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.

“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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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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