



FROM NILDE'S DESK

BE INSPIRED

Who has been the greatest inspiration in your life? What positive difference has that person made in your life? You probably remember someone who has inspired you to take the next step in faith, to move forward in life despite challenges, to follow your dreams, to joyfully fulfill your daily responsibilities, to be more like Jesus, or to fulfill the mission and ministry to which you are being called.

Stories of women, such as Rose Otis, who have faithfully followed God's vision for their lives, are inspiring. Stories of young women—who are making huge sacrifices to study, to develop and improve their knowledge and skills, to become better equipped to serve and minister to others—are inspiring.

AS WE READ

As you read their stories, be inspired, and feel encouraged by God's power. These women, who desire to achieve higher education despite obstacles, are reflecting God's qualities in their lives. Read and discover lessons for your life.

BE TRANSFORMED

Do not be "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing" of your mind, that you "may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Be inspired, today; then, go and make a difference in someone else's life!

Rose's Legacy

With heavy hearts we report the passing of Rose Otis, first GC Women's Ministries Director, who began the GCWM Scholarships. (See story on p. 2). With God's blessing and generous hearts, you have continued her legacy, showing 39 women that their church values them. In January the WM Scholarship Committee awarded funds to 39 of our sisters, from 24 countries, helping them continue their college education. These women attend 28 different schools, from Bugema to Zurcher.

THREE OF OUR SISTERS



In India, **Monika**, studying for an M. S. in nursing at Nightingale College of Nursing, is married and has two little boys to keep her busy. But she is active in church and is noted for her kindness and leadership skills. Because Covid has badly reduced the family finances, Monika needs our support to complete her studies to become a help to her family and a blessing to her community.



Deleon is studying Biology at Northern Caribbean University. Her goal is to become a doctor, but finances are the hurdle. Her older sister's small poultry farm is the only support for both Deleon and another sister. Teachers commend her as active in church, a team player, "always putting others' interests above her own."



Because of the war in Ukraine, **Hanna** and her parents fled to another city and now live in a church. Unable to work, they receive a small relocation allowance covering only the barest necessities. When possible, she and her mother are literature evangelists. With your help, Hanna will be able to continue her studies online.

Let's continue Rose's legacy. You are invited to donate to her memorial fund—by mail or by credit card/PayPal at <https://women.adventistorg/donate-now-to-our-scholarship-fund>

[NEWS BITES]

\$26,300

WAS AWARDED IN JANUARY, 2023

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AWARDS GIVEN TO EDUCATION MAJORS

Her teachers say, Alice, accounting major in Burundi, "is a quick learner, good listener, and serves well as student delegate."

\$700

WILL HELP A WOMAN IN ETHIOPIA

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WOMEN WERE HELPED IN MYANMAR





[e-mail from Rose Otis, creator and first editor of the women's devotional books. Rec'd 3-22-07. Excerpted]

She Continues to Bless

"I will gladly tell you how the women's devotional book began. I had just moved in to establish the [very first] Office of Women's Ministries. With no blueprint, I began to seek a direction. Then the idea came to me—born on angel wings. I was attempting to find a way to get the attention of women around the world—a project to tie us together, and [an annual women's devotional book] is what the Lord suggested. I called women across the Division asking them to write and encourage others to write. We had no Women's Ministries overseas, but Andrea Luxton in England encouraged some of our British sisters to submit devotionals.

"Some devotionals came in, but then the flow halted.

While at a Women's Retreat, I told Dr. Arlene Taylor about the devotional book project, suggesting a book with fewer than 365 devotionals the first year, but she wouldn't hear of it. She contacted writers, bringing more submissions. Such excitement when the Review and Herald sent us a 'dummy book' with a colorful cover! The project was going to happen!

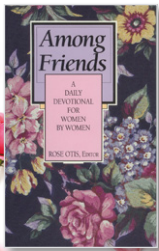
"The Review and Herald made it a special project to support our new Office of Women's Ministries with a share of the profits. It was then we decided to offer scholarships.

"We wrote to our colleges inviting women to apply. The first year I had the

privilege of delivering some of the early scholarships to two girls in India where Annual Council was held. The amount was \$200, a year's tuition.

"Every year since, there has been a women's devotional book. To God be the glory! Blessings to you all for your efforts to expand this program. Rose"

[Read more about Rose at: <https://adventistreview.org/news/former-adventist-leader-rose-otis-dies-at-82/>]



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

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General Conference of
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women.adventist.org

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

(Please print all information)

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

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Name _____

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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	\$25/month: 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	\$1,050: scholarship - JAMAICA	\$1,000: 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
\$160: 1 month tuition ARGENTINA			

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→ MEET OUR SISTERS

AGNESS, YOU ARE AMAZING!

It was back to school for Agness, an education major at Malawi Adventist University hoping to complete her degree. A pastor's wife, she and her husband have three children, and also provide a home for four more children. Since all the children are in secondary school, finances are tight, and mom's tuition becomes impossible.

Imagine caring for a family of nine, assisting your pastor husband, leading Shepherdess, and serving as a counselor to many young ladies on campus. She has also been Dorcas leader and Sabbath school teacher. And with all those responsibilities, Agness is doing well in her classwork.

student" and one who is a role model to Christian women. Described as a good leader and organizer of women's programs, Agness is praised as an outstanding Shepherdess leader, "a woman of unquestioned integrity, full of confidence and wisdom."

A ROLE MODEL

Teachers commend her as hardworking, committed to her classwork, "an A

As we support women such as Agness, we bless their families, schools, churches, and communities.

APPRECIATION FROM NIGERIA

I am a recipient of the General Conference Women's Ministry Scholarship. Thank you for helping with financial aid for pursuance of my course in Nursing. Your contribution will assist me in completing my studies. This scholarship is a great motivation for me to put in my effort, and I look forward to give back to the community one day.

I also appreciate the opportunity to write for the devotional book which I believe will inspire and influence young women.

Thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals. May God continue to bless you, in Jesus' name. Yours Faithfully,

Aanuoluwapo B.



Aanuoluwapo received a scholarship this January. She is in her final semester at the SDA School of Nursing, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. She serves as secretary of the Student Association and is also leader of the Adventurers at church. A family in the church had been helping with her tuition but can no longer do so.

HER GOAL: TO EMPLOY

Wadiatou, from Cote d'Ivoire, is studying Management at Cosendai in Cameroon. She hopes to form a company to employ Adventists harmed by Sabbath work requirements. Though her family was of a different religion, she attended an Adventist school where she studied the Bible and was baptized. An Adventist family helped with her college tuition but are unable to help now.



Wadiatou receives her award from GC Women's Ministries.

