



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meeting our Sisters

Maria—in His Steps

Maria* attended an Adventist church for the first time when she was five. A neighbor had invited Maria's mother to go with her, but because she did not want to go, she sent Maria in her place. Maria loved Sabbath School and grew up wanting to do as Christ did while on earth: heal the physically and spiritually ill. She wants to be a medical missionary after medical school.



Following her dream

Maria has followed her dream, working summers and during the school year while taking a full class load. She also leads out in Sabbath School, and coordinates medical teams to visit poor neighborhoods.

She has received scholastic excellence awards, but finances nearly kept her from enrolling for her final year. Because of your generosity, SOS was able to help with her debt—and her dream: to heal the physically and spiritually ill as Christ did. 🎓

July Awards Boost 49 Women in 15 Countries

Women in 15 countries will have their educational burdens lightened by the 49 GC Women's Ministries Scholarships awarded this July. While most funds are distributed in January, the WM Scholarship Committee was able to fund an exceptionally high number of applications this July, bringing the number for the year to 126 scholarships for a total of \$51,800.



Committee members are touched by applicants' stories, such as Nadine's. She attends the Adventist university in Cameroon, having transferred from a much less expensive government school because of Sabbath exams. Her parents, not sympathetic, give no support.

An excellent student, Nadine is active in youth events, choir, Women's Ministries, and the campaign against HIV. She is just one example of the 126 outstanding women that, with your help, Women's Ministries Scholarships are helping toward their educational goals this year.

Not Wasting a Minute

If you spent a day with Marta*, you'd wonder how this busy, bright Argentinian accomplishes all she does. A full-time student at River Plate Adventist University, she looks forward to a career as a Christian psychologist because helping people is her "fundamental objective in life."

Marta has excellent grades and strong leadership skills. From serving as Pathfinder counselor to deaconess, from Sabbath School instructor to coordinator for the university Student Organization, Marta doesn't shirk responsibility.



Any "spare time"?

In her "spare time," she squeezes in visits with orphans, assists the elderly, and collects food for the needy. What keeps her grounded? Marta says it's trust in God. Knowing that Someone will help with life's challenges—including the frenzy of time management—grants her calmness. 🎓

*Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.

\$3,000 Back-to-School Challenge

September means the start of a new school year in many places. This September, SOS has a back-to-school challenge grant of \$3,000.

One dollar becomes two

This challenge is a chance to double your money. All gifts of \$40 or more received by October 20 count toward the challenge and will be matched dollar for dollar. Let's meet the challenge—so our sisters can go back to school!



Seeing the Invisible

By Raquel Arrais, Associate Director

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As I walked through Lamson Hall at Andrews University, a motto on the wall caught my attention: "Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible." During this year, SOS has received the support of many people who see the invisible. People who believe in dreams, believe in education, believe in sharing. Through their generosity these people, who believe in empowering people, have made a college education possible for many women around the world.

You make the difference

SOS offers us each an opportunity to encourage women serving the mission of the church. God has used you to make a tremendous difference for many women and their families around the globe. Your partnership, prayers and financial support have made impossible dreams possible. Thank you for seeing the invisible with us. 

Quick Notes

What is Scholarshiping Our Sisters? SOS is a team effort to increase funding for GC Women's Ministries Scholarships.

What is the goal for 2006? The SOS goal for this year is \$40,000.

Could I start a local chapter of SOS? Yes! Contact us for suggestions.

Can I designate my gift for a specific country, major, or institution? Yes!

How do I donate? You may make checks payable to GC Women's Ministries. Memo: Scholarship Fund

What can \$25 per month do? It can pay a year's tuition for a nurse in India.



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Christmas Shopping

Here's a great Christmas gift idea—and it's only September! The 2007 women's devotional book is a welcome gift for aunts, sisters, moms, neighbors, cousins....well, you get it.

Writers around the world

The new devotional book, *Morning Praise*, contains inspiring messages by women from around the globe. Available from your Adventist Book Center, the devotional book is truly a gift that keeps on giving; your purchase helps our sisters attend college. Happy shopping! 

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

- Kathleen Wu Facemire
- Nicolas Chaij
- Bill Hunter
- Rob Hough

In Honor of

- Nancy Marter
 - Virginia Smith
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Words of Gratitude

Your help cherished

"I am very much grateful you have chosen me as a recipient of [WM] Scholarship. My sincere thanks to your wide-world program.



Your help to my school tuition will surely be cherished my whole life.

"I pray that as soon as I finish my studies, I can be of help also to other women." PBJM, MAMC, Philippines

TV talents for God

"Thank you for approving my application. It is truly an answered prayer. I promise to study hard and someday hope I can work in 3ABN because my course is Mass Communication." KSZ, AUP, Philippines

As you bless others



"I am grateful for the [WM] Scholarship. Saying thanks is not enough for this wonderful blessing. I pray that God continue

blessing your ministry as you bless other women like me."

AVM, RPAU, Argentina

Tears and God's answer

"I just received your letter regarding my scholarship. I was so glad you granted me. I didn't expect it would. I even have forgotten about it. But you know, I was crying when I wrote that letter, I was desperate and I said I just try. Perhaps God will answer it. And He did! How many times God answered my prayer.

"What can I say more? A heartfelt of thanks to God, and to everyone who exerted their effort on this field. Thank you. Thank you, and God bless always." MRB, NLAC, Philippines