pike  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Or call to charge to credit card:  
301-680-6608

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WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO	
<b>\$15/month:</b> 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	<b>\$1,050:</b> scholarship - JAMAICA
<b>\$30/month:</b> room & board, 1 semester THAILAND	<b>\$1,000:</b> 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
<b>\$160:</b> 1 month tuition ARGENTINA	

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