



## THANKS FROM SWEDEN



Theresa writes, "I am very thankful for the help from

Women's Ministries in 2014 and 2015. I completed a Master of Public Health from Andrews University. This would have been nearly impossible on my missionary salary.

### HEALTH EMPHASIS

"This degree has opened exciting opportunities. In 2017 I was able, together with the Swedish Union of Churches, to organize a Health Emphasis Year for all the churches. Now I am finishing a cooking course kit with manual for the Swedish Union, as well as a cookbook for LifeStyleTV to complement the cooking course. And I have several more health projects planned.

### MORE USEFUL IN SERVICE

"God sent the help I needed, via the Women's Ministries Fund, so I could be more useful in service for Him. Thank you!"

# YOUR ACTION PLAN FOR SOS

Want to help our sisters around the globe? You can—with a plan!



### COMMUNICATION

- Share your enthusiasm about the women's scholarship program, in person or via Instagram, Facebook, or email.
- Tell your Sabbath school class, book club, colleagues.
- Ask for copies of the SOS newsletter to share.
- Have a "Meet Our Sisters" potluck; tell about some of the women helped. (For stories, see SOS newsletters at [women.adventist.org](http://women.adventist.org))



### TIMING

- One hour a week—plan an event to support SOS.
- Two times a week—tell someone about the women's scholarship fund.
- Three dollars a week—save to donate to SOS.
- Four times a year—share SOS quarterly newsletter with friends.
- Today—decide to start a chapter of Scholarshipping Our Sisters. [Ask for the new brochure "How to Start an SOS Chapter"]



### FINANCES

- A gift of \$18 per month = one semester tuition for Bangladesh
- A gift of \$195 = one month tuition for Argentina
- A gift of \$40 per month = one month tuition for Russia



### TELL THE STORY

- Tell **your** story. Share news about your team's events and ways you support our sisters.
- Share **her** story: 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 studied English at Asia-Pacific International University. Her goal: to teach English to poor children to help them escape poverty. She understands poverty, having lost three siblings because her family could not afford medical care. You helped us help her.



**GRAND TOTAL:**  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO WOMEN FROM  
**136 COUNTRIES**

"One of the few women with our Fedi Church plant, and is a strong leader there still."  
Said of Sulueti, in Fiji



SOS BOOK SALE RAISED  
**\$2,460**  
AT THE GC

**"ACT AS IF WHAT YOU DO MATTERS—BECAUSE IT DOES."**



## ← MEET OUR SISTERS

### LINA IS THE INSPIRATION FOR THE ROMANIA PROJECT

I am glad to share my story. I'm a gypsy from Romania, and emigrated to Spain in 2004. I was 33 years old, but I had very little education because I started working at age 9.

In 2008 at a Women's Ministries Congress in Spain, I was impressed by Raquel Arrais' preaching. I prayed God to help me do what Raquel was doing. In 2011, I asked the Dean of Theology at Sagunto if I can study theology although I have very little education. He said yes, I can.

### GOD WAS PRESENT

By 2016 I had completed the Master's of Theology. Since then I have served a church as director of WM and of Sabbath School. I studied the Bible with prisoners and helped with GC evangelism in Romania. Last February I led another evangelistic campaign there, helped by pastors from Madrid. We distributed almost 3 tons of clothes, shoes, toys, and food sent from churches in Spain. Those campaigns were well attended, and 80% were of gypsy ethnicity. Despite my being a woman, they received me very well, and God was present.

### THE LANGUAGE OF GYPSIES

With this training and my talents, I am seeking the place God has for me. I speak several languages including Romani, the language that gypsies speak around the world. Now I've come to England to learn English, hoping to work in other countries. I have hope. God has a plan for me.

### APPRECIATION

Thanks to the Inter-European Division WM for the scholarship help. Thanks to Raquel Arrais, who motivated me, and to Denise Hoschstrasser who helped me more than I can tell. Thanks to God for everything!!!

## THANKS FROM LEBANON

Dear Sponsors of the Women's Ministries Scholarship

Thank you for funding this scholarship. I am extremely honoured to be a recipient. This will help fulfil my dream of an education to help others. I had not registered this spring because I could not afford it, but you made it possible. I thank you, and above all, I thank God.

On behalf of all students struggling financially, I thank you. I pray for abundant blessings for you and your families. I wish one day to contribute to help empower other women.

Your generosity truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours,  
Felisters



## ♥ ROMANIA PROJECT ♥

Let's help amazing women of Romania like Lina attend college.

### GOAL: \$20,000

RAISED SO FAR: \$5,575



### Gifts of Remembrance

#### IN MEMORY

Deanna Gaskill  
Phil Follett  
Dorothy Jackson  
Dorothy Watts  
Clarence Woodward

#### IN HONOR

Francia Bissereth  
Carolyn Kujawa  
Beth Wear



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<b>\$30/month:</b> room & board, 1 semester THAILAND	<b>\$25/month:</b> 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	<b>\$1,050:</b> scholarship - JAMAICA	<b>\$1,000:</b> 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
<b>\$160:</b> 1 month tuition ARGENTINA			