



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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When Does SOS Mean Good News?

SOS, “Scholarshipping Our Sisters,” is a team of volunteers who raise funds for GC Women’s Ministries Scholarships. These scholarships help Adventist women complete their higher education. In the past, most funds for these scholarships came from sale of the Women’s Devotional book. About \$40,000 was raised each year, or only \$3,000 per division. Last year SOS, working with GC Women’s Ministries, raised an additional \$26,000. In 2005 they hope to raise at least \$30,000 to provide more scholarships. In the 18 months since SOS began, the SOS team has successfully met three challenge grants for a total of \$24,000, and a fourth grant needs just \$640 to reach its \$5,000 goal. SOS hopes to start more teams to support this program. “WM scholarships strengthen not just the women, but also their families, their communities—and our church,” notes an SOS team member. 🎓



Students in India receive their awards



GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship Committee awards number 1000

Celebrating WM Scholarship Number 1000

May 31, 2005, marked a milestone as GC Women’s Ministries awarded their 1,000th scholarship. In 12 years they have given nearly \$400,000 in scholarships for higher education for Adventist women around the globe. Thanks to the many women who write for and buy the Women’s Devotional book, work with SOS, and loyally support this project, 1,000 women have been helped.

They include women such as Mayra, a dental student on the Dean’s List at Adventist University of the Philippines. But she can’t attend school full time because her mother cannot work and her father abandoned them.

GC Women’s Ministries wants to help as many as possible. Committee member Odette Ferreira says, “The WM Scholarship program is one of the best initiatives the GC has. So many young women anxious to serve have been helped. I thank God and WM for the privilege of seeing the 1,000th scholarship given.” 🎓

YES, I’ll help SOS by. . .

(Optional)

- Forming an SOS team
- Sponsoring a sister in _____
- My donation of \$ _____
- My pledge of
\$100__ \$50__ \$30__ other____
(per month/year/pay period)

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____

e-mail _____

Phone _____

Please e-mail the newsletter to me

Some friends would enjoy this newsletter. I’m enclosing names & addresses

Grace Notes: Thank You from Your Sisters

“I hope it will be a surprise to receive a letter from your sister in a remote corner, a small district in South Sudan. I sincerely thank [GCWM] for your support of my studies in Bugema University. Your commitment made my studies a success...a miracle. I never thought such a golden chance

God has telephoned you

will knock at the door of my house in that war torn area, where there is no education, only fighting and killing. But God has telephoned you that there is someone to give your hand to so her eyes can see further and help her own people. Now I work with ADRA South Field as a coordinator for Women’s Cooperative Micro-Credit. Thank you. In His service.” *Regina, Sudan*

“Thank you for giving me an opportunity to gain scholarship. When I got the information that I was chosen, I glorified God and thanked Him. I wish I will be used as God’s instrument and servant. I will do my best to be prepared for the time when God needs me. May God bless you all.” *Sun-kyoung, Korea*

“I want to thank each one who had a hand in this wonderful [WM scholarship] program. I was speechless to discover the generosity in your department. I

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could never tell all the ways this scholarship will help, but knowing that people in my world church are willing to help means the most to me and my family. I also thank the women who have worked so hard to ensure that programs

like this exist. I plan in the future to always help other young women. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.” *Sheila, US*



Lilia fears she may not finish her last year at Mountain View College in the Philippines. She has no financial help because her dad has high medical bills after surgery and is unable to work.

Lucilla and her husband attend Brazil Adventist University and are the only Adventists from families that do not accept their change of religion. They are literature evangelists, but loss of her income due to health problems means a financial crisis.



Alicia is studying medicine at Montemorelos University and earns top grades. She is a “strong leader and a consistently high performer,” but lack of finances may curtail her education.

Eva, an education major in Peru, “an excellent leader, with good grades,” pays her own way, working from 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. during vacations.



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How Much is 1 Month’s Tuition? (\$ symbol = \$50)

- \$ Surat Nursing School, India (\$50)
- \$\$ Adventist University Zurcher, Madagascar (\$95)
- \$\$ Malawai Adventist College (\$100)
- \$\$\$ Ukrainian College of Arts & Sciences (\$150)
- \$\$\$\$ Taiwan Adventist College (\$250)
- \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Middle East College, Lebanon (\$500)

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“Drop a pebble in a pool,
and the ripples reach the shore.
Invest in lives, and with tsunami-like force,
the impact is powerful and eternal.”

*Don Robinson, Treasury liaison to
GC Women’s Ministries*