



FROM CALINA'S DESK

Jesus Is Coming! I Will Go Reach My World

Women's Ministries and the Ministerial Spouses Association will present special meetings for women who are not delegates at the Session.

The meetings will be Monday through Thursday, July 7–July 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the America's Center Ballroom on the 2nd level.

Be blessed by inspiring presentations on spiritual and personal growth, service, and daily living in light of Christ's second coming:

Morning speaker:

Nina Atcheson

Afternoon seminar speakers:

Sikhu Daco, Karen Holford, Elaine Oliver, Margret Mulambo

Enjoy music and reports from around the world, with simultaneous translation in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and American Sign Language.

PLEASE COME BY TO VISIT THE WM BOOTH 1201-13.

CHANGING THE WORLD ... *together*



"I thank God for my mum who taught me of God's great love."

Christina says that faith sustained her through the loss of her parents and all five siblings during the Sudan civil war, during 13 years as a refugee, and later as a Public Health major at the University of Eastern Africa Baraton.

Financial help from Scholarshipping Our Sisters (SOS) strengthened Christina's faith and allowed her to graduate. Now she is providing healing, showing God's love ... and changing her world.



TEACHING Raising goats led **Munsaka** to study agriculture at Rusangu.

Her goal is to improve her skills to teach people in her community better farming methods to change their world.



LEADING In Mongolia, **Ankhtsetseg**, while still in school, was

already a leader, commended by the pastor for her excellent work with the Pathfinders. "She will be a good young leader in both the church and community because of her strong faith, compassion, and love in dealing with others."

These women, and so many others helped by SOS, are changing the world.

We can change the world. You can help change the world! You can bless many women, such as Christina, by supporting higher education so their skills and their faith may change the world.

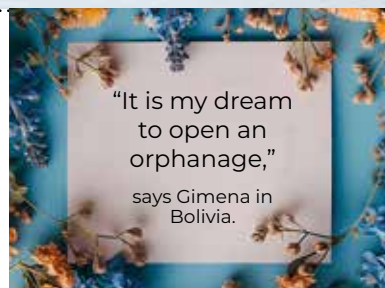
Together let's change the world for our sisters, enabling *them* to share God's love—and change their worlds.

Meet more scholarship recipients on page 3 of each online newsletter: women.adventist.org/sos-newsletter

[NEWS BITES]

\$1,493,887
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

21
WOMEN RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS THIS JANUARY



\$625
WILL HELP A NURSING STUDENT IN INDIA

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

WAYS RECIPIENTS SERVE AFTER GRADUATION



In Sri Lanka, **Nadeesha**, a 2017 graduate, became a high school English teacher.



Although legally blind, **Miriam** became the first woman

to earn a doctorate in theology at Sahmyook University, South Korea.



A 2018 grad in Kenya, **Millicent** went on to serve in the Home Health Education Services in Mombasa.



Marina, who graduated from Zaosky in 2021, married a pastor and now teaches music and serves as music leader at church.



"I want to help people with special needs,"

said **Veronika**, studying mental health at the Adventist Theological College in Hungary. Even while taking classes, she served as Possibilities Ministries Director at the Hungarian Union Conference.



Two recipients now serve as Division Women's Ministries directors—**Debbie Maloba** in the East-

Central Africa Division and **Omobonike Sessou** in the West-Central Africa Division. Many other scholarship recipients serve as Women's Ministries leaders in their unions, conferences, or local churches.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Ways you can support SOS



Share SOS newsletters—online and in person. (Request the newsletter at womensministries@gc.adventist.org.)



Choose a country and designate your gift for women there.



Pledge a monthly gift.



Plan an SOS benefit event at your church—and perhaps a concert, international dinner, or bake sale.



Organize a neighborhood yard sale for SOS.



Save change to change lives. Just 0.95¢/day pays a year's tuition at Bugema University, Uganda.



Remember someone special with a gift in their honor or in their memory.



Bless your sisters with your gratitude gift.



Let friends and family know that what you really want for Christmas or your birthday is their donations to SOS.

WHAT WE DO!

SOS team activities

We hold benefit events, including:

- used books sales, twice a year,
- tea parties with silent auctions,
- Mother's Day receptions,
- concerts, and
- yard sales.

We share the SOS newsletter (online, by hand, and by mail).

We hold special campaigns

2015—Matching challenge \$2,000

2017—Matching challenge \$5,000

2019—Campaign for Romania \$20,000

2024—Campaign for Mongolia \$10,000

2025—Campaign for South Sudan \$5,000

Current—Campaign for Madagascar \$5,000



We thank God that thousands of women, helped by your generosity to this scholarship program, now bless those around them.

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

\$50/month:
room & board, 1 semester
THAILAND

\$35/month:
1 semester tuition
BANGLADESH

\$1,050: scholarship—JAMAICA

\$180:
1 month tuition
ARGENTINA

\$1,200:
1 semester tuition
RUSSIA

BECOME A PROUD DONOR TODAY!

Donate online at women.adventist.org/give or by check made out to General Conference of SDA with the memo WM SOS. Mail to: General Conference of SDA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904



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GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Hannah Massenburg
by Gloria Massenburg

Clara Meesarapu
by Irene Pandit

Dr. Susie Wilson by Gay Mack

IN HONOR

Ebony Frazier by Rae Tunney
Virginia Mills by Victoria Mills

Doraci Grandmaison
by Jackie Kuhn

*Full list of Mother's Day gifts will be in next issue.

SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .



1. **Rose Otis**, the first GC Women's Ministries Director, for having the dream, initiating the women's devotional book, and using the proceeds to launch the women's scholarship program.
2. **May Ellen Colón**, recipient of the first award by the GCWM women's scholarship program. She and her husband, Gaspar, supported SOS by donating their loose change for years.
3. **Ardis Stenbakken** who, as GCWM director continued the women's scholarship program and edited the women's devotional book for years.
4. **Kathy Beagles Coneff, Mary White, and Carolyn Kujawa** for creating Scholarshipping Our Sisters (SOS), a team of volunteers who have supported the GCWM scholarship program for more than 20 years.
5. **Beth Wear**, who encouraged the fledgling SOS team with the first donation.
6. All the members of the **SOS team** who, with yard sales, donations, appeal letters, concerts, and book sales, have supported higher education for our sisters globally.
7. **Ted and Nancy Wilson**, who support and encourage SOS.
8. **Ardis Stenbakken, Dorothy Watts, Heather-Dawn Small, Raquel Arrais, Nilde Itin, and Galina Stele**—WM directors who have enthusiastically supported SOS.
9. **Scholarship recipients**, many now in leadership positions, who are making their churches, communities, and world better.
10. **You!** Our faithful donors (and potential donors), whose gifts support higher education for our sisters globally, especially in the world's poorest countries.



GOOD NEWS

SUCCESS FOR SOUTH SUDAN!

We did it! Together we exceeded the goal, raising more than **\$5,800** for our sisters in South Sudan.

MANY GIFTS FOR MADAGASCAR!

Now let's raise **\$5,000** for our sisters in **Madagascar** by October 31.