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For just **\$300** you can help a woman continue her education. Although in the U.S. the pandemic may be fading, at many overseas universities the classes are still virtual. Yet many women don't have laptops. They can't take online courses. Their education stops.

For just **\$300** you can provide a laptop to a woman in Madagascar, Trinidad, Malawi, or another country. You can bring the classroom to your sister!

\$9,000 provides **30 laptops**. Let's do it by **September 30**. Let's help our sisters go back to school—online.

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YOU matter to your sisters. **YOU matter** because **YOU** can change their lives.

This July, lives were changed. Yes, 54 Adventist women in college or university were awarded financial support from the Women's Scholarship Program of GC Women's Ministries. Awards totaled \$26,650.

These women are studying in 24 countries, from Burundi to Peru to Tonga. You have sisters around the world, and **they need your help**.

WHO NEEDS ME?



In Congo, your sister **Arlene***, who is deaf, is studying for her professional certificate in dressmaking to help her family

since her father died and mother has no job.



Maria*, studying Physiotherapy in Brazil, with top grades and exceptional leadership ability, needs our support

because of her family situation. The

mother left, and the father is not stable. Maria works hard to support herself and two siblings. She is a responsible and dedicated student.

"I WAS NOT SURE..."



Efosa*, from Benin, is studying Biology and Chemistry. She is from a family and a country that are anti-Christian, and

says, "I was not sure about all that Christians claim Jesus can do. After hearing the Adventist message from a certain gentleman, I decided to wait a year to observe his lifestyle. [I saw that] even amidst toil he had a calm spirit and trusted in Christ." Cut off when she was baptized, Efosa receives no help from her family. On Sundays she "does manual laundry for people" to help with tuition, which is **US\$295** per year.

YOU matter! Yes, you matter to these women. You can help them complete their educations and change the world for Christ.

**names changed for privacy*

[NEWS BITES]

AT UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN



\$425

PAYS ONE MONTH ROOM AND BOARD

28

SCHOOLS RECEIVED JULY AWARDS



\$950

TUITION PER SEMESTER IN BOLIVIA

NEW COUNTRIES ADDED THIS JULY

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
BURKINA FASO | BENIN



MEET OUR SISTERS



Nadia

NADIA, a mother with 4 children, has taught for 14 years, and served as Women's Ministries leader at church. An excellent student, she is the family's only wage earner, while completing her degree in Education in Madagascar.

While she was an elementary school teacher, **AYANA** saw that the school yard was barren so she brought in plants and flowers to make it beautiful. Now she serves as the Children's and Women's Ministries Director for a new Union in Ethiopia, and is also taking college classes.



Ayana

In Japan, **MIE** is active in church and reaches out to young people online. A top student, she "has a passion to relate to people, especially those with little Christian background studying at the Adventist college." Teachers note her "unique ability to captivate hearts that are in danger spiritually and emotionally."



Mie

NARAN, an education major in Mongolia, is diligent, self-motivated, and thoughtful. Her kindness shows as she welcomes new students from Korea and introduces them to the city. She also has strong leadership skills, as well as talents for baking, singing, "and above all, for speaking."



Naran

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HEATHER-DAWN SMALL SPEAKS AT UN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S EDUCATION

Heather-Dawn Small, GC WM director, spoke at the UN conference "The Right to Education—Transforming the World..." the second "The Unequal World" Conference.

Ms. Small addressed the tremendous importance of women's education. She included Scholarshipping Our Sisters and the GCWM women's training and certification program.

THANK YOU FROM BELGRADE

Dear Raquel, I remember when you visited Serbia, and I am very pleased that I can thank you and everyone else who works [with] Women's Ministries for your help. Although you think the scholarship is small, it is life-changing for me. You have enabled me to continue studying and serving the Lord. I hope to work one day in the mission field in my country with my people. I've had an opportunity to work with them this summer, and I am thrilled. Thank you for helping me graduate next year and spread the gospel in my country. God bless you all!

—Jelena

(Jelena is from Serbia and attends Belgrade Theological Seminary)

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Peggy Griffin
Dorothy Terrell Jackson
Margaret Plymire

IN HONOR

Raquel Arrais
Jamie Trefz
Debbie Eisele
Rosa Banks
Carolyn Kujawa
Violeta & Joseph Rhoden



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1 month tuition
ARGENTINA

\$1,000:
1 semester tuition
RUSSIA



A DYNAMO WITH *empathy!*

“Miss Dynamo” might be a good name for Hoi Lam, who is studying physiotherapy in Hong Kong. Active at church, she led the band, teaches a teen Sabbath school class, and is Youth Ministries leader where she “facilitates Sabbath afternoon fellowship to promote church bonding and spiritual growth in youth.”

At school she serves with the Orientation Camp for incoming physiotherapy students, “listening to their struggles, confusion and excitement in their new environment, encouraging and advising them.”

She also volunteers with immigrant orientation for newcomers to Hong Kong, and during the pandemic she distributed epidemic care packs to the homeless.

TO BE A MIRROR

An excellent student, she chose to study physiotherapy “because I wish to extend the healing ministry of Christ, delivering God’s love and truth by serving the needy. [When I begin my career] I will treat my patients with love as a mirror reflecting Christ.”

Hoi Lam admits she has not always been close to Christ. “I was a rebellious girl, a second-generation Adventist, with no real relationship with God. Thankfully, I slowly learned to trust Him. One special experience was when I was choosing electives in Form 3. I wanted to take Biology, Chemistry and Physics, but feared I could not handle it. I prayed for guidance and found it in a song saying that Moses had to step with faith into the Red Sea before the water parted. I knew God would make a way for me if I stepped forth in trust. God became real to me.”

NOW I SEE

Now “I share my testimony with my friends to strengthen their faith.... I now see other people with empathy. Although they may be rebellious or arrogant—as I used to be—they have the potential to be faithful disciples of Jesus.” I have learned “to treat people with care so they can be touched by the love of Christ.”

THANKS FROM GERMANY

My name is Dara and I’m studying at Friedensau Adventist University in Germany. Last May, Angelika Pfaller wrote me about the Women’s Ministries Scholarship. I had never heard of this scholarship. So I applied but without too much hope.

SUCH JOY!

Such joy when I got an email while I was at home with my parents, telling me I received the scholarship. I shouted for joy—so loud that my parents were terrified. I ran to show them the email because I could hardly believe it. Together we praised God for this unexpected blessing. Also I phoned a lot of friends to tell them.

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank everybody who made such a scholarship possible. Thank you very, very much for your work, your engagement and your time! My special thanks to the Women’s Ministries leaders Heather-Dawn Small and Raquel Arrais from the GC and to Denise Hochstrasser from the EUD.

