



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

EDITORIAL

## QUALIFIED

THE WORD QUALIFIED MEANS "FIT BY TRAINING, SKILL, OR ABILITY FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE." WHEN I THINK ABOUT BEING QUALIFIED FOR SOMETHING, I REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS BELIEVED IN ME, WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE AND IN MANY LIVES.

### READY TO SOAR

As I visit women in many countries, I see "qualified women" ready to soar if they have an opportunity. In GC Women's Ministries we want to "qualify" more women to rise above poverty, to rise above prejudice, to rise above fear, to rise above being left behind.

As we see more women taking their places as "qualified" for a special purpose, we thank and praise God for what this scholarship program does to "empower women, strengthen their families, improve communities, and build up our church globally."

Join me as part of the team to provide "qualified" women for a special purpose as they contribute to the mission of this church and for humanity.

By Raquel Arrais  
Associate Director GC Women's Ministries

# MARVELOUS TALENT



(Excerpt from recommendation letter for Raya K. of Bulgaria)

"We, the Christians of Varna [Bulgaria] SDA Church, are convinced God expects His children to serve Him through His gifts....We have the privilege to present Raya K, endowed with rare talent as pianist. Her dream is to praise God through classical music.

"Raya has won many major piano competitions, including the International Festival Chopin, International Competition for German and Austrian Music, and awards from the Bulgarian Minister of Culture.

Academy of Music, Raya studies with international teachers and performs as soloist, accompanist, and with chamber groups. [At church she is pianist and choir leader, and she performs charity concerts.]

### THEY ALL WANT RAYA

"Raya applied to the four top conservatories in London (Trinity College, Royal College of Music, Guildhall College of Arts, and Royal Academy of Music). She achieved a record, being accepted to all four. Choosing the Royal

### A HUGE WORRY

"We are concerned for this talented girl because she is not supported by her country or any foundation. Finances are a huge worry. Please help. Raya will be the first Adventist accomplishing at this prestigious conservatory."

## \$15,000 FOR SUDAN

Employees in the General Conference complex raised \$15,000 for scholarships for women from Sudan during their spring Week of Prayer. Their generosity is a wonderful blessing and will provide scholarships for 15 women from Sudan.

## HONORING Amelia Baker

The family of Amelia Baker honored her memory with a generous gift to the GCWM Women's Scholarship Fund. Amelia Christian Baker was the mother of Delbert W. Baker, General Vice President of the General Conference, and his five siblings.

A woman of grace, perseverance and talent, she taught her children to value education, and earned her degree after they all completed college. A Bible Worker, Dorcas leader, church elder, she also wrote several books and many poems.





# It's about Mothers

Not all women receiving our scholarships are young coeds. Many are mothers with heavy responsibilities. Many of you know first-hand how hard it is to juggle job, classes, and family. Of the 116 women helped in February, 16 are mothers. Meet Serah and Adlin:

## Rehabbing

In PNG, Serah moved with her husband and six children to a dilapidated mission school, and while teaching there, lead in restoring the aged facility. Now it has risen from the bottom academically to near the top in their province.

## Rebuilding

Adlin, a nurse practitioner in Jamaica, is a mother and a natural leader. She has organized health seminars, women's retreats, and community charity projects, including fund raising to rebuild an elderly woman's home destroyed by fire.

On Mother's Day we honor our own mothers. Let's also honor and support these dedicated mothers.

# THANKS FROM LOWRY



Raquel Arrais (far left) and Heather-Dawn Small (2nd from right), the GCWM Director and Assoc. Director, had the joy of visiting Lowry Adventist College in India and meeting Asha and Miriyam, two nursing students who received scholarships. Miriyam writes...

*"[I] desire to serve people and wipe out their tears in the name of Jesus....I would like to support others in their education as I have received this help."*  
Miriyam

## TO LET YOU KNOW

### WHAT IS "SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS"?

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

### HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISTRIBUTED?

Each Division receives the same amount of money. Clearly, in some areas more scholarships can be given because costs are lower.

Please make checks payable to **Women's Scholarship Fund.**

Mail to:  
Women's Ministries Department  
General Conference of  
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12501 Old Columbia Pike  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Or call to charge to credit card:  
301-680-6608

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## WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

<b>\$30/month:</b> room & board, 1 semester THAILAND	<b>\$15/month:</b> 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	<b>\$55/month:</b> costs, 1 year - MADAGASCAR	<b>\$1,000:</b> 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
<b>\$160:</b> 1 month tuition ARGENTINA			

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## GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

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