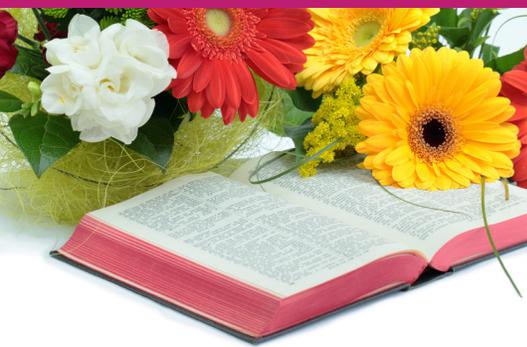




1ST QUARTER 2021 | VOL 18



THAT IS HOW...

[The scholarship application form asks about one's conversion experience. We share one special response.]

"I was born into a non-Christian family, and according to custom, I kept the traditions and holidays. Once while browsing the Internet, I accidentally found an article which said that women who fasted during Lent would have beautiful children.

"I began to fast, and wanting to do everything right, I looked on Internet for information about how to properly fast. One article said that in order to properly keep Lent, it was necessary to read the first four Gospels. In these books I read about Christ. I saw His self-denying life, His love for people, and His kind heart, which was always open to the poor, sinful and suffering. It couldn't help but touch my heart. When I got to His crucifixion, my tears flowed. Even though I had to go to work by bus very early, I was crying when everyone else was sleeping. I realized that I fell in love with Him. That is how I met Christ."—Zaliya

A GREAT start! A GREAT FINISH!



CELEBRATE!
It's a great start to 2021. This January the Scholarship Committee cheered **28** women with funds to help them reach the college finish line. Since many of them are in the third or fourth year of their studies, this boost can fulfill their dream to march in cap and gown, waving their diplomas. That will be a great finish for our sisters from **16** countries, from Bangladesh to Zambia.



In India, **Swetha** will be joyful next year when she becomes a nurse to meet the health needs in her country.



Li is married, with two children. She will celebrate when she graduates as a teacher.



Amal will be overjoyed when she completes her degree in Islamic Studies next year.



From Vietnam, perhaps **Tram** will say "Hurray" when she completes her English major and then is able to help her family.

Congratulations and virtual balloons to all our sisters as they work toward a great finish to their educational journey!



YOU DID IT!

Together you met our December goal of **\$20,000**. Thank you for giving **hope** to our sisters around the world!

[NEWS BITES]



YOUR GIFT OF **\$55/MONTH** GIVES INDIA A NURSE

Weijiao "is a servant leader who loves to help people. If one who did her harm turned to her, she will also help them."



NEWEST PLACES YOU ARE HELPING:



UPDATE FROM RUSSIA AND UKRAINE WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MARINA, a music major at Zaosky, graduated, married a pastor, gave birth to two girls, earned a degree in Educational Science, teaches music and serves in church as a music leader. She is very thankful to GC Women's Ministries for the wonderful scholarship program!

After completing an Economics major, **ALIONA**, from Moldova, now lives in London,

works in her profession, serves God and is very thankful for the contribution of GC Women's Ministries!

An Economics major from Russia, **OLGA** now serves as an accountant at Central-Siberia Mission in Novosibirsk.

IRINA, from Ukraine, graduated with a Music major and now studies at a musical conservatory in Rostov. She is very talented,

writes hymns, directs a choir, and thanks the Lord that GC Women's Ministries helped make all her dreams and plans come true!

SVETLANA, Economics major from Russia, successfully graduated, but at the moment unfortunately does not have a job.

IVANNA graduated with a Music major and now serves the Lord with her musical talents in Ukraine.

WHY SUPPORT WOMEN'S EDUCATION?

“ In places where girls and women are still socially disadvantaged it is important to further their opportunities in order to demonstrate God's unconditional acceptance and His equal love for women. He does not play favorites. We need to counterbalance social injustice and offer women chances they are denied by society. Our church should be a trailblazer in this endeavor. ”

From Frauke Gyuroka, a former scholarship recipient now a translator for the Inter-European Division, who lives in Vienna, Austria.

EASIER, FASTER, BETTER TO SHARE

To get your SOS newsletter online, please send your email address to womensministries@gc.adventist.org. It's faster, saves costs, and is easy to share with your friends. Who else would enjoy reading about SOS? Let us know.

DONATE NOW

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Patricia Scott
Ranny Luce
Dorothy Watts

IN HONOR

Debbie Maloba
Carolyn Kujawa
Omobonike Sessou

Go to <https://women.adventist.org/donate-now-to-our-scholarship-fund> and scroll down to the DONATE NOW button.



This newsletter is published quarterly by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries Department to share news about the women's scholarship program.

You may contact the Editor by writing: General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Department of Women's Ministries 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD - 20904 Phone: 301-680-6672 | Fax: 301-680-6600 E-mail: womensministries@gc.adventist.org Website: women.adventist.org

Editor: Raquel Arrais
Assistant Editor: Carolyn Kujawa
Graphic Designer: Erika Miike
Contributors to this issue: Iris Kitching, Selma Chaij

Please make checks payable to **Women's Scholarship Fund.**

Mail to:
Women's Ministries Department
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Donate on-line at
women.adventist.org

Or call to charge to credit card:
301-680-6608

Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . .

My pledge of _____ per (year/month) My gift of _____ (Please print all information)

Name _____

Address _____

Charge to my MasterCard VISA Card number _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____

a monthly gift of \$ _____ on the 10th of each month beginning (month/year) ____/____/____

a one time gift of \$ _____ Signature _____

(Optional) This gift is in honor/memory of _____

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

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

APPRECIATION FROM GHANA

Tayo writes: "I wish to express my profound gratitude to God for using your ministry to put a smile on my face. Thanks very much for being a blessing to me in the pursuit of my academic dream at Valley View University. By God's grace I graduated in nursing in November 2020. I am eternally grateful for the support, and I pray God will continue to bless your ministry. Shalom."

Teachers say of Tayo: "She is caring, respectful, resilient and committed, a combination I do not regularly see in students. She is a stand-out individual who will do great things in the future."



THREE RECEIVE AWARDS IN SERBIA

At a special worship at the Belgrade Theological Seminary, WM SOS Scholarship Award Letters were presented to Jelena Dokmić, Danijela Rajić and Marija Živković-Spaić. These awards give them hope to finish their studies more easily and successfully.

During the service, Marija Trajkovska, SEEUC WM Director, who also serves as a professor and dean of women at BTS, spoke of the role and importance of the WM department and invited students to write devotionals for the WM Devotional Book.

GRATITUDE FROM INDIA

I am Tanima, daughter of a pastor in Bangladesh, and currently studying at Spicer Adventist University. I have received the Women's Ministries scholarship through Bangladesh Union Mission. Thank you very much as it has been such a great help to me and my family. Without the scholarship it would've been very hard. I'm currently in my final year, doing B.Sc. in Biotechnology. I'm residing at the university doing classes online. I will do my M.Sc. here also. Again thank you very much.

Sincerely yours
Tanima

