



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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SOS Reception Builds Awareness

Scholarshipping Our Sisters [SOS] volunteers hosted a dessert reception in the General Conference atrium in late February to inform GC employees about the ministry of SOS and their work to provide scholarship money for college women in need all over the world.

SOS volunteers shared information with their guests, and posters included SOS highlights as well as photos of students. Guests received informational material and could sign up to support the scholarship program in various ways. SOS was delighted that 14 signed up to become SOS Ambassadors. Others pledged financial support or volunteered to help with data entry, writing for the newsletter, or assisting with events.



SOS seeks the support of men as well as women for the scholarship program. The outstanding women who receive GC Women's Ministries scholarships are sisters of the whole church. Visit <http://wm.gc.adventist.org> for information. 🎓

Meeting our Sisters

Leader and Team Player

Anna* attends Middle East University where she is majoring in education. This has been difficult because her mother recently underwent brain surgery for a massive tumor and also had numerous complications. Anna, according to her pastor and teachers, is a very cooperative team player who is helpful in church praise worship, Sabbath school class, and with various community programs. A



leader and organizer, she has assisted with a Women's Ministries retreat and has lectured at various programs. Anna is "willing to contribute in any necessary way to help achieve God's mission through women's efforts."

Bright Promise

Here in Maryland it's spring, a time of new beginnings: we see it in the bright colors of nature as new buds appear, new leaves come out and flowers bloom. It's the time of year to shed heavy coats and don tee shirts and shorts to enjoy the

Blessing Her Community

Nema,* an Education student at the University of East Africa, Baraton, is fourth in a family of 11 children. Outgoing and sociable, she works well with others. She is described as an assertive but humble team leader who is hardworking, honest, and responsible. Nema is a Pathfinder Master Guide, has worked in community AIDS campaigns helping to give vital information, and served with church evangelistic outreach groups. She is an excellent student and has been on the dean's list; however, due to lack of financial resources she has not yet been able to graduate. She wants to teach and to guide and counsel youth to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Those who recommended her have no doubt of her ability to succeed. 🎓



**Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.*

Did You Know ... ?

Tuition for one semester is ...
\$40 in Myanmar
\$400 in Bolivia
\$700 in Nigeria

outdoors! It's also a time to remember (think Memorial Day) those who have been significant in our lives. Remembering them by making a gift in their name to SOS continues their good-will through you, and enables a deserving woman to bloom, to graduate from college, and to move into bright new beginnings. 🎓



A Mother's Best Gift

By Dr. Sally Phoon, Women's Ministries Director,
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

If there is one thing that my mother taught me, it is that the best gift that a mother can give to a daughter is an education. My mother had only a total of five years of education herself, living in the days where sons were favored when it came to schooling. She had four brothers, so they had first priority. Since money was short, she was deprived of a proper education. Her own experience fueled her commitment to ensure that all her four daughters and two sons received an education up to the college level. She was never well-to-do, but God provided for her more abundantly than she ever imagined.

Similarly, the Women's Ministries Department believes that the best investment towards the empowerment of women is to assist them in their pursuit of a college education. That's the reason we have the Scholarship-ping our Sisters program to help equip them for service. The returns on this investment are great because it will start a chain reaction that will ripple around the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit it will advance God's Kingdom here on earth and in the world to come. 🎓

Words of Gratitude

Let's continue working

"With so much joy I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for having approved my scholarship request. Thanks for the work you are doing to raise money which you have ever used to help people in need. Let's continue working for our Lord as we get prepared for His second coming and for that glorious time when we shall have no more wants." *NK, Hoima, Uganda*



Hope you help many others

"I am gratefully give thanks to all of you for giving me a chance to have a scholarship, whom it was a big help in continuing my studies. Hope this scholarship [program] will go longer and help many students who are in need. May the Lord God bless you always." *RAP, Philippines*



Guaranteed to move ahead

"I thank you very much for your kind support, which has enabled me to resume my schooling. May God bless you abundantly. Without you, things could be very difficult with me, but now I have guaranteed to move ahead." *NWS, Uganda*

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

Edna Hough
Henrietta Morse
Lois H. Luce
Carrie McGhinnis

In Honor of

Ethel Young
Mary Fowler
Idamae Johnson



Small Book Sale with Big Results

The SOS Used Book Sale this April had fewer potential customers than usual because Spring Meeting met at Loma Linda. But the results were still excellent, adding more than \$900 to the GC WM Scholarship Fund. Spreading the sale over five days meant that world delegates to nine GC departmental advisories, as well as employees in the GC complex, could shop for book bargains. Many thanks to all who donated and bought books. The next SOS book sale will be held in October during Annual Council. Donations of used books are welcome. 🎓

Some Really Great Ways to Support SOS

- Be an Ambassador for SOS by ...
 - ... telling others about this program to help our sisters.
 - ... sharing SOS newsletters and other materials with your friends.
- Host an SOS potluck with friends. (Everyone brings a dish and a donation.)
- Make a pledge—and find a "pledge partner" to match it.
- Organize a neighborhood yard sale to benefit SOS.



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