



Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meeting our Sisters

From Macedonia...to Serve

Aleksa* is studying at Belgrade Theological Seminary because, as she explains, she wants to “serve God and give Him my best ...to work in the church for the salvation of people.” During several years as youth leader in her home church in Macedonia, she has preached often, even at youth congress.

Bilingual, with excellent communication and organizational skills, she is an excellent and diligent student, a dynamic speaker, and active in church life. Women’s Ministries is proud of Aleksa and her dedication to service.

Caring for 23

Millicent* is an outstanding student at Zambia Adventist University and an amazing woman.



Honored as a top student, she has lead out in community service and health education projects. Her teachers say she is self-motivated, very capable and influential, a person who contributes to church programs.

Since her husband is just finishing college, Millicent now plans to complete her degree in Environmental Health, with his encouragement. Their aspirations are all the more amazing when you learn they are caring for 23 people—their 3 children, his and her parents, and 16 orphans. Millicent represents the awesome women around the globe you support through SOS.

*Some names and photos are changed to protect privacy.

77 Women Receive January 2006 Awards

This January, 77 well-qualified Adventist women received a total of \$35,050 in scholarships from the General Conference Women’s Ministries Department. These women represent 25 different countries, 24 majors, and 20 schools. The awards recognize the potential, the need, and the abilities of these outstanding students.

“In their letters of reference the word ‘leadership’ is used so often to describe these women,” noted a member of the scholarship committee. “What wonderful talents they have to offer the church and their communities.”



One meal a day

For example, one student in Russia works 10 hours a day, including 3 hours to pay for her room and 1.5 hours for a free meal, her only meal each day. Yet she volunteers to teach English to local teens.

These January awards make a total of \$436,593 for 1,080 scholarships given to women in more than 90 countries since the program began. Women currently in college may apply through their division Women’s Ministries directors. For more information visit <http://wm.gc.adventist.org>

SOS Receives Gifts in Memory of Four Special Women

Gifts in memory of several important women have been received by the GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship Fund recently. These include gifts in memory of Frances Campbell. Mrs. Campbell served as Women’s Ministries Director in the Southern Asia Division and supported the GC WM scholarship program. We thank her family and friends for their thoughtfulness.

A generous gift has also been added to the Arline Dick Memorial Fund. Arline Dick was the mother of Ardis Stenbakken, former director of the GC Women’s Ministries Department.

Gifts in memory of Dollis Pierson,

wife of former GC President Robert Pierson, and gifts in memory of Ella May Stoneburner, member of the GC Health/Temperance Department from 1963 to 1980, have also been received by the GC WM Scholarship Fund. You are invited to honor the life of an outstanding woman with a memorial gift—a gift that will change lives.

New Mail Pals

Wonder why there’s a copy of *Mosaic* with your SOS newsletter? It’s to cut administrative costs for the GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship program. They will be mailed together four times a year.

Born to Grow

By Raquel Arrais

Welcome to the first SOS Newsletter of 2006. Our goal in planning this GC Women's Ministries Scholarship newsletter is to encourage financial support for women in their pursuit of higher education, so we consider carefully what we should say.

Vision and mission

SOS begins its third year of life with its original vision and mission: to empower women, strengthen families, improve communities, and build up our church globally by supporting higher

education for Adventist women. Two emphases this year will be to encourage on-going gifts (monthly, quarterly, etc.), and to invite *you* to become an Ambassador for SOS, telling others about the WM Scholarship program.

To help women dream

Scholarshipping Our Sisters gives us the opportunity to help women dream. It provides women with a Christian education and with opportunities that qualify them to serve the church in many professional areas.

We thank God for this program and the volunteers who make SOS possible. May God continue to bless our plans.

Words of Gratitude

I want to contribute

"I thank God because He hears all my prayers. Please accept my thankfulness to my unknown sponsor and the team of Women's Ministries....As soon as I graduate I want to help other women. I want to contribute my own devotional and also to help others to feel the love and care of our Almighty God." *MQA, Inter-America*

Overflowing with happiness

"With all my heart I thank you for establishing this wonderful program. Through it so many students are given the chance to pursue their dreams in life...including me! Thank you very much for being so good to us. Having my name included in your scholarship program is indeed one of the greatest blessings of God to me. I and my family are overflowing with happiness because of this blessing. I am blessed indeed!" *MEG, Northern Luzon Adventist College*

Saying thanks is not enough

"I am very grateful for the financial help I have received from the Women's Ministries Scholarship Program. Saying thanks is not enough for this wonderful blessing in my life. I pray that God will continue blessing your ministry as you bless other women like me. I wish to serve the Lord as we wait for His soon coming." *AVM, Argentina*

What your gift can do

- \$20/month = 2 months tuition, Malawi
- \$50/month = all expenses for a year, Madagascar
- \$42/month = 1 month tuition, Lebanon
- \$28/month = all expenses for 1 semester, India
- \$105/month = 1 semester tuition, Taiwan
- \$350 = 1 semester tuition, Zambia
- \$154 = 1 month tuition, Argentina



Christmas in January

Thank you for meeting the \$2,500 Christmas Challenge offered in the last SOS newsletter. With a slight extension, SOS supporters met the goal to receive the matching gift in January, once again coming through for our sisters.

To Honor Our Mothers

What better way to honor Mom on Mother's Day than with a special gift to the GC Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund? Show your mom—or someone who is like a mother to you—that you love and honor her. Flowers and candy are soon gone; this gift lasts a lifetime. If we receive your gift by April 24, an attractive card will be sent to your mother or honoree telling her of your thoughtfulness. Gifts may also be made in *memory* of your mother or of someone else special.



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Some Really Great Ways to Support SOS

- Be an Ambassador for SOS by...
 - ...telling others about this program to help our sisters.
 - ...sharing SOS newsletters and other materials with your friends.
- Host an SOS potluck with friends. (Everyone brings a dish and a donation.)
- Make a pledge—and find a "pledge partner" to match it.
- Organize a neighborhood yard sale to benefit SOS.