



# SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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## Loved Committee Rewards 79

"I just love attending this committee!" How often do you hear that remark? But it's how members of the GC Women's Scholarship Committee feel about the joy and inspiration of awarding scholarships to outstanding college women around the world.

### 79 Winners

This January, scholarships were awarded to 79 talented women, from 26 countries, including Sierra Leone, Ukraine, Papua New Guinea, Burundi, and Hong Kong.

In Burundi, Joselyne, an excellent student, helped produce a new radio program for the church FM station. She is treasurer of the Adventist Student Association at the university and served as youth leader and choir director



at church. Joselyne faces major financial challenges because her parents are very angry and they refuse to help her since she became an Adventist.

She is but one of the many talented Adventist women who, facing great obstacles, are determined to get an education.

### 19 years; 105 countries

The GC WM Women's Scholarship Program has helped Adventist women since 1991, with a total of 1,456 scholarships to women in colleges in 105 countries. It is funded by royalties from the yearly women's devotional book, fund-raising activities, and donors.

*For more information about the scholarship program, an application form and guidelines for writing for the devotional book, visit [www.adventistwomensministries.org](http://www.adventistwomensministries.org).*

## Special Gifts to Solusi and Myanmar

Students at Solusi University in Zimbabwe and at Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary were especially blessed by your generous gifts which totaled \$5,000 in special funds for these two schools, both of which face severe hardships.



### Help for Solusi

At Solusi, eleven women were given scholarships. These are for majors including Accounting, Religion, and Family/Consumer Science.

In Myanmar, scholarships were given to 7 students, most of whom will be teachers. Sian, abandoned by her parents when she became an Adventist, has no financial support. She is a gentle person who motivates and loves children.

Thank you for showing Eulet, Sian and their sisters that you care.

Eulet is a mother of four. Zimbabwe's runaway inflation makes it impossible for her husband to care for the children's needs and pay her tuition, but Eulet is determined to graduate.

## Meet our sisters

### Accepting God's Leading

Ashika, from the Fiji Islands, is a third year student at Fulton College. Born Hindu, she accepted Jesus when she was in class five and has never regretted it. Her family has also accepted Jesus.

### Her Brother's Influence

Ashika says her brother was the most influential person in her life. When he was gravely ill and before his death, he encouraged her to study theology. Ashika believes God always leads her and that He has a purpose for everyone in her life. She wants to share Jesus with everyone and to help prepare them for His soon return.



Active in her congregation, Ashika attends a church that serves the Indian peoples of Fiji. The administration is looking forward to her graduation, knowing she will be a great blessing to this group because there are too few pastors for the Indian population

### A Calm Oasis

Her teachers describe Ashika as "a great orator, organizer, a team builder," one who is "committed and perseveres in whatever tasks she's given." They say her peaceful spirit creates a calm oasis.

She is an excellent student, but financing her education this year is a challenge. During her first two years of college, she received some financial help from her parents, but now they are unable to help. With a GC Women's Ministries scholarship she can continue preparing to serve.



## Gratitude Makes Life Rich

By Raquel Arrais  
Associate Director, GC Women's Ministries

God blessed us beyond measure in 2008, and we owe Him everything, including our constant praise and gratitude for the people who have helped us to fulfill many dreams in many colleges around the world.

Bonhoeffer observed, "It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich." These words certainly apply to us. I cannot start the year without thanking YOU, who make the Women's Scholarship program possible. By your compassion, generosity, open hands, volunteering, and open hearts, last year we were able to help 112 young women achieve their dreams and prepare to serve the church—in many ways, in many lands.



### Make this Year Beautiful

As we start 2009, I know in my heart that everyone has something to share. My invitation to you is to make your year beautiful by getting involved in helping someone. You can make a big impact in someone's life by giving your time, your money, your prayers, and your personal touch.

You can also change lives by sharing your voice. Help us to get the word out about the Women's Scholarship program and SOS. Let friends know that we can make a huge difference for many young women around the globe, committed and talented women who desperately need our support to continue to believe that "all things are possible."

## Quick Notes

### What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

It's a volunteer team supporting GC Women's Ministries scholarships for Adventist women in college worldwide.

### What will \$1-a-day do?

Trinidad: Text books for 1 year  
Spain: Half a scholarship

### How Easy is it to Give?

Now you can use your **credit card** to give to the scholarship fund by using the response envelope or by phone.



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## Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of  
Louise & Ada Graham  
Lois Luce

In honor of  
Robert Weisz



## Lynn Still Blesses

This January, nine young women were blessed to receive scholarships from the Lynn Friday Memorial Fund for Women in Communication. This fund was established in 2007 in memory of our friend Lynn who served as secretary in the General Conference Communication Dept. Lynn was a warm, caring 'people person,' who spread happiness.

### Blessing 9

Awards from this memorial fund are helping nine young women—seven in Bangladesh, one in Israel, and one in the U.S.

[To establish a named scholarship, contact us]

## Meet our sisters

## Music to Her Ears

For Luise, an SOS scholarship will be music to her ears. The talented violinist and equally passionate theology student will use the funds to continue her studies at Bogenhofen Theological Seminary in Austria, where her professors describe her as reliable, determined and focused, one of the department's best students, a "keen thinker" with a reputation for turning in quality work in a timely manner.

### Concerts as Outreach

Luise, a former atheist who embraced Adventism just over a decade ago, says the difference Christ has made in her life, coupled with her background, enables her to relate to secular young people. She's actively involved in community outreach, leading Bible studies and organizing concerts for young people. Luise's contributions, whether musical or work-related, are always spiritual, says the seminary president.



### Orchestra Leader

Luise also maintains an ambitious work schedule. She teaches violin and music theory, and leads the orchestra at Bogenhofen. She also assists in the library and the Ellen White Center, teaches music and religion at the elementary school, and serves as assistant dorm dean. At church, she organizes music programs, preaches, and teaches Sabbath School. She also edits *Salvation and Service*, a magazine targeting German young people. Luise is an outstanding example of the caliber of women our scholarship program helps.

## It's a Challenge!

**SOS must raise  
\$5,000 by May 1**  
to get

**a matching gift of \$5,000**

All gifts of \$30 or more by May 1  
count toward this goal