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TO HONOR Raquel



Raquel Arrais, a special friend to SOS, will soon move to Korea. Her husband Jonas will serve as Ministerial Director and Raquel will be Director for Children's, Family and Women's Ministries.

We know she will be a great blessing, but we will miss her! We will miss her kindness, her ability to empathize with women in need, her prayers, her loving concern for others, her leadership and most of all her tireless work for our sisters around the world.

Along with our prayers, **our best gift to Raquel** will be gifts to Scholarshipping Our Sisters, which she has enthusiastically guided and supervised these past 15 years. Your **gifts in** Honor of Raquel will show your regard—for her and for a project she loves.

YOU can help SOS raise **\$15,000** by **December 30** in Honor of Raquel to show her our appreciation.

To give: Gifts may be mailed to GCWM (see address in masthead), or made via PayPal at the GCWM website: women.adventist.org/home/WMSA/SOS Scholarship Program.



[NEWS BITES]

2713
TOTAL AWARDS GIVEN SINCE 1991

5
NEW COUNTRIES REACHED THIS YEAR

Myat is patient, intelligent, and has a passion for Bible study and missionary work.
—Myanmar

82
AWARDS GIVEN THIS YEAR

\$250
1 MONTH TUITION AT BAHIA ADVENTIST COLLEGE BRAZIL

We Are Better

Societies, families, churches, and communities are always better when women are educated. As I travel around the world, I see the impact of one educated woman and what she can do in her world. She flourishes and helps other women to flourish. It has been a joy to meet them and listen to their stories. Some have been studying for years, a few classes at a time. Others have been abandoned by family. For many, once they complete classwork, huge debts keep them from receiving their diplomas and going on to serve.

Our gifts this Holiday Season will help them to advance, to flourish, to

serve, and to bless their families, churches, and communities, making our world better.

My deep gratitude for your generosity over the years. Your kindness and support have kept the Women's Scholarship Program alive and strong. Thanks to you, these precious women are lights everywhere I meet them.

We are better because of them. The world needs them. Their families depend on them, and our church is strengthened by them.

Thank you for being part of this journey, making a difference for needy women who still believe in dreams, who dream of service.

Raquel Arrais
Associate Director,
General Conference Women's Ministries

IT'S URGENT! LAPTOPS NEEDED!



Help Delana go back to college! Because of the pandemic, classes at her college are still online only. Delana's education is at a dead end—for now. She does not have a laptop. No laptop, no education. **YOU** can help her.

How? With your gift to SOS. Just **\$300** will provide her with a laptop. You can help Delana attend classes again. The goal: **20 laptops** to help 20 women continue college.

Delana—and many others—need **YOUR** help urgently.

SISTERS ARE SPECIAL!

YOU have a sister...

- in Peru who speaks Quechua.
- in Brazil who knows how to repair engines, generators and TVs.
- in Peru who was named the Lieutenant Mayor of her school.
- in Bolivia who has mastered the Aymara language.
- in Peru who works with a team helping helpless street dogs.



HELP US BE CHEAP

Sharing the SOS newsletter **online** is a wonderful—and inexpensive—way to reach more friends.

Please take a minute to **send us your email address** and those of **friends** who might enjoy the newsletter. Send to womensministries@gc.adventist.org

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Don Troy
Chuck
Laurentine Allen
Mildred Graham

IN HONOR

Raquel Arrais
Heather-Dawn Small
Pauline Smith
Mary McFarlane



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(Please print all information)

Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . . My gift of _____

My pledge of _____ per (year/month)

Name _____

Address _____

Charge to my _____ MasterCard VISA Card number _____ / _____ / _____

a monthly gift of \$ _____ on the 10th of each month beginning (month/year) _____ / _____

a one time gift of \$ _____ Signature _____

(Optional) This gift is in honor/memory of _____

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

\$25/month:
1 semester tuition
BANGLADESH

\$30/month:
room & board, 1 semester
THAILAND

\$1,050: scholarship - JAMAICA

\$1,000:
1 semester tuition
RUSSIA

\$160:
1 month tuition
ARGENTINA



→ MEET OUR SISTERS

SOLONGO, OUTSTANDING, BRILLIANT, AMBITIOUS

Meet Solongo, an amazing young lady in Mongolia. Very active, she participated in the “Live to Give” project, was ranked second, and earned 990,000 tugrugs (USD \$346) for tuition. She also sold Christian books in the “Youth Rush Mongolia” campaign.

An **outstanding student**, in high school she won honors—second place in Golden Bell in English, and third place in the English Olympiad. As a volunteer she taught lessons about drugs and global warming. When Covid hit, she lead youth in distributing face masks on the street.

Her teachers describe Solongo as **hardworking, responsible, dedicated to her goal**, and also sympathetic, caring and helpful, always eager to help students who are struggling.

At church she served as Bible worker, praise singer, youth leader, Sabbath school teacher, and volunteer preacher. Reflecting on influences in her life, she says of her first pastor, “She changed me into today’s me with Jesus.”

Solongo works hard to reach her goal of becoming an **English teacher and translator**. While she dropped out of school for two years, she did various jobs, including working with her mother in a bakery making “tons of bread and cookies.” It was exhausting, and at first she resented her parents for not helping with her tuition, but came to see that her mother was old and tired yet still worked hard to help her children.

Now working several jobs, she needs no help from her parents. And she says that while working for two years she had many good opportunities, and learned that “God’s timing is perfect.”

THANK YOU FROM BANGUI

I sincerely thank you and WM for having granted me this scholarship. It is truly a great honor. It will help me greatly financially and allow me to focus on my studies in Medicine. I hope to pursue a career as a professor at the University, and maybe one day become director of the General Hospital in Bangui.

Thank you again for investing in my future. I will do my best to reach my professional objectives and serve others.
—Delices

In Central African Republic, Delices completed her first year of university. She serves as Health Director for her church and is described as gentle but strong and responsible.



THANK YOU FROM HELAINA

Thank you for granting my application for a Women’s Ministry scholarship. Received the cheque, I am encouraged by the generous support from Women’s Ministries. Your kindest help has also set a good example for us that I would like to pass on the blessings to other needy. I will study hard and serve every patient wholeheartedly to express my gratitude and glorify Christ. God bless you!
—Helaina

Helaina received a WM scholarship in July. She is studying health sciences to prepare to “show the love of Jesus.” In high school she was a winner: first place in music, Gold award in School Physical Fitness, and Best Improved award.