

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

# THE STAR FLASH

# OCTOBER 2025 #10

# THE WORLD GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

## FALL FOLIAGE, KOREA





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**REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!  
CONTACT YOUR COUNTRY LEADER**

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## *Embracing Autumn's Blessings and Looking Forward*

As the glorious colors of autumn settle across many parts of the world, we are reminded of the beauty of change and renewal. This season invites us to reflect on growth and gratitude. Just as the leaves turn from summer green to buttercup yellow to glittering gold, a burst of orange and then fall to the ground making way for new beginnings, so too must our spiritual journey be.

As Christians, we are called to transition from the green Trinity season to embrace renewal and prepare ourselves for the season of Advent. This sacred time encourages us to pause, reflect and await the coming of Christ, bringing peace, hope and love into our hearts.

May this season of autumn inspire us to be grateful for the work that God has entrusted us with as members of the GFS. We thank Him for the blessings we receive. Each one's small effort makes a difference, and each one's commitment is the foundation of our shared success. May we always carry with us the spirit of hope, perseverance and unity into all that we undertake in God's name.

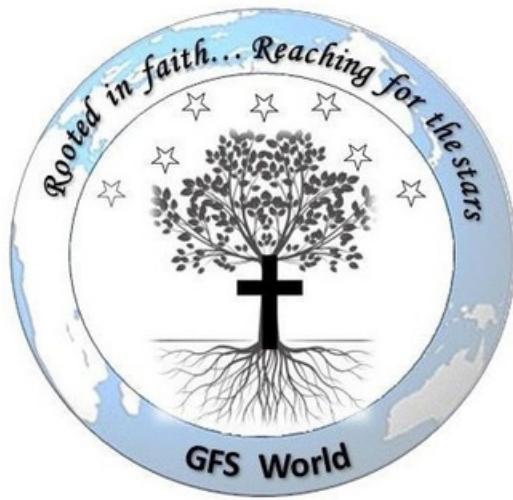
Looking ahead, may I warmly encourage each of you to participate in the World Council to be held in Sri Lanka next year. If you look up Sri Lanka on the world map, you will find a little pearl-shaped island at the foot of India - and that is where we shall meet!

It is a wonderful opportunity for us GFS members scattered all over the world to come together to share novel ideas, formulate policies, initiate action, learn of one another's culture, forge true friendships, weave unforgettable memories and strengthen our collective mission. All this and more on a lush, green tropical island floating in the warm, blue waters of the Indian Ocean!

Friends, as we prepare for this gathering, let us reach for the stars, turn our dreams into reality and achieve the impossible - through our faith in God, strengthened by one another's prayers and united by our shared love for our 150-year-old organization.

May His peace fill our hearts and guide us toward a future filled with promise and purpose.

*Jeanne Withanage  
GFS World President  
2023 - 2026*



## GFS WORLD THEME & LOGO

2023- 2026

### STRONG FOUNDATION

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness”.

- Colossians 2 : 6 - 7

### THE SYMBOLISM OF THE LOGO

A healthy tree rooted in Christ (the Cross) with its branches reaching upward towards the (seven) stars.

#### Seven Stars

In the Bible, Number 7 symbolizes divine completeness, perfection and wholeness

# GFS WORLD GOALS 2023 - 2026

## Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News

“For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel”.  
- 1 Corinthians 9 : 16

I

### UN Sustainable Development Goal 3

#### Good Health & Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

#### Point 3.5

Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies”.  
- 1 Corinthians 6 : 19-20

II

### UN Sustainable Development Goal 4

#### Quality Education

Ensure inclusive & equitable quality education & promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

#### Point 4.4

Substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs & entrepreneurship.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction”.

