



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Chile, Burundi, and 19 More

"It's so rewarding!" "Their stories are truly inspiring." Comments such as these marked the start of the June 28 Women's Scholarship Committee which awarded 40 scholarships, to women from 21 different countries, countries as far apart as Chile, Burundi, and Israel.

A total of \$19,400 was awarded. With the 72 January scholarships, this makes a total of \$54,100 awarded by the GC Women's Ministries Department in 2008. These awards go to Adventist women in college, especially juniors and seniors who urgently need assistance to finish their education.

A few excerpts from their applications demonstrate the caliber of women you are helping. Dorcas, from Uganda, is majoring in Development Studies.



Described as a diligent, enthusiastic team builder by the faculty, she is determined "to finish her education so she can empower other women."

Jennifer, a very active student from Ecuador, is involved in junior Sabbath school, sings in the choir, participates in evangelistic campaigns, and is the leader for the school Health Promotion program.

An accounting major at Helderberg, Botshabelo is deaconess in her local church and works in the chaplain's office.

She has good leadership skills, but because her father died, her financial situation is precarious.

These are outstanding women, but there are many more—talented and dedicated women longing for an education to prepare for God's service. They need our support. They need *your* support. They are our sisters.

Meet our sisters

"I Couldn't Abandon Them"

At a young age Eun showed her talent for public speaking by winning her first grade speech contest. At 16, she showed her interest in ministering to young people as a primary Sabbath School teacher. When she reached high school her compassion for others led to recognition for her social service work.

In 2006, she contracted tuberculosis. Facing six months of treatment, she had to decide whether to stay in school.



"I couldn't quit school because of my duties as a pastor," Eun Hye says. As sophomores, "we're sent to different departments to do campus ministry. I was serving the computer science department. I couldn't abandon the students in the middle of the semester." She decided to stay in school and "let God handle the problem."

Healing and Soul Winning

"Thankfully God not only healed me but also allowed me to enjoy the soul winning," she says.

She adds, "I want to be part of a youth ministry. I want to help young people. So I am preparing to study not only theology, but education and counseling."

With the SOS scholarship, Eun Hye will be able to stay in Seoul and continue ministering to the church that she now serves.

Double Your Money!

No tricks in this offer! You can double your money immediately—with a gift of \$20 or more to help meet a special Matching Challenge. The goal is to raise \$3,000 by September 31 in order for SOS to receive the matching funds. This dollar-for-dollar challenge allows you to double your gift if you designate it for this campaign and get it to us by the September 31 deadline. What better way to double your money!

Vacation with SOS

A great way to support the Women's Scholarship fund is to take SOS on vacation. Many GC employees are doing so over the summer.

Colorful "Travel Paks" containing SOS newsletters were distributed for folks to share when they travel.

If you would like to have a Travel Pak, just let us know.



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another."

Charles Dickens



Young or Old, Rich or Poor...

by Carolyn Kujawa, SOS Volunteer Coordinator

Whether young or old, rich or poor, male or female...friends and supporters of the Women's Ministries Scholarship program agree this project is vital.

"The education of women is a top priority. SOS allows women who could not otherwise afford it the chance to attend college. It especially helps young women to know other women care about them." *JM, Zambia*

"Supporting our sisters around the world is vital—for there is no issue that they face that is not a serious concern to the larger world community." *BC, web manager*

With an education, women "will be enabled to face the challenges of their lives; and help their children and other young people accomplish their goals." *RD, Retiree*

"In India or Africa women are considered third-class citizens. For them education is vital. Education boosts their self-esteem and gives them independence." *ST, India*



Abilities, but no Funds

"Christian education costs a lot in the country of Indonesia; hence the Women's Scholarship Program is extremely important and beneficial to the SDA women who have 'brain' but have no money, and have desire to receive an outstanding SDA education." *(EM, Indonesia)*

Our friends are right. The Women's Scholarship Program is vital. Educating women strengthens families, communities, and our church.

Join us because... Ninshi twabela bamunyina. Noś somos irmās. हम बहने हैं। We are sisters!

Meet our sisters

Crossed Off the List

Guyanese mother-of-two and Behavioral Sciences student Debra has a To-do list that must read like

an epic. Debra directs both the Women's and Children's Ministries departments at her local church conference, she's finishing her degree at the University of the Southern Caribbean, and she oversees the Early Childhood Education Center that she established.



Ministry to Women and Children

Debra says giving her life to Christ at age nine was such a meaningful experience that since then she's had a passion for helping children find Jesus. Debra says her degree will anchor her ministry to women and children by giving her the counseling skills she needs to complement her 20 years of experience working for the church.

Right now, Debra's tuition exhausts half of her monthly income, and with two children to support, she's struggling. An ambitious and dedicated student, Debra displays a persevering spirit amid the challenges, says the Family Ministries director for the Guyana Conference. A Women's Ministries scholarship will help Debra complete her studies and cross off at least one thing from that lengthy To-do list.

Quick Notes



What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

SOS is a volunteer team supporting the GC Women's Ministries scholarship program for Adventist women attending college around the world.

What can my gift do?

\$200 provides a year's tuition for a woman in Myanmar
\$65/month = 1 semester in Argentina

Can I get the SOS newsletter by E-mail?

Yes. Just let us know your e-address.



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Breakfast Only?

"Are you on Plan 0.2.0?"

"No, I'm on Plan 0.1.0."

When students at Solusi University say this, they refer to meal plans. On Plan 0.1.0 one gets breakfast *only!* Plan 0.2.0 means lunch is one's only meal of the day!

Appalling economic conditions in Zimbabwe call for an urgent response. Solusi students need our help! SOS hopes to raise \$5,000 by October 31 for Solusi students.

Less than Dessert

Think of what it would mean to have only one meal a day every day. Pray about what you can give. Does \$200 sound like a lot? That's less than \$3.40 a day during September and October. Just \$3.40! That's less than your favorite dessert at the Cheesecake Factory, less than dry cleaning a suit, less than a box of cereal.

Your gift will be a tremendous blessing to Solusi students. Let's raise \$5,000 (or more) by October 31.

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of

Faith Musanda
Lou Campbell
Myrtie Corner
Elsie Kuehnert
Reger Smith
Lynn Friday
Miriam Wood
Lois Fowler

