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FROM GALINA'S DESK

"I am the vine, and you are the branches..."

John 15:5a

What a beautiful picture of God as a gardener and Jesus as the True Vine! Our hearts rejoice in the summer, looking at green landscapes, gorgeous flowers, gardens, and vineyards decorated with refreshing fruits! In this text, Jesus talks about us as His branches. Branches cannot exist by themselves and for themselves. They exist on the vine and bear fruit. However, Jesus does not ask us to bear fruit by our strength. He asks us to remain in Him, and this will produce fruit! Let us think about this. Are the fruits of the Spirit visible in my life? Are they serving other people? Are they the fruit of the Spirit of God? What efforts do I make each day to connect with the True Vine? What efforts do I make to be a blessing to others?

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE... SUCCESS

Meet more scholarship recipients on page 3 of each online newsletter: women.adventist.org/sos-newsletter



Ivanna, a nursing major from **Venezuela** now studying in Puerto Rico, is making

her community better. With the university's marine biology club, she participates in cleaning the beaches and preserving marine life. In her martial arts school (she has an orange Kung Fu belt), she helps with free self-defense classes. She also volunteers to help the homeless. Ivanna is an excellent student. Her teachers say she is "a kind, empathetic person, able to solve problems and avoid conflict. She inspires those around her to give their best."

SERVING REFUGEES



An education major at Zaoksky Adventist University in **Russia**, **Viktoria** is very active at

church, participating in Christmas programs and weeks of prayer. She also helped prepare gifts and children's programs for summer camps, schools and boarding schools. At the university she travels with the choir, mentors freshmen, and provides help to refugees.

A SPIRIT OF SERVICE



In Argentina, **Micol** is studying medicine at River Plate Adventist University. Her dream is to become a missionary doctor, inspired

by a mission trip to the Amazon where she observed the group's doctors helping patients along the river. At church she helps with vacation camp and women's ministries meetings. At school, she participates "actively and with a beautiful spirit of service" in Health Missionary groups such as Expohealth and Heartbeats of Hope. She also visits local nursing homes. Responsibility, integrity, and dedication are outstanding traits her teachers see in Micol.

WE CAN BE PROUD

Yes, we can be proud of these young women! And many others helped by GC Women's Ministries scholarships. Let's help assure their success. They deserve our best efforts, our encouragement, our gifts.

Become a proud donor today! Online at women.adventist.org/give Or by check made out to General Conference of SDA with memo WM SOS. Mail to General Conference of SDA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904

[NEWS BITES]

JUST
USD\$430

COVERS TUITION
FOR 1 SEMESTER
AT ZAOKSKY

9

WOMEN IN 9
COUNTRIES WERE
HELPED THIS JULY

"She prepares, mobilizes, takes initiative, and encourages others."

Said of Betsabé in Peru

24

WOMEN AT 24
SCHOOLS RECEIVED
HELP THIS YEAR!

WHAT CAN YOU
DO THIS YEAR?

- ☒ PICK A PARTNER
- ☒ PICK A COUNTRY
- ☒ MAKE A PLEDGE



Happy Mother's Day was the message at the May 8 reception hosted by GC Women's Ministries and the Scholarship Our Sisters [SOS] team in

the GC atrium. The event celebrated the mothers, sisters, daughters, and other special women in our lives, as gifts to the women's scholarship fund indicated our love and remembrance. Many donors shared pictures of their honorees, and during the event photos of more than 40 honorees were shown in a display created by Rebecca Turner.

At the reception, Galina Stele, GC Women's Ministries director, explained the impact of the scholarship program, which helps Adventist women, especially in the poorest countries, attend college. Thanks to excellent support, this event raised over \$5,200. This will help many women complete their education.

SOS TEAMWORK

The event was prepared by the members of the GC Scholarship Our Sisters team. Anu Lakra coordinated the event, team members donated delicious treats, and Premila Pedapudi planned the beautiful décor.

(YES, YOU CAN! If your group would like to create and host an event to support Scholarship Our Sisters, let us know. We'll be glad to help with information, materials and ideas if you like.)



GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Angelina Flores by Daisy Flores Orion
Ulrike Hasel by Frank Hasel
Mary Lee Herzel by Dan Herzel
Patricia H. Chapman by Meredith Herzel
Ruth M. Boger by Jackie Kuhn
Lois Harris Luce & Muriel Green Kujawa by Carolyn Kujawa
Marion Lundberg by Linda Lundberg
Shirley Ann McGarrell by Faith-Ann McGarrell
Mrs. S. John by Irene Pandit
Kempu Moses by Premila Pedapudi
Maudina Punch by Naudina Punch
Lubov Velgosha by Galina Stele
Kay Wallace by Karen Stiemert
Jeanne D. Victorin by Emeraude Tobias
Mabel M. Joiner by Rebecca Turner
Shirley Devine by Gina Wahlen

