



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

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SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Yes, 20 years ago, as Rose Otis recalls fondly, "The idea came to me—born on angel wings"—the idea for a women's devotional book. Soon the dream grew into a scholarship program for women in college, supported by the devotional book royalties.

Oh, how that dream has grown in 20 years! This February it was a joy to give scholarships to 57 women. In 20 years, a total of 2,037 scholarships have blessed women in 119 countries.

CELEBRATE DREAMS

In this 20th anniversary year, we celebrate—not just one dream, but the dreams of the many Adventist women who struggle to get an education. We celebrate the blessing they are to their churches and communities. We celebrate their service—and the power of a dream.

Friends of the GCWM Women's Scholarship Program encourage us with their anniversary greetings.



"The real goal of education is not just to train people to be qualified for a profession, but also to enjoy that profession and engage in lifelong learning. It isn't just about learning but to acquire the love of learning. And for women the significance of acquiring an education has grown commensurately with their capability to be leaders in the church and community, and truly use their God-given skills, intellect and talents for the benefit of His church."

Lilya Wagner, Director, Philanthropic Services, NAD

"As a recipient of an SOS scholarship, I know what it means as a woman who was pursuing a challenging educational goal. I congratulate the Women's Ministries Department for maintaining the women's scholarship program for 20 years. I, and all the women who have been blessed by it, say thank you!"

May-Ellen Colon, Assist. Director, GC Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Dept., and first women's scholarship recipient

"Educating women is important in overcoming poverty in many countries and a powerful tool in making a change in their lives, their churches and their communities. We thank all of you who during these 20 years have supported us to empower SDA women globally through education, giving them a brighter future."

Raquel Arrais, Associate Director, GC Women's Ministries

"Congratulations to Heather-Dawn Small, Raquel Arrais and Carolyn Kujawa on the 20th anniversary of the Women's Scholarship program/SOS. You have worked hard to fund this program to help our sisters attend college or university. Through higher education, these sisters are a tremendous asset to their families, their communities, and our Church as a whole."

Ivy Ng, Hope Channel

"The SOS scholarship has been a blessing to women around the world because they feel valued by their church. It empowers them to go for their dreams while fulfilling the work of God. The scholarships benefit these women and help prepare them to spread the gospel."

Tanya Muganda, GC Children's Ministry

NEWS BITES

\$76,893

Raised in 2012

Chivya in India is recipient No.

2,013

Total amount given since 1993

\$911,990

To support SOS

Write for the women's devotional book

\$6,000

1 semester - Univ. Eastern Africa, Baraton

Celebrating Our Sisters

God became our Father when He created humans in His image. Within His human family is a more immediate family—our global church. Women's Ministries has been called to serve the sisterhood of the church. We are our sisters' keepers in such diverse places as Myanmar, Kenya, Chile, and Romania.

A SPECIAL TRAIT

Over and over, when reading about the women helped by SOS, one trait emerges: the women receiving these scholarships are involved in helping ministries. Many are married, caring for their children, as well as orphans and aging parents. In spite of this, these women go beyond their families and glorify God, serving their communities—with health seminars, feeding the homeless, AIDS prevention clinics, orphanage visits, and reconciliation counseling.

NOT JUST ONE

Our scholarships help not just one individual or family but touch many lives. We thank our donors, but we thank our sisters as well and celebrate them—for making the world a better place.

By Ella Rydzewski
SOS volunteer

Visit us on-line!

To see our new look, visit the GC Women's Ministries website, www.adventistwomensministries.org, and click on *Scholarshipping Our Sisters* or *Scholarship Program*. You'll find:

- current and past newsletters
- a place to donate on line
- guidelines for writing for the devotional book
- how to apply for a scholarship
- who may apply for scholarships



CALLING ALL WRITERS!

(or friends who write)

Think 2015.

The women's devotional book for 2015 needs your talent. We need you to write for us—or invite a writer friend to write. Find the guidelines at www.adventistwomensministries.org, think of an idea, and write. Deadline is March 16 for the 2015 book.

MEET OUR SISTERS



FINDING, CARING, SERVING

"There is no God." That is what Prisca, who lives in Zimbabwe, believed all her young life. But evangelistic meetings, and the Holy Spirit, convinced her that a loving and powerful God cares for her.

Now she is married and is studying nursing. With a passion to care for the suffering and underprivileged, she is determined to complete her education in order to better serve.

ONLY BREAD

Raised by her grandparents, Prisca is an orphan who understands poverty well. Her husband was supporting her and their two children until he was seriously injured. Now they sometimes borrow money to feed their children, while she and her husband eat only bread.

But Prisca has a heart to serve. She leads out in Sabbath school and Pathfinders, and each Sunday works at a local soup kitchen.

May we also have hearts to serve, to serve our sisters preparing to introduce others to the loving and powerful God whom Prisca found.



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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.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY OF
Avery Dick
Martina Duldulao
Lynn Friday
Muriel Kujawa
Ethel Young

IN HONOR OF
Josephine Benton
Jan Woesner's daughter