



CELEBRATING **Back to School!**

THE CALENDAR SAYS SEPTEMBER. Our children, grandchildren, or young neighbor head back to school. And for women receiving GC Women's Scholarships, back to school is a time to celebrate.

We celebrate the **53** women awarded scholarships this June. Representing **22** countries, they will head back to school at **24** different institutions, from Andrews University in the U.S. to Zurcher in Madagascar.

These women are dedicated to strengthening their communities and their church. Their stories vary, but all tell of poverty—and determination.

Meet 3 of our sisters:



A resident hall assistant in Trinidad, **FABIENNE** is praised by the dean. "Her

charisma and warm personality endear her to the students. She models what she preaches to her peers." And she volunteers back home in Martinique by teaching children with autism.



3 LANGUAGES AND...

ANNA is studying philology at Ukrainian Institute of

Art and Science. Because of the upheaval in Crimea, her home country, her parents lost their jobs and can't help her. She speaks 3 languages and

is described as exemplary, a diligent student, and oh, yes, she is a wind-surfing instructor.

TO REACH PEOPLE



In Sweden, a Masters in Public Health is **THERESA's** goal because, as she says,

"With the secular climate in Sweden and growing interest in health, I see this as a key to reaching people." Having worked with 3ABN in the U.S. and now LifeStyleTV in Sweden, she already has experience producing health and cooking shows.

As our sisters go back to school, let's celebrate all they are accomplishing—and vow to help even more of these outstanding women.



Celebrate first woman DMin in South Korea

MIRIAM YUN-WELCH made history early this year as the first woman to receive a doctorate from Sahmyook University's graduate school of theology. The university had to be convinced to change its policy to allow her into the program.

"It is my prayer that as the first woman to graduate in any doctoral area of theology at [SU], I will help open the door for more female leaders in the Adventist work in South Korea and Asia," Yun-Welch said.

We are pleased to see this accomplishment of one of our scholarship recipients. See her full story at <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story2443>

CELEBRATE **A Challenge!**

August mail brought a donation—and a challenge. Gloria writes that for months she saved pennies—3,556. With her check to SOS she included a challenge to all of us to save our pennies or loose change for scholarships. We could call it "Pennies for Peru" (or choose

your country). Just 4,000 pennies each from 10 of us can help a woman in Peru for a semester. Take the challenge. Perhaps form a team. And let us know at adventistwomensministries.org.



[NEWS BITES]

\$92,775
AWARDED IN 2015



Her innovative approach makes a weekly impact on the youth in her church."
(said of Cynthia from Belize)



RECIPIENTS ARE FROM MADAGASCAR



JUNE AWARDS, DIFFERENT MAJORS

NEEDIEST COUNTRY?



SCHOLARSHIP FOR SUDAN: \$1,000

SCHOLARSHIP FOR AUSTRALIA: **\$1,500**



CELEBRATE Future Teachers

Meet a few of our sisters, now students, who will soon go back to school as the teachers.



In Zambia, **GRACE** is preparing to be a teacher while also caring for twins and her aged parents. Faculty describe her as "a role model for other students and a natural leader."



A student at Asia-Pacific International University in Thailand, **LI**

LI is from China. She hopes to teach, but finances are a big obstacle for her. Li Li is motivated and mission-minded, working with the Chinese Sabbath school and Bible study groups.



Bolivia will have a good teacher when **NANCY** graduates from Bolivia

Adventist University. Because her family is very poor and two siblings are also at BAU, she pays her tuition by colporteur. A strong leader, she is church secretary and Youth Ministries Director.



MARICRES' family earns little on their small farm. Maricres has worked since

elementary school, but says poverty is not a hindrance but a challenge. She is happy to be at Central Philippines Adventist College and knows God has a purpose for her. Warm and friendly, she will be an excellent teacher.

On Teacher Appreciate Day—and every day—we can celebrate the potential of these women who will lead our young people.

CELEBRATE Women's Education

Every woman who graduates is cause for celebration. In many parts of the world, women have few opportunities for even elementary education. Yet for a woman, education means better health, improved finances, and above all, a better life for her family.

PICTURE THE JOY

As you give for women's scholarships, picture the joy of Furaha in Burundi, Isabel in Ecuador, or Cecilia in Maryland as they are handed their diplomas. In your heart, celebrate for each of them.



SPECIAL GUEST



During GC session, we were delighted to say hello to **JAÉLE**, recent graduate of Andrews University. She came by the GCWM booth to thank us for her scholarship. Now she is school chaplain at an Adventist school in Martinique, where she "pastors 450 students and loves it."

We Celebrate YOU!

We celebrate every one of you who make it possible for our sisters to go back to school. We celebrate you for providing scholarships to **124 WOMEN** this year. We celebrate you for the more than one million dollars given in scholarships since Rose Otis began this program. It is you, your generous hearts, which make it possible.

GIFTS of Remembrance

IN MEMORY

Dorothy Watts
Lourdes Tavares Reinert
Ermine Bromfield
Nancy Glenn
Mable Mitchell Joiner

IN HONOR

Dorothy M. Jackson
Beverly Sauder Joiner
Ida Mae Johnson
Robert Weisz
(90th birthday)

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RUSSIA

\$160:
1 month tuition
ARGENTINA



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