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FROM NILDE'S DESK

# LOOK BACK, LOOK FOWARD

As we approach the end of something—our studies, our career, a marathon, or the year, we tend to look back to see how far we've come. Year's end gives us the opportunity to look back to see how much your gifts have accomplished.

Generous giving is an instrument in God's hands to change lives. Look back and see how your gifts have been multiplied and how lives have been changed.

### THANK YOU!

We thank God for you! You have been a channel of blessing for women to study, to follow God's plans and His dreams for them.

It is also a time to look forward, towards new goals. How can we thank God for His abundant blessings? For all He has done with what you have given to SOS? We want to give you a big hug and a humble THANK YOU!

### INVITATION

As you give, God can multiply your gifts and improve women's lives in faraway places. We invite you to continue giving, generously and with gratitude.

This Christmas season, we remember God's generosity. We remember The Gift above all gifts, Our Lord, who gave Himself for us. We invite you to bless others through your unselfish response.



# THE BEST GIFT?

Do you really need another fuzzy bathrobe? Does your aunt need a gift box of apples and pears? Does your son-in-law need another flannel shirt?



# OR

Does your sister in Croatia need tuition help? Does Fiji need the teacher you can give? Does your *hermana* in Mexico need \$740 for tuition?

### GIFT LIST?

This Christmas season, **what are the very best gifts:** Gifts for our sisters in Bolivia, Madagascar, Trinidad or Israel? Funds to help an orphan graduate from university? Gifts to provide an agriculture major for Zambia? Gifts that will ease a woman's burden as she struggles to complete college? Gifts to bless our sisters and all those *they* will bless?

### LET THEM KNOW!

**Let's tell our friends and families** that the very best gifts, the ones we want most, are their donations to **Scholarshipping Our Sisters**, via checks or PayPal, gifts that make our world better, strengthen our sisters, and honor Jesus Christ, the best Christmas gift of all.

Please be sure gifts reach us by **December 19** in order to receive receipts dated 2022.

## [NEWS BITES]

# \$1,250

WILL HELP A WOMAN IN SERBIA

39  
WOMEN WERE HELPED THIS YEAR

5  
AWARDS BLESSED WOMEN IN INDIA

22  
YOU HELPED WOMEN IN 22 SCHOOLS IN 2022

"Anna is an outstanding student, hardworking and smart. Despite her youth, she has good judgement and is balanced."  
*said by her teacher*

## ➔ MEET OUR SISTERS



### OPEN DOOR IN MONGOLIA?

Your gifts to SOS are helping **Ankhsetseg**, a young lady in Mongolia who is studying to become a Chemistry teacher. She chose this major because of her high school chemistry teacher. "She was bright and helped us understand the hard lessons. I want to inspire my students like she did," says Ankhsetseg.

### SINCE THEN...

She also tells how she met Adventism. "When I was walking alone, I saw a different building with the

door open. Wondering what was inside, I entered. There were two people inside. To me they looked like they were shining. We talked a bit and then they told me they were Adventists. They shared important things with me and that the only real peace comes from God. Since then I have meaning in my life."

In high school she won the award as top student in 2015. Other awards include gold, silver and bronze medals in basketball and volleyball, and at church she won the Bible competition.

### A YOUNG LEADER

Her pastor commends her leadership skills and excellent work with the Pathfinders for four years, noting that she made the lessons very interesting. He adds that in spite of many hardships, she is strong in her faith, and demonstrates honor, compassion and love in dealing with others. "She will be a good young leader in both the church and the community."

### [WHY EDUCATE WOMEN?]



## STRONG LEADERS FOR INDIA

Who has not heard that education is the strongest weapon against poverty? When you educate a woman, she influences her community, her nation, and she lights up the many lives near her as she dons many hats. Women who complete a degree that is well-rounded and holistic make a huge impact on their world. Education can make women strong leaders in the nation-building efforts of India.

by Elizabeth

## UKRAINE STUDENTS NEED US NOW!



In Ukraine 8 women received scholarships last January. Since the war, all have moved safely to other countries. But they can continue classes virtually **ONLY IF** we send funds for their tuition. Let's meet this urgent need NOW! To help, give now and mark your donation for Ukraine.

### GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

#### IN MEMORY

Ransom & Lois Luce  
Merlene Ogden



#### IN HONOR

Isabel Afanador  
Bobby Ravenell



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

My pledge of \_\_\_\_\_ per (year/month)  My gift of \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print all information)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Charge to my  MasterCard  VISA Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>\$30/month:</b> room & board, 1 semester THAILAND	<b>\$25/month:</b> 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH
<b>\$1,050:</b> scholarship - JAMAICA	<b>\$1,000:</b> 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
<b>\$160:</b> 1 month tuition ARGENTINA	



## → MEET OUR SISTERS



### LOST JOBS. FOUND JESUS.

My name is **Ursula**, and I am majoring in Theology at Sagunto Adventist University in Spain.

When I was young, I would have never imagined that life would bring me here. My family and I were Catholic. My mother had always wanted to know more about Jesus, but she never found answers that satisfied her. She taught my sister and me that God was good, but I never understood why there was so much bad in the world.

#### THE BLESSING OF NO JOB

I was born in Peru, my family's home country, but when I was eight we moved to Spain because of economic and political problems. In 2008, I was in college, but due to the economic crisis, I had to drop out and get a job. Because the economy was so bad, we all lost jobs, but that became an unexpected blessing. We had time to watch Logos TV where we were introduced to the Adventist Church. This brought hope and light into our lives. Suddenly everything had meaning. The pieces of my life fit together. We accepted the truths presented and were baptized. Now I believe the Lord has led me to this university to study theology.

I am active in our church as Sabbath school leader for children and for young people. I also volunteer with ADRA. I like to help others, to listen to their problems and offer help.

#### APPRECIATION

The Women's Ministries scholarship will be a tremendous help with my tuition. My mother is a widow who now works caring for several elderly people. My sister and I do not have regular employment but do house cleaning. Thank you so much to all those who make this help available. May God bless you.

## BUILDING BETTER FUTURES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Education is the vehicle for opportunity in the Philippines, especially for women. Filipino women are resourceful, smart, and natural born leaders. Two of the fifteen past presidents were women.

However, the large wealth gap in the country means few opportunities for educational loans. Obtaining a college degree is limited by finances. Giving poor women an opportunity for higher education gives them access to higher paying jobs and the tools to build better futures for themselves, their families, and the country.

*by Jemima*

