



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meeting our Sisters

From Shy to Confident

Talented, hardworking, faithful, good leader, very humble. These words describe Francie* of Papua New Guinea. She and her 5 brothers and 1 sister all attend Adventist schools or colleges. Although her mother and father are subsistence farmers, they have managed to provide for their children's educations. Francie helps her siblings as she is able.


Francie was greatly influenced by her mother and father, who have served the church faithfully, and also by her Pathfinder leader, who gave her opportunities to take part up front in meetings. She says that this experience helped her gain confidence and overcome her shyness.



Peacemaker

A theology major at Pacific Adventist University, Francie is currently pastoring several churches in Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission. She has been the guest

speaker for Women's Emphasis Day and International Day of Prayer, and has completed the Women's Ministries Leadership Certification Levels 1 and 2. She also served on a community peace committee between two warring tribes!

Francie is a blessing to her church members, who are ever thankful for her dedication and loving service in Papua New Guinea. 

*Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.

Congratulations to 91 Outstanding Women

Letters are going to 91 Adventist women in colleges around the globe to tell them they are receiving Women's Ministries scholarships. This January the GC Women's Scholarship Committee awarded a total of US\$37,763 to the 91 women, who are from 35 different countries. More scholarships will be awarded in June. Praising the applicants, committee member Yvonne Vanderhorst says, "It is their complete trust in God and their perseverance that encourages me to do all I can to help these women."

Sharing the Light

These women have tremendous potential to bless their communities. For example, Mai's* father left the family to become a Buddhist monk. Mai will be a light to her Buddhist community after she graduates from college.

Because of you, these talented women will reach their goal of completing college. You are supporting wonderful dreams and making our world better.



WM Directors receive letters with scholarship news.

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Faith Amid Hardship

"I have faith that God has a plan for me to achieve my goal," says Shanti,* a full-time student at the Seventh-day Adventist School of Nursing in Ranchi, India. Despite difficulties, such as the death of her father during war and the financial stress of living in a single-parent, farm worker family, Shanti insists she experiences "the blessing of God each day."

Buoyancy and compassion

Shanti's buoyant spirit amid hardship and her determination to serve others have touched those around her. Shanti's pastor says of

her, she is "honest, sincere, faithful and hard-working." He has observed her strong leadership as she actively participates in church and youth programs. At school, she's "an outstanding" student, at the top of her class. And at work in the ward, she cares conscientiously and compassionately for her patients. Shanti says that a Women's Ministries scholarship will help with her school fees so that she can better share the healing power of Christ's love.

Thanks to you . . .

the GC Women's Scholarship Fund raised \$36,000 in 2006. Thank you for supporting our sisters!



Aiming for the Skies


By Gloria Lindsey Trotman, *Women's Ministries Director*
Inter-American Division

Women have made a long journey from insignificance to recognition. A Bible text ordered women to "be in silence" in the church; economically, for millennia we could not own land; politically, we had no voting rights; socially and professionally, we were considered inferior to men. However now, in an age of female astronauts, literally the sky is the limit. Centuries ago, Jesus elevated us to our true position; now education opens doors for us.

An educated woman is a free woman! Many women are shackled by poverty because they lack education. Education breaks the cycle of poverty. An educated woman enjoys financial security, higher self-esteem and a better life.

An educated woman is a safe woman! Domestic violence threatens many women. While we urge victims to get to safety, many feel compelled to endure, with no way to support themselves and their children. Education changes this.

An educated woman is a more effective witness. Women can minister to women because of empathy and common interests. Educated women can witness to varied social groups. Ellen White encourages, "Be content with no mean attainments. Aim high. Spare no pains to reach the standard." MYP, p. 36.

Scholarshipping Our Sisters is dedicated to helping Adventist women attain the potential God envisioned for them. We can aim high. 

Quick Notes



What is Scholarshipping Our Sisters?

It is a volunteer team helping GC Women's Ministries fund scholarships for women.

Can I get the SOS newsletter by E-mail?

Yes. Just send us your information and let us know that is your preference.

What can my pledge of \$42 a month do?

It could pay 1 year's tuition for a woman in Madagascar.

Honoring Mom

A wonderful way to honor Mom on Mother's Day is by making a special gift in her name to GC Women's Scholarships. How better to show her she has raised a thoughtful, caring child.

Send us her name and let us know whether the gift is memory or in honor. We'll honor her our next newsletter.

Praising Mom



Looking for the perfect book to give Mom? *Morning Praise*, the 2007 women's devotional book, makes a beautiful and inspiring gift for her.

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

Gordon Madgwick

Margaret Wylie

James and Eleanor Trefz



Words of Gratitude

Bless Women's Ministries

"May the Lord bless Women's



Ministries, guiding you to help women like me, wherever they may be, receive education to serve God."

AVM, RP Argentina

My dream is possible

"I am very thankful to donors who support WM Scholarships. Because of their kindness, my dream of higher education is possible."

ELPL, MC, Thailand

School blessed by God

"I'm grateful to be able to study in this school that is blessed by God. Remember me in prayer; I will be praying for each WM leader."
VSS, NeBC, Brazil



Why I Support SOS

Three women tell why

"Supporting these scholarships gives me a chance to do something positive for someone I do not know; education empowers women, making the world a better place." *JW*

"Discussing our SOS team's good ideas, it's hard not to get excited and participate. If you have an opportunity to help others, don't hesitate. You'll be blessed." *JS*

"I support SOS because I remember my own appreciation for small scholarships I received while working my way through college." *MLG*



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