- Proverbs 1 : 7

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## CONTINUING PROJECTS



UN Sustainable Development Goal 13

### CURBING OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY CARING FOR CREATION

Climate Action



UN Sustainable Development Goal 12

### THE GREENING PROJECT: FOOD GARDEN FOR FOOD SECURITY & ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

Responsible Consumption  
and Production



UN Sustainable Development Goal 5

### ENDING ABUSE OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

**Guyana**  
Trusting God  
Through  
Every Season

**Australia**  
Sharing Hearts  
& Spreading  
Hope

**Cameroon**  
Empowering  
Through Purposeful  
Living

**Japan**  
Serving  
with  
Joyful Hands

**Ireland**  
Walking in  
Faith, Not  
Fear

**DRC Building**  
Faith &  
Expanding  
Fellowship

**Sri Lanka**  
Growing in Grace  
& Purpose

**Liberia**  
Transforming Lives  
Through Faith and  
Learning

**Korea**  
Celebrating  
60 Years of  
Grace

**Melanesia**  
Steadily  
Growing in  
Service

**South Africa**  
Celebrating Faith,  
Strength, and  
Service

**New Zealand**  
Encouraging  
Growth Through  
Support

**USA**  
Empowering  
Girls to Shine  
with Purpose

## GFS WORLD HIGHLIGHTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE STAR TREE!

READ . SUPPORT . PRAY . LEARN . ENCOURAGE . SHARE

# GFS AUSTRALIA

GFS in Australia has really looked forward to the opportunity to celebrate our World Day of Prayer.

To unite us around our vast country we held a Zoom meeting earlier in September. We were all quite excited to welcome a very special guest – Reverend Glenys Payne, all the way from Wales. It was a delight to have so many join us online as we were able to connect with a dear friend. Since the service originated from Wales, we were keen to hear about the happenings of GFS in Wales and of Glenys's journey. Glenys delivered the address for us, reminding us that we are called to be looking out for others, to just be kind even though we hear about so much hurt and anger in the world. As we sang our songs, despite the strange sounds Zoom delivers, we felt a unity and sang as one voice to bind us all together.

In Brisbane we spent time together at St Mark's church, led by our Chaplain, Reverend Cheryl. Afterwards we chatted happily over lunch to greet each other and reinforce those friendships we all value in GFS. This type of event was repeated in many dioceses around our country. Sydney GFS members had a quiz to try to locate all the GFS countries.

A little project that has quietly been working away has been to provide little embroidered felt hearts that are given out by a hospital chaplain (our own National Chaplain). Just recently Cheryl said she had given out 1000 of these hearts since the inception of the program. Bit by bit the hearts help to share the burden by reminding people they have hope, they are thought about, and they are not alone. Cheryl has countless stories of people who have treasured these hearts. A real way to share our faith by our actions.

**Julie Somerville**  
President – GFS Australia



GFS BRISBANE MEMBERS AT WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.



SYDNEY GFS MEMBERS ENJOYING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.



SYDNEY GFS MEMBERS FINDING THE GFS COUNTRIES ON THE MAP.

# GFS CAMEROON

It is a joy to belong to one big family of the Worldwide GFS. The society in Cameroon keeps waxing daily and focusing on impacting its members and the entire community.

During the period under review, GFS Cameroon actively joined the world in the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This celebration was combined with our annual GFS Diocesan Week which took place from June 30 - July 6 under the theme "My uniqueness, my purpose" - Rom. 12:2. It was a week full of energy, commitment and fun.

Highlights: Bible study, group discussion, debate (Technology is doing more harm than good in the society especially among girls), practical lessons, games and outreach programs. It was a successful week that gave GFS Cameroon an excellent visibility within our community.

During the said period, 116 new girls were enrolled into the society. We thank God for the increase.

The Skill Acquisition Center remains useful to young women and girls around the community through training and doing business with Schools within the Diocese especially for the back-to-school sewing of school uniforms. Their professional and excellent work attracts many. We maintain our slogan, "Everything thinkable is Sewable"

The awareness on Gender Based Violence (Orange Day) is a monthly activity. During the 150th celebration, the girls took to the streets for an awareness campaign using the slogan "We Say NO."

On September 29, we joined our sisters across the world to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. It was an awesome celebration.

We appreciate our leaders for their dedication which has contributed to the growth of the GFS ministry. We now enjoy wonderful cooperation from the parents. Gfs Cameroon is one of the active ministries within the Diocese. May God bless GFS Worldwide and may we grow from strength to strength.

**Dibo Elango Estelle Bedie**  
President - GFS Cameroon



# GFS DRC

The DRC during this period of 3 months organized the following activities:

We thank God for the launch of the GFS in the new diocese of Kalemie with a membership of 113 on July 6, 2025, and after we trained 17 people in pastry making.

