



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY



MEET OUR SISTERS

4 LANGUAGES AND A DREAM

Now living in Thailand, Graceslin and her family lived in refugee camps for years after fleeing their native Burma.

An excellent student and fluent in four languages—Thai, English, Burmese, and Karen (her native language)—she is studying English at Asia-Pacific International University. She wants to teach English to poor children to help them escape poverty. She understands the effects of poverty, having lost three siblings because her family could not afford medical care.

TRANSLATOR AND MUSICIAN

She hopes to translate Ellen White’s books into the Karen language to make them available to poor people with no opportunity to learn English.

Graceslin uses her musical talents for church, branch Sabbath School, and prison ministry. She is married, with two children.

A PROMISING LEADER

A VP at the university says Graceslin “is a bright and promising young woman, a leader, active in university and church activities. She loves God and desires to serve Him.”

By Lyndelle Chiomenti

LET’S MEET THE NEEDS IN NEPAL!

LET’S RAISE
\$3,000 by Oct. 30

LET’S HELP **5 Nepali**
women attend college!

MARK YOUR GIFT
‘Nepal Project’

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE!

GC WOMEN’S MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS ONE MILLIONTH DOLLAR



photo: Ansel Oliver

The GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship Committee, chaired by Raquel Arrais, GCWM Assoc. Director, meets on July 23 for its semi-annual meeting to award scholarships.



A Nepali student named **Sunita** became, on July 23, the recipient of the one millionth dollar from the GC Women’s Ministries scholarship fund.

The one-millionth dollar was included in a \$500 scholarship granted to Sunita during the GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship Committee at the world church’s headquarters.

The money will assist Sunita in paying for her tuition at India’s Spicer Memorial College, where she is majoring in education.

“By helping Sunita, we are strengthening our church in Nepal,” said Heather-Dawn Small, director of GC Women’s Ministries.

“We are strengthening the church worldwide by empowering women and supporting them in their higher education.”

Originally funded by the women’s devotional book royalties, the program is now also supported by donors. The program has awarded 2,164 scholarships to Adventist women in 124 countries. Department leaders say this program has helped strengthen the Adventist Church globally, especially in developing countries.

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Dreams and Decisions

Basic education is available to all in Northern Asia Pacific, but many women must make tough choices between pursuing higher education and caring for their families. Eventually many give up the idea of college to focus on their families.

THE BALANCE

Yet a courageous few continue to dream and persevere to achieve higher education. For some of these, the SOS program has been a real blessing. They struggle for balance between family and studies, but with the Lord's help, they succeed. One did so well for her Bachelor's degree that she was offered help to pursue her Master's degree, but when her son asked her to spend time with him, she put this dream on hold. The philosophy of "Family First" won out.

THE GOAL

May our women be all God wants them to be—seizing opportunities while maintaining balance. Our goal is to help them attend college, thus strengthening their families and our church.

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BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, THIS JULY THE GCWM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE **HELPED 48 OF OUR SISTERS** AROUND THE WORLD ATTEND COLLEGE. THE WOMEN RECEIVED AWARDS TOTALING **\$26,300**, AND ARE FROM **24 COUNTRIES**, INCLUDING THREE FIRSTS—DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND THAILAND.

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

The committee celebrated an exciting milestone—the one millionth dollar in Women's Scholarships.

The group also celebrated the dedication of the 48 outstanding women, such as:



LINA from Romania, studying Theology at Sagunto, Spain. She helped develop "Children's Church," and also gives Bible studies to several Gypsy families and teaches

the women to read.



KA MUN, a Health major at Hong Kong Adventist College wants to work with Doctors without Borders. A teacher says, "She is a wonderful

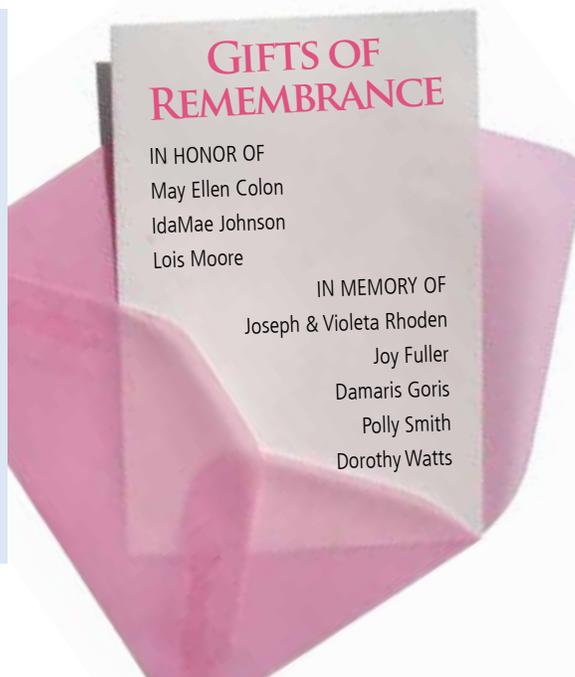
fund-raising for mission trips and participating in college recruitment. I marvel at how wonderfully she has become God's child."



LORENA, a nursing student in Paraguay, hopes to become a missionary pediatrician. She speaks 3 languages, serves as a volunteer firefighter, and worked with ADRA

during major floods.

This year 116 women have been helped; yet many more long for an education. As we celebrate the one millionth dollar, let's vow to do more. It's easy to give at adventistwomensministries.org



GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

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Lois Moore

IN MEMORY OF
Joseph & Violeta Rhoden
Joy Fuller
Damaris Goris
Polly Smith
Dorothy Watts

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