



## A Scholarship Recipient's Journey from Girls in Action to the Missions Field

In 2022, the WMU Foundation granted \$140,564 in scholarships to 139 recipients, including 104 missionary kids. This was the highest scholarship amount granted since the WMU Foundation was established in 1995.

“The scholarship I received through the WMU Foundation gives me a strong sense of being part of the rich WMU history and legacy, and I cannot express how grateful I am for that,” said Ena Redding\*, a former scholarship recipient.

Ena grew up learning about missions and missionaries through Girls in Action and has been serving as a missionary herself in the Middle East for the past four years. Before moving overseas, she attended seminary to help her grow in the knowledge of God’s Word. “I received my master of divinity degree but gained so much more,” she explained. “I gained a more profound love for God and His Word. I became excited about wanting others to grow in their knowledge and love of God and Scripture.”

Ena has been able to share her knowledge through discipling others on the missions field as well through her writing. “I began writing for WMU after I graduated from seminary,” she said. “I have loved combining God’s Word and His heart for the nations to help the church be on mission with God.”

Her experience in seminary has also been beneficial during her time in the Middle East as she disciples believers from Muslim backgrounds and serves alongside

an Arabic-speaking church. “Because of the theological education I have received, I feel more grounded in my faith and better equipped to make disciples and spread the gospel among the unreached,” she said.

“Please pray for me as I learn Arabic so I can go deeper in discipleship and serve alongside our Arab brothers and sisters,” requested Ena. “And please ask God to grant me wisdom for leading the women on my team, discipling new believers, and writing. Pray the people in the Middle East would have hearts open to the gospel [and] a desire to grow in their faith and to join God on mission.”

Ena is grateful to those who give to the WMU Foundation scholarships in order to make stories like hers possible. “The scholarships I received were much needed for my seminary education, allowing me to continue being a part of what God is doing around the globe, both by serving overseas and writing for WMU,” she continued. “Thank you for investing in your missions passion through giving to WMU Foundation scholarships.”

Visit [wmufoundation.com/scholarships-available](http://wmufoundation.com/scholarships-available) to learn more about WMU Foundation scholarships and to give a one-time or monthly gift. If you’re like Ena and have also received a scholarship from national WMU or the WMU Foundation, be sure to visit [wmufoundation.com/scholarshipalumni](http://wmufoundation.com/scholarshipalumni) to join the Scholarship Alumni Society.

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