



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

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AN **IRONMAN** FOR SOS

Would you support the Women's Ministries scholarship program by swimming 2.4 miles, biking 116 miles, and then running a full marathon of 26.2 miles—in one day? Our amazing friend Ed Boyle did. On September 28, he participated in the Iron Man Triathlon Chattanooga to raise money for Scholarshipping Our Sisters.

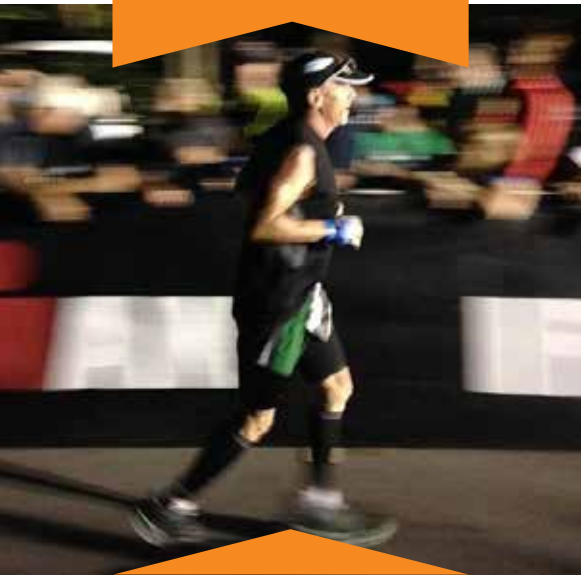
EXTRAORDINARY

We appreciate Ed's incredible feat in support of our sisters. What amazing preparation, strength, endurance—and what confidence in our sisters!

You may not complete a triathlon, but you can show your appreciation of his extraordinary endeavor. And you too can do something extraordinary—change lives—by prayerfully making a donation to Ed's challenge, either online or with a check to GC Women's Ministries.

QUALITY AND CALIBER

As an employee at the Review and Herald, Ed worked with production of the annual women's devotional book. Knowing some of the proceeds went to SOS, he says, "I've been particularly impressed with the quality of this program, the great need among young women within our church to achieve higher education, and the caliber of leadership in GC Women's Ministries."



A Farewell

Suzanne received tuition help from us in 2007 while at Middle East College. Even then she was recognized for her active participation in church programs and for her talents.



If you want to accomplish anything in Lebanon, Suzanne is the person. She can make anything happen."

I heard this before I left for Lebanon and often after I got there. Suzanne was just as promised—full of ideas, plans, and passion. Helping us start Adventist Learning Center, a remedial education center for Syrian refugee children, she was always busy. **Perfection was her standard.** "God deserves our absolute best."

Already with a full time job, Suzanne took on every duty of an Academic Coordinator and cheerfully added a host of other tasks, simply because "it needs to be done."

Suzanne was good at all she did, but when she shared her faith she really shone. The women were enthralled.

"I finally feel like someone understands us. We can share without feeling judged!" they remarked. Soon Sabbath morning worship stretched from one hour to three, with a Friday women's prayer group.

These refugee women became part of a family. Sabbath became the highlight of the week for us all, bringing a spirit of unity.

That unity held us together in September as we said goodbye to Suzanne for the last time on this earth. Together we cried, remembering her compassion, thoughtfulness,

dedication and tireless effort, and most of all, **her passion when introducing us to the God she cherished.**

How we long to hear Christ say, "Suzanne, my beautifully precious daughter, wake up to eternal joy with me and all those with whom you shared my love!"

By the Program Director,
Learning Center, Lebanon

On the Frontlines in Mongolia



Recently Raquel Arrais, GCWM Assoc. Director, had the joy of meeting two women leaders in Mongolia who were helped by SOS.

ENKE (I.), a widow with a daughter, studied Public Health at AIIAS. While there she organized evangelistic meetings and lead activities for women and children in the church. She is now Health Director for Mongolia Mission.

In 2011 **PUREV** (r.) received tuition help to study at Ulaanbaatar University. While a student, she worked with Children's, Women's and Family Ministries at church. A strong leader, she is now WM director for Mongolia Mission.

A MESSAGE FROM PUREV: "Though unable to complete my secondary education when young, in God's time, with help from Him and GC Women's Ministries, I completed even my Bachelor's degree in Family Studies, a much needed ministry in Mongolia. My teachers who knew about my Sabbath-keeping gave me a rough time, but God helped me to excel so they knew my faith was genuine. I thank Him and Women's Ministries which made it possible to graduate with honors."

Elbert Kuhn, President of Mongolia Mission, says: "Because of the Women's Scholarships and the Leadership Certification Program that bring education to our women, they are able to go and lead in many remote areas in Mongolia. Their service to this church is excellent, and we praise God for their commitment and leadership."

CELEBRATING POSSIBILITEA



Guest speaker Lois Peters is welcomed by Joan Francis.

Flowers, scones, music, friendly conversation, and a special guest speaker highlighted the SOS PossibilITEA at Sligo SDA Church in Takoma Park, MD. Many thanks to members of the Sligo and GC chapters of SOS who created this pleasant event to raise funds for GC Women's Scholarships.

Guest speaker Lois Peters inspired the group with her personal experiences putting God's promises of blessing to the test. Guests enjoyed a duet by Christina Rosette and Javonna Matthews and a solo by Jamila Silvera. A silent auction, along with generous donations, added \$1,965 to the scholarship fund.

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

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