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# Celebrating 49

The January GC Women's Ministries Scholarship Committee was a day for celebration. Although it was a cold, blustery day, committee members came with warmth and love for the task.

This meeting was special for two reasons—a day to celebrate our 49 sisters receiving support to attend college—and even better, a day to acknowledge and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the GCWM women's devotional book! All praise to the Lord for enabling Women's Ministries to provide this special book—and scholarships to Adventist women.

### 15 COUNTRIES

The outstanding women helped this January come from China, Fiji, Lebanon, Zambia, and 11 other countries. Their fields of study range from Addiction Science, Community Development and Education to Linguistics, and more.

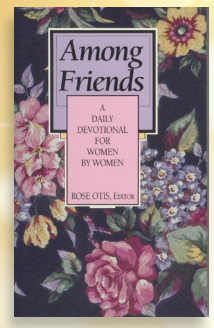
### MOST REMARKABLE!

As always, the divisions recommend dedicated students who are active in school, church and community, as well as diligent and hardworking in their studies. As just one example, Valeria's teacher said of her, "She is one of the most remarkable students I have known in my 20 years of teaching."

NEWS BITES

2,461 TOTAL AWARDS THRU JANUARY 2018

HELP OUR SISTER IN UKRAINE \$400



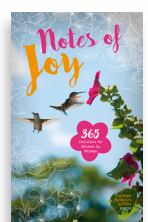
## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DEVOTIONAL BOOK TURNS TWENTY-FIVE!



"Happy Twenty-fifth Birthday!" . . . to the GCWM yearly devotional book project. On the jacket of *Among Friends*, the very first of these devotional books in 1993, editor and GC Women's Ministries director Rose Otis wrote, "What better way [to affirm women] than to invite [them] to contribute to a devotional book 'for women by women?'" Contributor response to the GCWM global call for submissions was so abundant that Rose—in just ten months—had enough devotionals for that first book. Her conclusion? "Women wanted . . . others to know how Jesus had been there for them."

Soon the GCWM office decided that royalties from the devotional books would fund scholarships for Adventist women in college around the world. Since 1993, proceeds from the women's devotional books, along with additional funds raised for these scholarships, have helped fund over 2,400 scholarships, helping women in 132 different countries. These scholarships assist women who are committed to using their education to further serve the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

By Carolyn Sutton  
Current editor of women's devotional book



When Agnes, a nursing student, became an Adventist, her dad rejected her.



AWARDS TO MADAGASCAR



THIS JANUARY AWARDS WENT TO

COLLEGES



## ← THANK YOU FROM NAOMI

"My sincere thank you to the South Pacific Division and the General Conference Women's Ministries for my SOS Scholarship in 2014 to study at the University of the South Pacific in Tonga.

"I'm overwhelmed by the commitment of many women who have donated their time and skills to this scholarship fund.

"Now I am studying Early Childhood Education at University of the South Pacific at Suva Fiji. The funds you awarded me motivated me to walk strong, to be an effective teacher and a servant

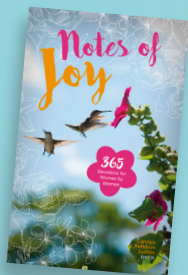
for the Lord. In four weeks I graduate. I have been part of the Senior Peer Mentors and a volunteer to students in this university. Thank you for helping me achieve my goal."

*Active in her church, Naomi has served as Children's Ministries Leader, Adventurer Leader, and Women's Ministries Leader*



## PERFECT GIFT!

Did you know that God delights in you? That at the very thought of you He rejoices over you with singing? The 2018 women's devotional, *Notes of Joy*, is full of stories that celebrate the beautiful bond shared between the heavenly Father and you. It's a perfect gift for the special women in your life.



Buy it online:  
<http://www.livingwellabc.com>



# SOS GOAL FOR 2018



EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE EVERYBODY CAN SERVE."—M. L. King, Jr.

## Gifts of Remembrance

### IN MEMORY

Gail Kujawa  
Margaret Plymire  
Violeta & Joseph Rhoden

### IN HONOR

Rose Otis  
Ardis Stenbakken  
Beth Wear  
Rikki Welch



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(Optional) This gift is in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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