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# Yes, SHE DID! YES, WE CAN!

**YES, SHE DID!** What have some SOS past recipients done? Mayar, while at MEU in Lebanon, volunteered at the refugee church. Everlyne, who was one of 25 children in a polygamous family, took 13 years to complete university in Kenya—but she did it! Viktoria, a student in Ukraine, wrote scripts for Hope Channel Ukraine. Jhaneth, in Bolivia, is an orphan who supported herself as a literature evangelist and also gave Bible studies, while maintaining excellent grades. Yes, they did!

### YES, THEY ARE!

This February's recipients are doing great things. In Mozambique, Açucena is leading Women's Ministries in her local church, attending college and caring for her children. Foi, Accounting major in Papua New Guinea, also serves her church as Youth Leader, organizing retreats, youth camp, and visitation.

### YES, YOU DID!

Your support made it possible to help 63 women this February. Awards totaled \$33,498 and went to 26 schools. Recipients are from 19 countries—from Botswana to Serbia, from the U.S to Mongolia.

**AWARDS: 63**  
**AMOUNT: \$33,498**  
**COUNTRIES: 19**

FEBRUARY 2017

Raquel Arrais recently met with one of "our sisters," Nassima, who is returning to her home country to open a center to care for needy children. SOS helped Nassima in early 2016 while she and her husband were students at Middle East University in Lebanon.

**"WE EDUCATE WOMEN BECAUSE IT CHANGES THE WORLD."**

—Drew Faust, President Harvard University

### YES, WE CAN!

Now Scholarshipping Our Sisters needs our support even more. Last year 71 donors opened hearts and wallets for our sisters. But SOS **needs more** to continue the same level of funding, at least \$90,000 each year. Can we do it? Can we pledge a little more? Can we invite friends to help? **YES, WE CAN!**



NEWS BITES

**5** SCHOLARSHIPS TO MOZAMBIQUE THIS FEBRUARY



"During tribal warfare, my family was driven out of our community."

—Fiada, PNG

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Every Division receives the same amount of scholarship money

**13**

NURSING MAJORS



"My prayer is to be a channel of blessing to others."

—Rossa, PNG

SCHOLARSHIP FOR MARTINIQUE: **\$1,000**



## ← MEET OUR SISTERS

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"She inspires others." Thus Raquel is described. Studying at Southwestern Adventist University to become a teacher, she says, "I want my students to know their worth and their

**10,000 MEALS**  
Not waiting til graduation, Raquel is making a difference now. She initiated a "Stop Hunger Now" event which raised \$3,000 to make 10,000 meals, and also helped raise funds for an ADRA well-building project.

**A HOST OF ANGELS**  
Of her faith experience, she describes telling God her fears, requests and gratitude each night. She says, "I imagined a host of angels around us protecting my family and me."

Raquel is making a difference now. Let's make a difference now—for many women like her around the globe.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

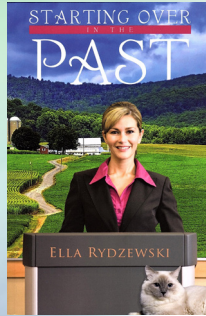
**Education is vital**, especially for women, and especially now when most jobs require at least a Bachelor's degree. Many women in my Division, the South Pacific, don't have that opportunity, either because of high costs or because it's not considered important for women to get higher education.

**When** I spoke at a conference attended by 20,000 Adventist women, I was told that 80% of them were illiterate. I cried when I heard that. What a loss for these women, their families, their country and our church.

**I am proud** to say that in the South Pacific Division, thanks to Scholarshiping Our Sisters [SOS], we are able to provide four or five women each year\* with assistance towards college costs. We must help more women reach their goals. Education is the road to freedom! You can help by supporting SOS.



Erna Johnson  
Women's Ministries Director,  
South Pacific Division



## A SPECIAL GIFT

The book *Starting Over in the Past* is a special gift to SOS. Author Ella Rydzewski is donating all profits to SOS. Available on Amazon in paperback or kindle, it's a great gift.

"Two years after Catharine's marriage ends in her husband's suspicious death...." Thus begins this moving story with an attractive main character those over forty can identify with. Guaranteed to keep you turning the pages.

## Gifts of Remembrance

### IN MEMORY

Erin Boyer  
Lynn Friday  
Jane Oshiro  
Leona Running  
Rose Spear

### IN HONOR

Rikki Welch  
Donna Jackson  
Karen Bannner

\*Information and application forms available at [adventistwomensministries.org](http://adventistwomensministries.org)



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

**\$1,050:** scholarship - JAMAICA

**\$1,000:**  
1 semester tuition  
RUSSIA

**\$160:**  
1 month tuition  
ARGENTINA