From August 6 to 9 a spiritual retreat was organized with the theme: let us approach the throne of grace pobtenéra and we still bless God for this activity which brought together at least 87 people.

We closed this quarter with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of GFS with GFS Zambia from September 26th to 27<sup>th</sup>. It was great and we thank God for this activity, and we thank GFS Zambia for their friendship.

**Ursule Tshama**  
President - GFS DRC



# GFS GUYANA

Greetings from Guyana to our sisters.

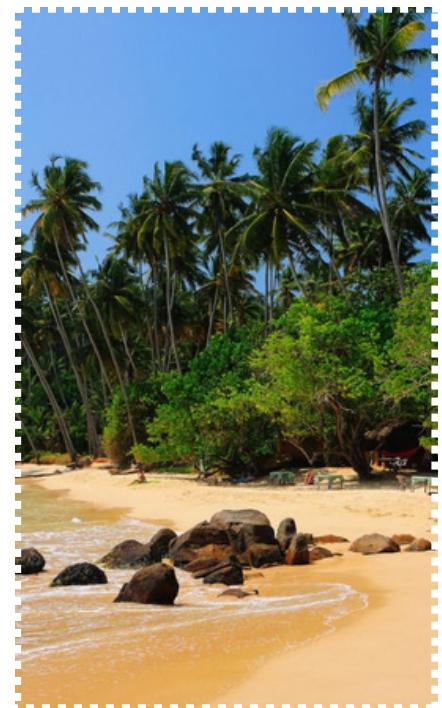
Reporting for the period under review - not much has been done. However, we are still trusting in God. For our World Day of Prayer, we held the service during the mass. We distributed pens and compact mirrors in observance of our 150 years anniversary.

We are looking forward to a favorable response from our bishop to attend World Council 2025. Thank you for your prayers as we continue to pray for you all as well.

**Trinette Cosbert**  
President - GFS Guyana



## Sri Lankan Coast



# Autumn



Canada



USA



Ireland



Japan



Australia

# GFS IRELAND

Autumn Greetings from GFS Ireland.

In a collaborative effort to place focus on our well-being at the outset of GFS meet-ups this Autumn, leaders and girls with family members enjoyed a 150km (joint effort distance!) Fun Walk and special event in many Dioceses with branches meeting to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World GFS. We are blessed in Ireland to have many outdoor places of special beauty to visit and photos of the event on our website give a glimpse of the memorable event as young and old enjoyed a time of connectivity in God's creation. A GFS member read the beautiful prayer penned by World President Jeanne Withanage for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World GFS at each event.

GFS Ireland received many complimentary comments from far and near following the special service broadcast on Sunday September 10 on RTE 1. It was another occasion when GFS members of all ages joined together. Our Central Chaplain, Rev. Tanya Woods chose the theme "Faith instead of Fear" for the service. If you haven't had the opportunity to enjoy the service, it is available on [rte.ie/services/](http://rte.ie/services/) Episode 16.

Excitement is building here as a group of eight GFS members are making preparations to travel to World Council in Sri Lanka in July 2026. Each Diocese is starting the process of selecting a young person aged between 18 and 25 years to attend an interview in February 2026 for the opportunity to travel as Junior Delegate from Ireland at World Council. This will be my first time to travel to World Council abroad. I recall with a smile the opportunity to host three coaches of World Council delegates in my home parish in West Wicklow in 2011 and of meeting Thembeka Pama during her visit to Ireland in 2018.

Have "Faith instead of Fear" as you all continue your work with GFS.

**Myra Moody**  
President – GFS Ireland



# GFS JAPAN

This summer was a record-breaking heat, and there were floods caused by heavy rains in various places in Japan. We also feel the crisis of global warming.

A half year ago, the President of GFS Japan was replaced by Haruko Amemiya to Naoko Hayashi. Naoko, the leader of GFS Tokyo, has spent her childhood making sweets and doing handicrafts with GFS leaders in a small church.

At GFS Tokyo, we gather to make small items and linen used at the altar and sell them at the bazaar. These are small activities, but working together with our hands deepens our relationship and it is a great happiness to meet supporters at the bazaar.

