



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

Sisters in 26 Countries

YOU NOW HAVE sisters in Tonga and Kazakhstan. For the first time, women from these countries are among the **68** women, from 26 countries, awarded **\$45,650** in GC Women's Ministries Scholarships this February.

YOUR DOLLARS HELP outstanding Adventist women who are committed to serving their church and their community, women such as

- **Felekech**, a Public Health major from Ethiopia, is married with three children. Active in Women's Ministries, she is "respected and loved, with fine leadership skills."
- **Careen**, from Kenya, started university in 2007 but finances held her back. Teachers say, "Her

persistence is inspiring." People oriented, she is a deaconess, youth leader, and Sabbath school teacher.

- **Simona**, from Romania, is "inspirational, a born leader, and a good influence, helping people change and discover the value of life in God."
- **Antonette**, from Jamaica, after struggling for 12 years to finish

college, has one semester to go. A strong spiritual leader, she participates in prayer team, outreach activities, Women's Ministries, and Sabbath school.

TOGETHER WE HELPED 68 women. Yet many others who are equally gifted and dedicated were turned down because scholarship money ran out. Their churches and communities need their skills, service, and leadership. Let's help more of our sisters.



SONGS FOR MY SISTERS

If you missed "Songs for My Sisters," the **first annual concert** to benefit the Women's Scholarship Program, you missed some fantastic music.

Performances by soprano Laura Morena, duo-pianists

Jemuel and Donna Maria Anderson, and the Washington Brazilian Youth Choir filled the Brazilian SDA Temple in Fulton, MD, with **soaring hymns and songs of praise.**

The **December concert** raised nearly \$5,000 in pledges and donations for the Women's Scholarship fund, which assists Adventist women in college around the world.

During the program, a memorial fund was established **in memory of Dorothy Watts**, the



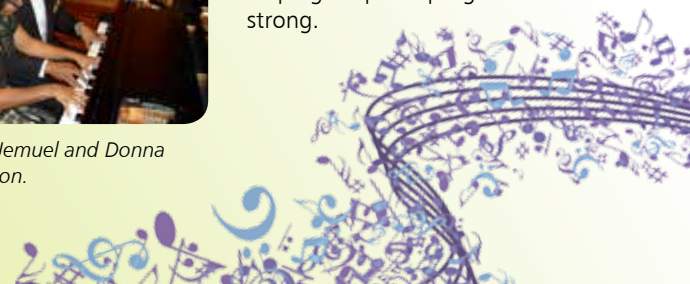
Rose Otis, shown with her husband, was honored for creating the women's scholarship program.



Duo-pianists Jemuel and Donna Maria Anderson.

second GC Women's Ministries director, who had a heart for education and worked tirelessly in India to empower women through literacy programs.

Rose Otis, the first GC Women's Ministries director, received an **award for her vision** to create the GC Women's Ministries women's scholarship fund. Carolyn Kujawa, was honored for helping keep this program strong.





MEET OUR SISTERS

APPRECIATIVE POWERHOUSE

Lavonne, a student at Southern Adventist University, accepted the Adventist message of hope in high school after enduring a difficult childhood marked by struggle and abuse.

She found emotional healing and support through a devoted psychologist. "I don't know where I would be if I didn't get help when I did," she says. Later, a woman she

now calls "Mom" sacrificed financial resources, time and effort to ensure that her spiritual, emotional and academic well-being were secure.

"She came to my life at a time when I desperately needed a friend, mentor, and mother," she says. "I thank God for placing such a selfless, caring person in my life."

Lavonne feels a strong call to help others struggling with the scars of abuse. She believes her training will help her heal broken spirits by introducing clients to the hope she found in Jesus.

In the meantime, she is impacting those around her. Active in her church, school and community, she is a deaconess, campus ministries leader, choir member and participant in community outreach.

Her professors describe her as a "born leader," diligent and motivated, with integrity and compassion. "If given the opportunity, she will become a powerhouse for good," her pastor says.

A scholarship from GC Women's Ministries is part of that opportunity. "God has opened amazing doors for me," she says. "I know He will continue."

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

Mail to:
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Donate on-line at
adventistwomensministries.org

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

THE \$5,000 CHALLENGE!

For many young women in **Rwanda**, education is still a challenge 20 years after the genocide. If we raise **\$5,000** for our sisters in Rwanda **by May 1**, we will get a **matching gift** of \$5,000. It's easy to give at www.adventistwomensministries.org



THANK YOU FROM HONG KONG

Letter from Lam Oi Wa, a scholarship recipient majoring in Health and Fitness

"Although born in a Christian family, I did not have very strong feeling about love of Jesus. I understood some stories, principles to be good, and techniques for health. When I entered Hong Kong Adventist College, my advisor suggested me to enroll in Choir. I am a sporty person, singing is never my hobby. Our choir took Mission Trip to Indonesia. I

was so touched by other teammates. Everyone was not paid to work, but were willing to serve. Smile on the villagers make me feel warm. Things I learnt from the Bible suddenly become so real.

I NEVER IMAGINED

"After that, I study Bible, and I join a Mission Trip after I was baptized. During the trip, I shared 18 sermons in Philippines. I never imagined I can dare do such work. It is real that we receive strength while we believe in God. Thank you for helping me receive Adventist education. I hope to spread gospel by promoting health."

Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . .

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GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Watts, Angelina Flores,
LaVerne Korff, Joseph & Violeta
Rhoden, Bessie Wagner

IN HONOR OF

Heather-Dawn Small,
Raquel Arrais, Cecilia Solone

From Miriam Pitta in
honor of her mother

From Erik Stenbakken
in honor of his daughter

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

\$30/month: room & board, 1 semester THAILAND	\$15/month: 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	\$1,050: scholarship - JAMAICA	\$1,000: 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
\$160: 1 month tuition ARGENTINA			