THREE special GIFTS

At this holiday time, three gifts make the season bright.

THE GIFT OF EDUCATION
This gift is changing the lives of women around the globe. This gift helps Anna in Ukraine finish her degree in Economics. It allows Ranya in Egypt to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher. Completing university prepares Emily, “a natural leader,” for a career in Communications. The Women’s Scholarship program provides this special gift, a gift to strengthen our sisters, their communities, and our church.

GIFTS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES
As they receive an education, these women give back to their communities by helping disabled children, organizing literacy classes, visiting orphanages, and outreach ministries. They become nurses, linguists, nutritionists, teachers, accountants and administrators—strengthening their communities as strong, dedicated leaders.

GIFTS FROM DONORS
Many thanks to you, the donors who make these scholarships possible. You are the heart of the Women’s Scholarship program. You tell our sisters “You are important.” “We care about you.” That is a very special gift.

In this issue you will read about other gifts—and about the gifted women we can help with our love and support.

CONGRATULATIONS
Ponnleu, an SOS-sponsored girl in Cambodia, has received the University of Cambodia ‘Outstanding Student’ award for two years running and was featured in the university magazine. She is in her fourth year of university.

GIFT OF THANKS

“On behalf of the Mid-North Ghana Conference, I write to register our sincere thanks and appreciation to the GC Women’s Ministries for granting scholarships to two of our active young ladies, namely: Yeboah A. and Bayour T. of Valley View University. Your kind gesture would linger in our hearts for a lifetime.

May our Lord richly bless you.”

Pastor Ebenezer Kumi, Executive Secty.

“Her leadership style is democratic. Classmates select her as their representative.”

(Said of Daniela from Argentina)
THE GIFT OF EMPOWERMENT

In Tunisia, Feriel, who lost everything when she decided to follow Christ, is now energetically working with local beekeepers to help her community develop a honey business. It is her belief that “this community has natural resources and equipment which, if wisely managed, will bring money to the community.”

“My vision” she says, “is to help the community gain confidence in God and themselves by teaching them how to value what God has given them as resources, capacities and talents. Instead of relying on foreign aid, they will depend on God and themselves. This empowerment targets all the community and is based on the principles of participation and inclusiveness. I am persuaded that only when the community is well prepared can they then be open to the gospel teachings.”

[FERIEL, sponsored by SOS in February, is majoring in Global Community Development.]

DOUBLE GIFT

The women’s devotional book is a double gift. It’s a special gift for your aunt, sister or neighbors; and the royalties help fund SOS. Spread blessings across the globe when you buy Love You More for yourself and friends.

Available at your ABC, or on Kindle at Amazon.

THE GIVING-BACK GIFT

Who did the most to help you get an education? Who gave the extra boost or the quiet gift to help pay for the semester? Now is a great time to give back, to pass that gift, that special encouragement on to others. Our gifts can make all the difference to our sister in Nebraska or Sudan, Fiji or Bolivia. LET’S GIVE THANKS. LET’S GIVE BACK.