



SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

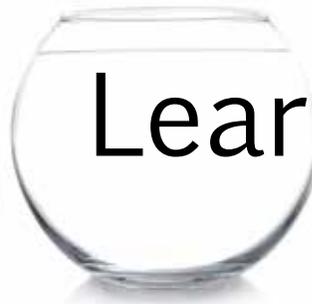


ALONE BUT NOT ALONE

"I thank God for a caring mum who, when I was young, whispered in my tiny ears great truths of God's unfailing love. That faith sustains me now because I lost my parents and all five siblings during the Sudan civil war." Her faith sustains **CHRISTINA**, now studying Public Health at the University of Eastern Africa Baraton in Kenya.

Her faith sustained her during 13 years as a refugee in Zambia. While there, she had a scholarship to study nursing, but was expelled because of her "uncompromising stance on Sabbath observance." Now studying at UEAB, she plans to return to Sudan to spread the gospel through public health.

Reliant on herself alone, Christina works hard to pay college expenses, but is active at church and in Women's Ministries. **Teachers praise her leadership and determination.** By helping dedicated women such as Christina, we are revealing God's love—to her and through her.



Learning . . . TO LEAD

"This is such a vital committee. Women and men must own it!" exclaimed Carol Barron after the January 27 meeting of the Women's Scholarship Committee. Other members heartily agree. They have just voted **TO HELP 68 OUTSTANDING ADVENTIST WOMEN** attend college around the world. These dedicated women, from 28 countries, will use their education to strengthen their churches and communities. The awards total **\$56,975**.

DEAF MINISTRY

What a tremendous investment! Imagine the difference **Monica, from Kenya**, will make. With a passion for deaf ministry, she is sign language translator at church and has created a deaf congregation, resulting in many baptisms.



FILLING THE EMPTINESS

From a Buddhist family, **Anusha became an Adventist** while attending SDA schools. She says God's love filled the emptiness of losing her mother at age 5. She is



studying at Lakpahana Adventist College in Sri Lanka to be a teacher.

SEEING THE FUTURE

Monica and Anusha represent our many sisters all around the globe who are striving for an education, **dedicating their abilities to the Lord, becoming leaders—servant-leaders.** It is inspiring to read their stories. As Linda Koh, another member of the committee, says, "This is a very fulfilling committee because you can see these young women as the future of our church."

NEWS BITES

96 DONORS SUPPORTED SOS IN 2014

25 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS RECEIVING JANUARY SCHOLARSHIPS

22 NUMBER OF MAJORS TAKEN BY JANUARY RECIPIENTS

IT'S A BARGAIN!

\$300

PAYS TUITION FOR **1 SEMESTER** IN CAMBODIA

AMONG JANUARY RECIPIENTS...

2 ARE WIDOWS, 11 ARE MARRIED, 1 IS AN ORPHAN, 5 ARE FAMILY OUTCASTS FOR BECOMING ADVENTISTS

NEW COUNTRIES HELPED:

ANGUILLA



KAZAKHSTAN



SHARED Dreams

Spring is a happy, optimistic time here in Maryland. Gold-green buds appear on the trees, and the earliest crocuses make us smile. A new year has begun. Spring brings hope and promise, just as a new year brings renewal and promise. We dream, we hope.

For many young women in our schools, spring means hope and the possibility of a bright, sunshine-filled future. **Many of them are graduating, achieving their dream of an education, leaving school ready to serve and to fly on God's wings.** As they celebrate, you are part of this celebration, part of each one's NEW FUTURE, and we are grateful that you have helped them reach their dreams.

As we dream of ways to help even more women flourish—in Ukraine, Malawi, Colombia, India, or many other countries—dream with us.

How will you help? Will you . . . ?

1. **Help** expand the SOS network by sharing SOS newsletters with friends.
2. **Create** an SOS chapter in your church.
3. **Choose** one country where you will support a student this year.
4. **Pledge** a monthly gift.
5. **Create** an event for SOS in your church or community—perhaps a concert, international dinner, or used book sale.

Catch the dream. Share the dreams of our young women who are fighting for an education and the opportunity to flourish, grow, and serve.

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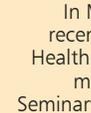
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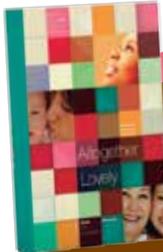
Where are they now?



Gamila, who is from Egypt, received scholarship help from us while she was studying at Middle East University in Lebanon. Her teachers said she was a person who knew her goals and was driven to achieve them. We are happy that Gamila is now the new English teacher at Nile Union Academy in Cairo.



In Myanmar, **Kham Ting**, another recent graduate, is now head of the Health Minor Department at her alma mater, Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary. This is not surprising because her teachers described her as industrious, with gifts of organization, generosity, and soul-winning.



A Gift... for Sharing

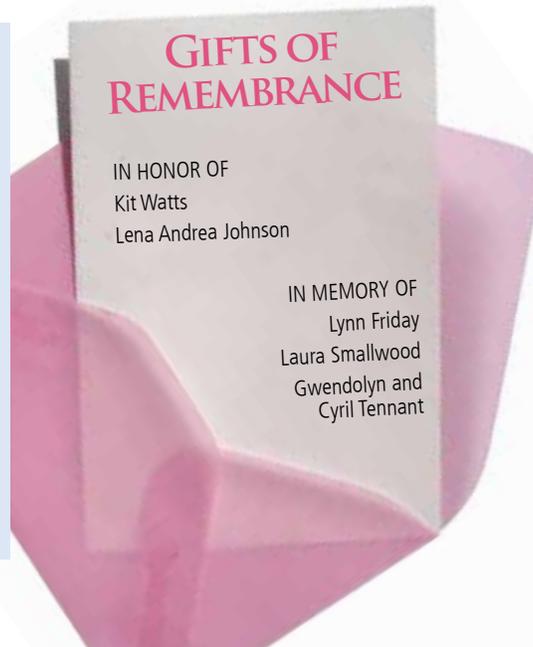
This year's women's devotional book makes a wonderful gift—for birthdays, Mother's Day, outreach, or for yourself. Begin each day with an inspiring thought from a sister, a writer from one of the 47 countries represented in this special book, written especially for women by women.



HELP SOS REACH MORE... AND SAVE MORE!

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Lena Andrea Johnson

IN MEMORY OF
Lynn Friday
Laura Smallwood
Gwendolyn and
Cyril Tennant

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\$160: 1 month tuition ARGENTINA			