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF HEATHER-DAWN SMALL

by Lisa Beardsley-Hardy by N. Pacific Union Conf.
by Yetunde Odeyemi by Verna Parchment
by Gloria Singleton by Galina Stele
by Ardis Stenbakken by Rebecca Turner
by Dawn Venn by Jean Webster

IN HONOR

Iryna Kara by Galina Stele
Rosemary Boyle by Audrey Andersson
Sonja C. Reimann by Manuela Coppock
Raquel Garcia & Amanda Garcia by Alfredo Garcia-Marenko
Esther M. Olivera by Raquel Garcia
Meredith Herzel by Dan Herzel
Betty Thomas by Tanya Holland
Lena Johnson by Irma Johnson
Brenda Garza, Gladys Gomez & Andrea Ward by Marilyn Justesen
Lalthanzami & Florence Lalnunsangi Maury by Dindini Khawithring
Ida Mae Johnson by Carolyn Kujawa
Salen Kujur by Anu Lakra
Denise, Brenda & Linda by Karen Pearson
Gloria Allen by Marilyn Perez
Vera Savary by Ella Rydzewski
Danica Milicic by Dragoslava Santac
Carolyn Kujawa by Jaya Singh
Emma Stele & Galina Stele by Artur Stele
Gertrudes Cuisson by Annelee Tagalog
Premila Pedapudi by Caleb Thummalapa
Ebony F. Roberts & Laura Tunney by Rae Tunney
Lorene M. Boddy, Beverly S. Joiner, Kimberly Timon, Galina Stele, Raquel Arrais & Nilde Itin by Rebecca Turner
Marilyn Jacobson by Dawn Venn
Gimylin Wa-Mbaleka by Safary Wa-Mbaleka

Please make checks payable to **General Conference of SDA**, write in the memo line: **WM Scholarship Fund.**

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[Give-Scholarship fund]
Or call to charge to credit card:
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Yes, I want to support the WM Scholarship program with . . .

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(Please print all information)

Name _____

Address _____

☐ Charge to my ☐ VISA Card number _____ / _____
☐ a monthly gift of \$ _____ on the 10th of each month beginning (month/year) _____ / _____
☐ a one time gift of \$ _____ Signature _____

(Optional) This gift is in honor/memory of _____

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

\$25/month: 1 semester tuition BANGLADESH	\$1,050: scholarship - JAMAICA	\$1,000: 1 semester tuition RUSSIA
\$30/month: room & board, 1 semester THAILAND		\$160: 1 month tuition ARGENTINA



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➔ MEET OUR SISTERS

TALENTS...AND STRUGGLES

You have a talented sister in Jamaica. In high school she was valedictorian of her graduating class, a Prefect, and VP of the Math and Science Club and Student Council. Her freshman year of college she received a medal for her *cum laude* gpa.

This year she is Public Relations Officer for the computer club and the choir, a deaconess, and a member of the Pathfinder club, which does community outreach. Skilled at graphic design and video editing, she assists the local church and the Communications Department with these

skills. A teacher says, "She develops elegant video clips that promote the department and its programmes." Another commends her as "a highly intelligent, dedicated and amiable young lady who takes her studies seriously. Disciplined and self-motivated, she has excellent leadership abilities."

HARD TIMES...AND FAITH

Yet finances may keep this young lady from completing college. As she says: "Our family, a teacher, an uneducated carpenter, my brother and I, experienced many unfortunate financial situations, at times not knowing where our next meal was coming from; my mom struggling to pay the bills; having the

water cut off; cooking outside because we could not pay the gas bill. I could go on. Luckily, my mom got a loan so I was able to take exams at the end of my freshman year. The second year I applied for scholarships, even those I didn't qualify for, and received two. For my parents back at home it's a constant hustle to make it through the month. I don't know how I'll make it through this year. I've made it thus far by God and God alone. How He will carry me through this year is still unknown, but with faith and prayer I press on."



DYNNE'S MIND-SET

Dynne traveled from her home in Malaya to study psychology at Hong Kong Adventist College. An A student, she discovered that her curiosity about human nature made doing research a joy. (Can you believe she enjoys writing research papers?)

She hopes to become a counselor "to assist individuals in overcoming obstacles and achieving their goals." An astute observer, teachers say she "learns who each person is, understanding what will make them succeed, and then encouraging them to reach their potential."

STAYING BUSY

Already serving others, Dynne participates in the college's yearly mission trips, taking part in worship services and home visits. As a volunteer instructor in Adventurers Club, she creates interactive educational activities that are fun for the children.

Her love of music lead her to choose a music minor. At school she participates in all the musical activities, including leading chapel song service, worship, playing violin, and singing in the choir.

GOING BEYOND

Teachers commend her enthusiastically: "Dynne has a growth mind-set. She has achieved great things and has potential to do much more." "Whenever I give her an assignment or duty, I feel fully confident she will go beyond what I expect." "She stands out for her enthusiasm for learning and even more for sharing God with her friends and the mission field."

Wouldn't you want to help a talented woman such as Dynne? Well, you have... if you gave to the SOS women's scholarship fund. Now let's help even more women like her!

