



# SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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## Meet our sisters

### MOTIVATED POWERHOUSE

Claudia is a powerhouse of energy and enthusiasm. The accomplished



university student didn't let a diagnosis of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis slow her down. She is studying Nutrition and Public Health at the Seventh-day Adventist university in

her native Lima, Peru. Claudia also financially supports her mother, who is ill, and six younger siblings because their father passed away.

#### Work One, Study One

Putting her family's wellbeing first leaves Claudia with little money for her education. Every other semester she leaves school to do literature evangelism to pay for school, greatly slowing her progress. Now, with just one semester between her and graduation, Claudia knows a Woman's Ministries scholarship will help her reach her goal.

Claudia is active in Children's and Women's Ministries, and also gives vegetarian cooking workshops in the community.

#### "Every day He inspires me"

Her professors describe Claudia as creative, responsible and persevering. They note that despite her busy work schedule and family commitments, her grades do not suffer. The local Women's Ministries department director calls her courageous and a "motivating" force. Claudia herself says God is her motivation. "Every day, He inspires me and gives me strength."

*"Service is love made visible.  
Generosity is caring made active"*

*William Arthur Ward*

## HEARING MY SISTER'S VOICE

"Shall I speak to you in Tamazight, French, Arabic—or in English, which I'm just learning? I am Esther, newly married to a pioneer pastor. I hope to finish my studies in biology. My husband encourages me, but funds are low, and it is hard for women to attend college.

"I was born into a different faith, and tried to find spiritual peace, but I missed something. After starting to study the Bible deeply, I found peace. Now as God's daughter, I tell others, without forgetting to invite them to be sons and daughters of God."

Esther's voice is just one of many. While reading scholarship applications from around the globe, members of the GC Women's Ministries Scholarship Committee hear our sisters pleading for the opportunity to get an education. These women, often already leaders in their schools and churches, want to study in order to best serve God and their communities.



### 132 Women in 2010

This August, the Scholarship Committee helped 57 women, from 22 countries, awarding a total of \$33,900. Added to awards from January, this year's scholarships total \$73,900, and helped 132 women.

### You are Listening

You, caring sisters and brothers, are also listening to the voices of our sisters. You make it possible to say to these dedicated women, "We hear you. There are many of us who care. We will help you."

And we hear Joba, our sister in Bangladesh, an orphan studying to become a teacher, respond, "I want to express my thankfulness and gratitude because you are serving God by helping so many like us. Thank you for your love and care."

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### SOS Goal for 2010

SOS Goal                   \$40,000\*  
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SOS needs YOUR help

*\*To fund at same rate as this year*



## God's Picture for Your Life

By Erna Johnson  
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I was brought up believing in Christian education. I am one of eight siblings who all went through Adventist schools from pre-school to university. My parents weren't well off, but their goal was to give each of us a Christian education since they didn't have that privilege.

### Wonderful Memories

While in high school in Iceland and then later at Newbold College in England, I especially loved the weeks of prayer—special meetings, prayer times, testimonies, oh and the singing! I have wonderful memories, and I know Christian education shaped my life. Newbold College is also where I met my husband-to-be, not a bad bonus! Where else would an Icelandic girl meet a young man from Mauritius?

### Where Do We Fit?

For many women the dream is the same—to fill God's picture for their lives by studying in one of our colleges. Many struggle with financial problems, without family support as I had. But God can use you and me to make their picture bright. We can change lives if we share what we have received. God creates a beautiful picture of those who share with those in need. May you find where you fit into that picture. And may we determine to help a sister complete the picture she has dreamed of for her life, a beautiful scene of education, dedication, and service.

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### ASKING FOR A SIGN

When she heard that her mother had been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith, Tatiana began to pray for the first time in a long time.

#### That Same Day

Originally from the Ukraine and now living in Germany, Tatiana, who speaks seven languages,\* recounts, "I asked God to send me a sign if He needed me in the church. That same day the pastor told me translators were needed in the Ukraine for evangelistic meetings. I couldn't believe the answer had come so fast!" It was during these meetings that she herself was baptized.



Tatiana is a senior currently studying in Freiburg, Germany, but receives no financial support from her mother who gets a pension of only 50 euros.

#### Sharing Openly

Tatiana shares her beliefs openly with friends and study colleagues. She is a deacon in her church and presented a seminar on several world religions. With her language skills, she tutors Arabic and Turkish language classes. A former professor says, "She was a talented and enthusiastic student....I sincerely regret not having her in my classes any more."

*\*Ukrainian, Russian, German, Spanish, Italian, Turkish, Arabic*

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