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EDITORIAL

# THANK YOU!

As I type this message, I reflect on the last 12 years working with the Women's Ministries Scholarship Program here at the General Conference. When I travel, it is a joy to meet women who, because of these scholarships, were able to attend college when they had no one else to help them. It is beautiful to see women from Cambodia, South Sudan, Peru, Tunisia, Nepal, Uganda, and many other countries who are now strengthening their churches and their communities.

For those who have joined hands with me on this journey, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU. These women, our sisters, are making the world better, because you cared.

Educating women who can't afford education is the heart of what we do. We know that when we educate women, they change the world. Together, we are creating a better future for our young women preparing to serve the mission of this church.

Raquel Arrais  
Associate Director, General  
Conference Women's Ministries

# BACK TO SCHOOL

It's back to school time, not only for our children or grandchildren, but more importantly, for our sisters! With the July awards, you are helping 31 women go back to school this fall—women from Guyana, Romania, Bahamas, and 9 other countries



You are helping **Maria Teresa, who lives in Spain**, to complete her studies on Gender Violence. She wants to continue working with

Women's Ministries "to help develop programs within the church to support women who have been victimized and to promote prevention, especially among the youth."



**Malika, an Accounting major from St. Lucia**, from a background of poverty, is determined to break the cycle. With both her daughter and her husband dependent on her, she works a great deal and takes classes part time, yet also served as WM coordinator, church clerk, and SS leader. Your help allows her to go back to school.



"The WM scholarship will not only help me finish my final year," says **Karen, an education major in Argentina**, "but it also gives testimony that even though I have never had economic security, God always provides what we need."



In **Bolivia, Maria** is able to go back to school because of the WM scholarship. But she is also looking forward, saying, "When I am working as a nutritionist, I want to help other students without enough resources for their education."

**Back to school**—an exciting time! Let's double our efforts to make sure more of our sisters get this opportunity.



NEWS BITES

94 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2017

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"A quiet girl, she listens to others and gives them a place in her heart."

—said of Gloria, in Congo

17

AWARDS TO BOLIVIA IN JULY

URGENT!

\$30,000 additional funds needed to reach 2017 goal

53

DONORS BY AUG. 20. LET'S DOUBLE IT!

GIVES DEM. REPUBLIC OF CONGO A NURSE

\$375





## ← MEET OUR SISTERS

### QUITTING—TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

After teaching for more than twenty years in government schools, **Isabella** retired because

she recognized the great need for trained chaplains who can serve as crisis counselors in her country. Although she already conducts workshops, she knows that to be successful, chaplains need specialized training, especially for work in hospitals, schools, and prisons. Isabella's goal is to earn a Master's degree in chaplaincy to be even

better prepared to train other trainers.

### DIVISION OF LABOR

She is now a full-time student at the Adventist University of Africa. While her husband cares for the children at home. Since she retired, with no financial backing, she needs funds to complete her degree.

## QUICK NOTES

### WHAT IS "SCHOLARSHIPPING OUR SISTERS"?

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

### HOW TO APPLY?

Application information and forms are on the GCWM website [adventistwomensministries.org](http://adventistwomensministries.org)

### HOW ARE FUNDS ALLOCATED?

Every Division receives the same amount of money. Amounts depend on donations each year.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### A TOP STUDENT BECOMES A TEACHER

**Nadeesha and her parents were introduced to Adventism in Chilaw, Sri Lanka.** Soon her parents were hired at Lakpahana Adventist College, and Nadeesha entered grade 10.

Completing high school with excellent grades, she was accepted at the University of Sri Lanka. But due to Sabbath classes, she declined.

### WITH HELP AND HARD WORK

Nadeesha received a Women's Ministries Scholarship in 2016. With this assistance, and her own hard work, she completed her degree in Business Management.

In early 2017 she graduated with top honors and is **now teaching English** in the Kandana Adventist High School.

**Many thanks** for giving Sri Lanka an excellent teacher.

## Gifts of Remembrance

### IN MEMORY

Mrs. Candy  
Edna Hough  
Maureen Pfandl

### IN HONOR

Ardis Stenbakken  
Carolyn Kujawa  
Jeanette Jump

Please make checks payable to **Women's Scholarship Fund.**

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Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . .  
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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

**\$15/month:**  
1 semester tuition  
BANGLADESH

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

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

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



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