

SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN GLOBALLY

SOS

SCHOLARSHIPPING
OUR SISTERS



1ST QUARTER 2016 | VOL 13

NU EDUCATION... FOR SERVICE

As I was growing up in a middle-level working class family, education was lauded as the path to personal development, professional opportunity, and economic security. While education in itself has not been perfect and its outcomes have not been rewarding for all, it has made a significant difference in my life.

EDUCATION HAS OPENED BOTH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DOORS THAT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN POSSIBILITIES FOR ME WITHOUT ADVANCED DEGREES.

God calls us to pursue learning, to constantly improve, and to apply all that we gain through education to His service.

Although we apply Paul's words to the young Timothy to the mastery of the Word of God in our typical translations, I take them here to include all forms of true education, for all truth is from God, and all our learning should lead us to better understand Our Heavenly Father, His universe, and His will for our lives.

As we enable our sisters around the globe to further their education, we can encourage them with these words: Study to show yourself approved by God, a worker rightly prepared for the service to which He calls you.

Elia S. Simmons

General Vice President
General Conference

TO OUR SISTERS... FROM A TO Z



From **A**vondale College (Australia) to **Z**urcher University (Madagascar)—and 26 other schools—this year our sisters are achieving their dream of an education because of YOU and the GCWM Women's Scholarship Program.



76 REMINDERS

This February, **76** women received scholarship awards, reminding them that their sisters and their church value them.



With this help, **A**nastasia in Ukraine and **Z**ipporah in Kenya, as well as women from Israel, Sri Lanka, Spain, Tunisia, Bulgaria, and more, will be able to continue their education and become strong leaders in their communities.



TWO NEW

It is especially exciting to add two new countries—**ALGERIA** and **UZBEKISTAN**—to the 128 countries helped thus far. Duties as mother, wife, and student keep Nadjua from Algeria busy, but she shares her leadership skills at church. Faculty who know Lydia, from Uzbekistan, say she is a good translator, with "an analytical mind," who is "a goal-oriented leader."



To all of our sisters struggling to get an education, we honor you for your **A**spirations and your **Z**eal. May Our Father bless each of you!

NEWS
BITES

\$44,910

AWARDED IN FEB. 2016

13

OF THIS FEBRUARY'S
RECIPIENTS ARE
MOTHERS

2,371

HELPED SINCE
WOMEN'S
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND BEGAN

“

An optimistic,
joyful leader.”

(said of Viktoria
from Ukraine)

\$3,060

RAISED AT TEA AND
SILENT AUCTION
(Sligo Church)



SCHOLARSHIP
FOR RWANDA:

\$550





← Women's Ministries Leader Purev, of the Mongolia Mission, is reading in English and translating to Mongolian the women's devotional. Purev prays that such wonderful resources can someday be translated to Mongolian language for the inspiration of our Mongolian sisters.

Please make checks payable to
Women's Scholarship Fund.

Mail to:
Women's Ministries Department
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Donate on-line at
adventistwomensministries.org

Or call to charge to credit card:
301-680-6608

THANK YOU FROM LILY

Lily Chen is from China and attends Asia Pacific International University in the Philippines. She received tuition help in 2015.

"Wisdom is better than folly, just as light is better than darkness." Having further education in an SDA institution is my choice to gain knowledge and talents. However, the financial problems made me [unable to] concentrate on my major of teaching English as a second language.

BRINGING WORRIES

I came from a far north-east countryside of China; my parents were traditional farmers. Since the low farming income in China, paying for tuition has kept bringing me worries, same as other students suffered.

HIS PRECIOUS GRACE

When I started to pray, I got a chance to apply for the WM Scholarship, and I received it. Hence, I would like to thank God for his Greatest Name and precious grace upon me. And I also would like to express thanks for this kindly help. I will keep studying hard and enhance my skills for future service.

BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL



We are sorry to bid farewell to Judith Mwansa who is returning to Zambia, her home country. Judith has served as secretary in GC Women's Ministries for 10 years, and her tireless labor has made the women's devotional book a reality year after year.

Judith's loving and gentle manner have created a calm oasis in the midst of the department's constant activity. Our hearts and prayers go with her as she and her husband Pardon take up responsibilities at Rusangu University.

BRIEF GLIMPSES... A FEW WOMEN YOU HELPED THIS FEBRUARY

Hanan (Egypt) Graphic Design. "Volunteers at the refugee school; always ready to help others."

Daniya (Kazakhstan) Linguistics. She has no family to help her, but cares for her little sister. She participates in church programs and also works with disabled children.

Sarome (Fiji) Education. She and her husband have a daughter with downs syndrome. She conducts many programs at church and school, and the youth love being around her.

Darja (Germany) Theology. A "natural born leader," she worked in difficult conditions on a mission trip teaching Masai children about God's love.

Gifts of Remembrance

IN MEMORY
Henrietta Morse
Muriel Kujawa

IN HONOR
Neil Pegel
Vernita Froid
Isabel Afanador



This newsletter is published quarterly by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries Department to share news about the women's scholarship program.

You may contact the Editor by writing:
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Department of Women's Ministries
12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD - 20904
Phone: 301-680-6672 | Fax: 301-680-6600
E-mail: womensministries@gc.adventist.org
Website: adventistwomensministries.org

Editor: Raquel Arrais
Assistant Editor: Carolyn Kujawa
Graphic Designer: Erika Miike
Contributors to this issue:
Lyndelle Chiomenti

(Please print all information)

Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . .
 My pledge of _____ per (year/month) My gift of _____

Name _____
Address _____

Charge to my _____ MasterCard VISA Card number _____ / _____ / _____
 a monthly gift of \$ _____ on the 10th of each month beginning (month/year) _____ / _____
 a one time gift of \$ _____ Signature _____

(Optional) This gift is in honor/memory of _____

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

\$30/month:
room & board, 1 semester
THAILAND

\$1,050: scholarship - JAMAICA

\$15/month:
1 semester tuition
BANGLADESH

\$1,000:
1 semester tuition
RUSSIA

\$160:
1 month tuition
ARGENTINA