

1975 SCHOLAR - MRS MARY WEME.



Mary is our first married scholarship holder, she is 37 years of age and the mother of five children, two of whom are adopted. A liberated husband, competent elder daughter and helpful mother-in-law released Mary to pursue further training in Australia.

Her academic background is the Kenya Primary Education Certificate, Teachers Training Certificate, and a Diploma from the Kenya School of Social Work. She comes to us as the nominee of the National Christian Council of Kenya.

Mrs Weme taught in the Kenya Primary Schools for seven years before she trained as a Social Worker. On completion of her training she joined the staff of the N.C.C.K. to work at the Nakuru Community Centre. Her work has been among the destitutes who constitute the larger part of the population of Nakuru Town. She has established a home industries group for women, and she has been able to mobilise the community to take care of needy children.

While in Australia, Mary hopes to develop several skills. Firstly she wants to learn more about group work and community organisation, and secondly, but equally important, she is learning the practical skills of spinning and weaving, which will enable her to further stimulate the growth of cottage industries in her area.

Because of her extensive prior experience, Mary will be spending a considerable period of time on interstate visits; observing many of the new developments in community organisation.



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

SPONSORS OF

## THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

THE REV. WINIFRED KIEK, B.A., B.D., is honoured as a pioneer in fields of particular interest to church women. She was the first woman to become an ordained minister in Australia, and her work for the World Council of Churches concerning women in the Churches has had far-reaching effect. She is now living in retirement in South Australia.

PURPOSE of the Scholarship is to encourage Fellowship and service across National boundaries. It is given to an overseas Christian women (who has already received her basic training) to obtain experience and training in Australia which she could not receive in her own country.

AWARDEES must plan to share the benefit of additional training with their own people. No age limit is set, but it is preferred that applicants be between 25 and 35 years.

PROGRAMME includes study, training, participation and observation of church and community work, with opportunity to meet church women's groups. The scholarship is for one academic year, (approx. 10 months: normally from February to November).

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME is accepted by the Overseas Mission Board in Australia representing the sponsoring Church. Study may be undertaken in any Australian State at an approved training college or school. It is hoped that the sponsoring church will provide some financial assistance with the scholar's personal expenses.

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS ADMINISTERED through the Working Committee of Australian Church Women, the Convenor of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee being also a member of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women. The Scholarship covers the provision of return fare to Australia, and financial assistance with fees for tuition, accommodation, clothing and book requirements.

AN A.C.W. MEMORIAL BURSARY to the value of \$50.00 is awarded to each year's successful applicant, this amount to be applied to the purchase of books. The award is made as a memorial tribute to Australian church women who have given distinguished service to A.C.W. since its inception.

FINANCE TO MAINTAIN THE SCHOLARSHIP is provided by collections received on A.C.W.'s Fellowship Day. A Scholarship Investment Fund was opened with an initial donation of \$200 from the Rev. Winifred Keik, the interest being applied towards the maintenance of the Scholarship. Donations to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Investment Fund may be made at any time.

ISSUE OF APPLICATION FORMS for the Scholarship is handled by the Convenor of the W.K.S. Committee (through Overseas Mission Boards of the various denominations and several other specific bodies). In accordance with a policy introduced in 1972, four defined areas will be invited to submit applications in rotation in the following order:

- Area 1: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Ceylon.
- Area 2: East Asia - Burma through to Japan, including Indonesia.
- Area 3: All Africa Council of Churches.
- Area 4: Pacific Islands Churches, including Papua, New Guinea & Solomon Islands.

Applications may be submitted from:

Area 4 in 1975 for 1976 year.

HOLDERS of the scholarship have come from:

- Indonesia - Miss Connie Tan (Social Work)
- Fiji - Miss Sabita Swarup (Secretarial work)
- Papua - Miss Anna Busina (Y.W.C.A. work)
- Papua - Miss Jacki Kini (Girls' Brigade & Educational work)
- Solomon Is. - Miss Veronica Kafa (Teaching)
- Zambia - Miss Violet Sampa (Training for Ministry)
- Fiji - Miss Terani Aisake (Deaconess Training)
- India - Miss Kalpana Airan (Teaching)

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