



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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Meet our sisters

Not for the Honor

Chantal Dacko is a Business Administration Major at Valley View University in Ghana. When she was very young, she lived in Rwanda with her mother, a Seventh-day Adventist. But due to the war, she was separated from her family and lived with people of various faiths. One day while reading her Bible, Chantal read of the Sabbath. Later after Bible studies with an Adventist Rwandese sister, Chantal was baptized. She believes her mother's early example was also influential.

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AND JOY OF HEART.



Determination

Now Chantal and her husband—a student pastor—have two children. Financing her education hasn't been easy. But she is determined to persevere, hoping some day to earn a Master's degree. She has been recognized by her teachers and church leaders. However, she doesn't work for honors. She says it is the Lord who awards her peace of mind and joy of heart.

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

—John Wesley

Claudia Says "Never Give up!"

[It is wonderful to hear from scholarship recipients to learn what they are doing now. Here is a story from Claudia Ramirez, Peru University.]

I still remember when I applied for the Women's Ministries Scholarship program. I was sick and looking for answers. With the help of my sister Noelia, I filled out an application. About a dozen others also applied.



Prayerful Waiting

With many prayers, I waited. One week later I got the answer: five applications were accepted. Mine was one of them. What a blessing for someone in need! What a miracle for someone in prayer!

This wonderful answer reminded me again that no matter the trials we experience, we can follow the One who says everything will be all right; just do not give up. There is always hope in

God's eyes. He knows how best to build our faith.

Thanks to the help and encouragement of the scholarship, last year I received my BA in Psychology at Peru University. Today I teach psychology at the university.

Sometimes the road is not easy. I had many sad moments and happy moments as well. Every day I ask God for His guidance. I know in my heart that once we ask God for direction, He always uses the right people, at the right time to reach us in our needs.

The Best Encourager

The work I do, I do for God because He is the best encourager. The One who calls is the One who provides all you need to follow your call. Do not give up!

Good News

Largest Gift

Praise God for a large gift from the estate of Eleanor Lindsjo. A long-time teacher, she knew the great value of the WM scholarships to Adventist women worldwide. This is the largest gift ever for WM scholarships.

Book Sale Success

The SOS spring used book sale at the General Conference added more than \$1,800 to SOS funds. Many thanks to Karen Banner and all her helpers.

Book Proceeds

Many thanks to Carol Hammond, author of *Precious Memories of Missionaries of Color*, for donating a generous portion of the book's proceeds to SOS.





Precious in His Sight

By Helen B. Gulfan
Southern Asia-Division Women's Ministries Director

Carol and Precious were praying earnestly that God would touch someone's heart. Precious, a senior nursing student at Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) could not, because of finances, take final exams and thus could not graduate. She is the eldest of four girls. Their father, formerly caretaker of an SDA church, was paralyzed by a stroke. His wife is caring for him while trying to pay the family's expenses and the children's school fees.

As Precious neared final exams, she owed PHP75,000, a huge amount for the family. They prayed for a donor to pay for her to graduate.

An Important Call

One day Carol was impressed to call the Women's Ministries Department of Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD). Someone had just sent a donation for WM scholarships. The Lord impressed the Director to help Precious. With this help, she graduated, passed the Nursing Boards, and now is at Manila Adventist Medical Center for specialized training.

God cares! He answered their sincere prayers by touching someone's heart. She and her family praise God! Our beloved donors, you surely are the answers to many women's prayers. Let God continually use you to be that "answer" by Scholarshiping Our Sisters.

Quick Notes

What is "Scholarshipping Our Sisters"?

It's a volunteer team supporting GC Women's Ministries scholarships for Adventist women in college worldwide.

What will my Gift do?

\$500 = 1 Semester Tuition, Malawi
\$200 = 1 Semester Meals, Thailand

How Easy is it to Give?

Now you can use your **credit card** to give to the scholarship fund by using the response envelope or by calling us.



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The Gift of Gratitude

"My sincere gratitude for the WM scholarship. It has helped me with study very much. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and care!!! I wish you strong health, daily victories, and the Lord's blessing." Svetlana S (*Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Science*)

"Dear Sponsor, Take my cordial love. I am well by the blessings of God and your mercy. I thank God that only by Him, I got you as sponsor. I try my best. I will pray for you that you may more prosper. Again thank you for helping." Elona Jesse (*Bangladesh Adventist Seminary*)

"Dear Sisters, I thank Almighty God for His everlasting love, He who has been mobilizing your humble hearts for financial backing for my education. You may find it little, but I consider this an unforgettable Grace from Heaven *through your generous hands.*" *Julienne Lumière (University of Cosendai)*

Meet our sisters

Knowing God Leads

Miriam Sánchez López calls her grandmother her inspiration. When others questioned Sánchez's decision to study theology, her grandmother encouraged her, even helping her land a job to pay for tuition.

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A recent illness makes it impossible for Sánchez to work more hours at the J.S. Bach Conservatory where she provides childcare, but she is already busy overseeing several volunteer jobs. In her church, Sánchez serves as youth director, leads the Pathfinder club, teaches Sabbath School and writes plays and songs for worship services. At the seminary, she does more than attend class; Sánchez also preaches, prays and leads Bible studies. In the community, she counsels girls dealing with family problems.



A Positive Outlook

The SOS scholarship will help her achieve her goal of working with children's evangelism when she graduates next year. She's confident that if God has other plans, He'll give her a sign, as He has before.

Once, after working in Valencia, Spain, Sánchez felt called to study teaching in the city, but no spaces were available. Discouraged and waiting at the train station, Sánchez says, "I told God, 'If you want me to stay here and study, please, don't let my train leave.' When my train was cancelled, I knew what to do."

Gifts of Remembrance

In Memory of
Liliane Bergman
Inez Gleason

