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YVONNE GAMETI IS HOME!

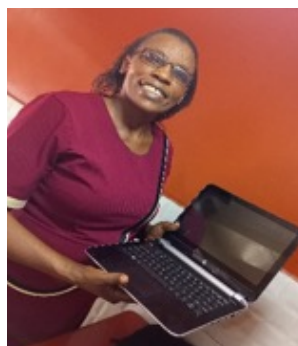


Thank you for your support for Yvonne Gameti and for the donations you sent to TEAM to assist with her return flight from the Philippines to Togo! She finally arrived home in Togo on December 19, 2020. Gameti graduated with a Master

of Divinity degree from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in May 2020 but had to remain there until the COVID lockdown ended in December 2020.

AIAS President Ginger Ketting-Weller was so impressed with her (she had attended Dr. Weller's Sabbath school class) that she arranged with colleagues at Andrews University for her to have a graduate assistant position at the seminary. Gameti will be starting a doctoral program at Andrews in August 2021. We may have a new female theologian from Togo in the Adventist Church!

COMPUTERS FOR ONLINE LEARNING STILL NEEDED!



Mercy Hiuko is an evangelist, wife, mother of two, and a student at Bugema University in Kampala, Uganda. A TEAM tuition and laptop scholarship recipient, she hopes to graduate in the spring of 2022. Hiuko is grateful for

TEAM support and says that seeing how TEAM has supported her call to ministry has been a witness to many members of her family.

In 2020, TEAM received a \$12,500 donation from the trust of Sonja A. Nicola for the purchase of laptop computers. In addition, other donors have contributed \$400 or more to purchase laptops. To date, we have spent \$16,315 on 48 laptops for TEAM scholarship recipients whose only access to their school programs is through online study. Included in the funding was the purchase of 16 laptops for all the female students at the Cuba Adventist Theological Seminary, as well as recipients in Africa, Inter-America, and South America. TEAM will be funding laptops for at least the next year for women who are

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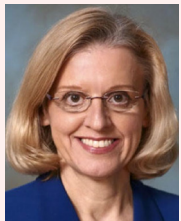
studying online in countries where vaccines have yet to become widely available. The TEAM website www.timeforequality.net has video testimonials from some of our recipients.

If you can donate at least \$350-\$400 dollars or more for the purchase of one or more laptop computers, please mail your gift to TEAM at P.O. Box 7816, Langley Park, MD. 20787 or you can give online on the TEAM website: www.timeforequality.net. *Thank you for your continued support.*

TEAM – MOVING FORWARD

Thanks to a generous gift from a trust, TEAM is continuing to grow its mission and vision. The trust gift will allow TEAM to set up an endowment to fund future scholarships for qualified recipients.

Nancy Lamoreaux



New Executive Director

In addition, TEAM has restructured, effective March 1, 2021. At that time, appreciation was extended to Bev Habada for her service to TEAM and her contributions to its success and achievements. Also, a new Executive Director was voted by the board. We welcome Nancy Lamoreaux to serve at the helm of TEAM. Fortunately, Bev Habada will take on the role of Director of Development, a new position, to grow our funding. This transition will bring new ideas and funding to TEAM as we continue to support women in their academic achievements and help them move into leadership and pastoral positions in fulfillment of our vision and mission.



Jeanne Mogusu

New TEAM

Representative in Africa

We welcome Jeanne Mogusu as our new TEAM representative in Africa who will assist with our scholar-

ships and scholarship recipients in Africa. Mogusu comes to us with a PhD in philosophy from Jackson State University in Mississippi, a Master of Divinity from Andrews University, a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University, and a Bachelor of Science from Egerton University in Kenya.

Mogusu brings to TEAM a wide range of experience and knowledge that will help her to better assist our TEAM recipients in Africa. We welcome her as we continue to strengthen the support of our scholarship recipients in Africa.

