



SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS

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SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

EDITORIAL



20/20 VISION

EYESIGHT. WHAT A GIFT! I love the quote that says, "We are limited, not by our abilities, but by our vision." Our eyes may see what is around us, but it is our vision of the possible that leads to great achievements.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

This year, 2011, the Women's Ministries Scholarship Program marks 20 years of a vision, 20 years of the vision of higher education for Adventist women globally, the vision that led to a great achievement. Thanks to supporters who recognize the importance of educating women, their gifts, along with the Women's Devotional book proceeds, have changed the lives of 1,748 women in 115 countries.

CATCHING THE VISION

But the vision continues. We invite you to catch the "20/20 Vision" and make a difference in the lives of many women who still believe in dreams, women preparing for service.

JOIN US

We invite you to join us in the "20/20 Vision pledge," pledging your gift of \$20 or more by the 20th of each month during this 20th anniversary year.

By helping one woman, I change many lives. That is the vision. May God give us 20/20 vision as we help women prepare for His service. The world needs them. The family depends on them, the community learns from them, and our church is strengthened by them.

By Raquel Arrais
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CELEBRATING 20 Years 1991-2011



CAKE AND BALLOONS? Yes, the GCWM Women's Scholarship Committee is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Women's Scholarship program. Begun in 1991 with one scholarship, how the program has grown, giving 99 scholarships this January.

39 COUNTRIES

The recent awards totaled \$54,800 to women in 39 countries, including Bosnia, Guatemala, Zimbabwe, and newest to the list, Burkina Faso.



Since the program began in 1991, it has provided nearly \$767,700 to help 1,748 women attend college.

HELPING OTHERS

January's recipients include a Law student in Burundi who hopes to help shape good laws in her country; a Science student who works full-time, yet started a program to feed the homeless; a Health Science student who, though spending 6 years in college due to finances, still sends money to her parents; and an Education major from Sudan anxious to return to help her home village.

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

YOU support these dedicated women with your gift to the Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund. Imagine how many lives will be blessed by these future doctors, administrators, computer scientists, and social workers. Consider the tremendous impact of these 1,748 dedicated women. What a reason to celebrate!

THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE!

The biggest matching challenge ever has come to the Women's Scholarship Program. If we raise \$10,000 by May 1, we will receive a matching amount.

We need YOU. This is a huge challenge! We believe that together we can meet it. Please make your gift as large as possible. Every dollar you give will be doubled. All gifts of \$20 or more will count toward this match.

e-Bay counts. Donations of items to consign or sell on e-Bay can also be counted. Contact us for information.



MEET OUR SISTERS



Courage, Kindness, Laughter

Already a nurse and teacher, Katungu is studying for a degree in Public Health at Adventist University of Lukanga in Democratic Republic of Congo. Her goal is to help her community with health ministry. Married, with four children, Katungu and her pastor husband also sponsor two girls who are refugees.

A LEADING LADY

Although a full time student, she has served the church as director of Children's Ministries and Women's Ministries, and she conducts health seminars at nearby churches. In her community she is director of a Women's Development program.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Faculty members recommend her highly, noting that "She has a special kind of courage." One added, she has a gift of cheerfulness. "It is hard to be with her five minutes without laughing; this is a valuable trait for a nurse."



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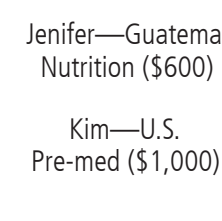
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Your Choice

Pick your favorite—country or major. Here are examples of needs you can help to meet.



Joyce—India
Nursing (\$800)



Petronella—Zambia
Bus. Admin. (\$250)

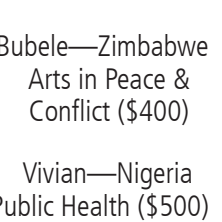


Svetlana—Ukraine
Finance (\$450)



Jenifer—Guatemala
Nutrition (\$600)

Kim—U.S.
Pre-med (\$1,000)



Bubele—Zimbabwe
Arts in Peace & Conflict (\$400)

Vivian—Nigeria
Public Health (\$500)

Scholarships help women from many countries with many majors. Each Division receives equal funding, but scholarship amounts vary based on number of applicants in the Division, and costs in the region. We hope one of these will speak to your heart.



IN MEMORY OF
Dorothy Watts
Edith Parchment



IN HONOR OF
Alba Collins
Esther deMurillo
Charlotte Ishkanian



WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

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| \$30/month: room & board, 1 semester THAILAND | \$15/month: 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH | \$55/month: costs, 1 year - MADAGASCAR | \$1,000: 1 semester tuition RUSSIA |
| | | \$160: 1 month tuition ARGENTINA | |

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