To get better acquainted, watch her YouTube channel. Go to www.YouTube.com and search for Jeanne Mogusu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

January - May 2021 – **\$46,640.00**

To see scholarship recipients
go to: www.timeforequality.net under "News"

Total Laptops purchased through May 2021 – **48**

Total cost of Laptops through May 2021 – **\$16,315.00**



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MEET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



LEAH BURGESS is a TEAM scholarship recipient and a student at Howard University Divinity School in Washington, D.C. She is pursuing a dual degree program and hopes to graduate with an MSW and a MDiv by 2023.

In October 2020, Burgess was asked to support the Religion Department at Takoma Academy in Maryland by serving as the Bible 2 instructor. In addition to serving as chaplain, she now teaches Bible to three sophomore classes that meet twice a week.

Burgess, along with several students, has started a podcast that provides daily content during chapel worship experience. This is part of her chaplaincy/field education experience for her MDiv/MSW. Here is the link to the podcast: <https://chaplain844.wixsite.com/theliving-roomta/podcast>



EUNICE A. ADWAR is a student at University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, Kenya, where she is pursuing a degree in theology, with a goal of graduating in 2024. A married mother of four, Adwar as a young woman converted

from a Catholic background. Her conversion resulted in the loss of emotional and financial support from her family which resulted in her living with relatives. She attended Adventist schools with the support of the late Pr. Harizon Ogot of Kenya Lake Conference. After finishing school, Adwar became involved with Adventist Youth Programs, where she met her husband at a youth congress.

While working as a pharmacy technician, Adwar was terminated in 2013 over Sabbath

issues. She felt called to enter the ministry to bring others to Christ and to share the good news of the gospel. Adwar is presently active in church worship, public and personal evangelism, camp meetings, prison ministry, and works with widows and orphans as she continues her education.

CONGRATULATIONS Leah and Eunice!
May God continue to richly bless your ministry!

THANK YOU FROM TEAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Thank you very much. May the Lord continue blessing you greatly, and always provide so you can continue doing this beautiful work, which is to serve with love.

Yamaris – UNAC Colombian Adventist University Corporation, Colombia

I am sincerely honored and feeling blessed to have been selected as the recipient of your scholarship. Thank you for your generous funding, which has helped me to pay for the 2021 Spring tuition . . . I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. It is not only an amount of money but also psychological support that helped me to realize that I am not alone in this journey.

Alina – Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, U.S.A.

My sisters! Am so grateful for everything TEAM has been doing for me. I appreciate your kindness towards me. I will do my honest part and concentrate on my studies. It has not been an easy road for me . . . God placed you just for my sake! My heart is filled with praise, and I pray that God blesses you abundantly. May you continue in your noble cause. Madam Caroline Chola (Women's Ministries Director, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division) indeed, the Lord is your shepherd. May God continue sustaining you as you labor in his vineyard.

Linah - Rusangu University, Zambia



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Karen Lewis

On April 23, 2021, the Minnesota Conference administration appointed Karen Lewis to the position of ministerial director. She will also continue as pastor of the Pathways Seventh-day Adventist Church. Lewis graduated in May with a Pastoral Ministry degree from Andrews University. She is looking forward to sharing her gifts and talents in this new phase of her ministry.



Heather Ripley Crews

In May 2021, Potomac Conference Executive Committee appointed Heather Ripley Crews as the Associate Director, Pastoral Ministries South, a transition from her role as pastor of Courthouse Road Church in Richmond, Virginia. In June 2021, Crews was elected to serve as the new NAD Ministerial Associate Director for Women Clergy, replacing Brenda Billings, who retired last year. Crews will continue in her current role at Potomac Conference as well as supporting the women clergy in the North American Division. She is praising God for this opportunity and asking for our prayers.

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Sandra Roberts

The Pacific Union Conference Nominating Committee has released a partial list of nominations ahead of the union's 2021 Constituency Session, which will be held August 15 through 16 in Tucson, Arizona. The nominee for Executive Secretary is Sandra E. Roberts. If the nomination is voted, Roberts will be the first woman to serve as a union conference Executive Secretary in the North American Division. She has served as the President of Southeastern California Conference since 2013.

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