**Naoko Hayashi**  
President - GFS Japan



# GFS KOREA

From August 1st to 2nd, GFS Korea had a preparation camp at the Women's Mission Center in Seoul to get ready for the 60th anniversary of the founding of GFS Korea. During the two-day camp, seven executives gathered in prayer and teamwork, planning and preparing for the upcoming celebration. Our hearts were united in faith and hope for the successful management of this meaningful milestone.

The long-awaited Homecoming Day was held on September 27th at Daehakro Church, Seoul, Korea. The event became a beautiful and memorable celebration, filled with gratitude and joy. Many people sincerely congratulated GFS Korea on reaching our 60th year of faithful service.

More than 20 priests and over 100 old and new members joined the event to share in the celebration. A charity bazaar was also held during the day to help raise funds for next year's World Council in Sri Lanka.

We were deeply honored to welcome Rev. Yoo Sigyeong and GFS Japan President Ms. Hayashi Naoko as our special guests. Their presence made the event even more meaningful and strengthened the spirit of friendship and unity among GFS members.

Throughout the day, everyone enjoyed warm fellowship over lunch and coffee. Although there were some challenges in preparation, the members of GFS Korea worked together with great dedication, forming stronger bonds as we served to the glory of God.

**Min Hilda Jinye**  
President - Korea



# GFS LIBERIA

During the 3rd quarter of 2025, GFS Liberia received greetings and announcement about GFS World Council registration requirements, World Day of Prayer, among others.

Our Executive Committee had its regular monthly meeting. GFS also observed the 25th of the month - GFS Orange Day.

A good number of our girls graduated from grade school, university and vocational institutions. Congratulations to them.

We had GFS Vacation Camp for our girls from Saturday, August 23rd to Monday, August 25th, 2025. Forty plus persons were in attendance. It was a wonderful transformation Camp because it focused on Character, Attitude, Behavior, Cognitive and Spiritual building. It was fun too. We did Rise and Shine (exercise and recreation) at 6am and talent night at 8pm. The girls took on leadership roles and received awards at the close of camp. Since the 24th of August was our country National Flag Day, we did teach on the importance of the flag and sang passionately our national anthems and other patriotic songs and pledged our allegiance to the flag as well.

We had a one-day workshop for Sponsors and Advisers, local Presidents, and the Executive Officers of GFS on Saturday, September 27, 2025, under the Theme: "A closer look at the Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) – Role, Responsibility of Sponsors, Advisors and Members". It was very successful as we came up with a brilliant way forward for the organization.

GFS World Day of Prayer was conducted on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Seventy plus members were in attendance. Again, the girls read the lessons, lead the intercessory prayers, the GFS Litany and helped to lead Praise and Worship. The service was held out station which the girls like – going on trips. To God be the glory.

**Georgiana Tucker Williams**  
National Coordinator - GFS Liberia



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.



VACATION CAMP.



GRADUATES.

# GFS MELANESIA

The GFS ministry in the Diocese of Malaita continues to grow slowly but steadily. We are working to build and strengthen the GFS groups in our regions and parishes. Despite some challenges, the support from parish leaders and Mothers' Union members has helped us tremendously.

In the Central Region, GFS programs are active in Sisifiu, Dala and Tiuni parishes. Some are - Bible study and fellowship sessions, awareness sessions to teach the girls about Christian living, discipline and respect,

In the Northern Region, GFS is active in Gou'ulu and other parishes. Leaders are now focusing on training new coordinators for their region and restarting programs that were inactive. A GFS awareness program led by Mrs. Ellen Taka was held in Gou'ulu during the Northern Region Mothers Union Council meeting, with members from the Central Region also attending to support the rollout of the GFS ministry. The event was successful, and new girls expressed interest in joining the ministry.

In the Keava Region, GFS is now active in Transfiguration Parish, Fiu Parish and Foau Parish and is expected to reach out to other parishes. These parishes have begun small gatherings where girls learn about GFS and join in worship and singing. Some parents are also showing support, which is encouraging for the future of GFS in this region.

Looking ahead of the GFS in the Diocese of Malaita our aim is to:

- Have leadership trainings for young girls in the remote areas in all regions
- Organize more outreach programs to spread Christian values among young girls.
- Introduce income generating activities to support GFS initiatives.

In summary, we thank God for the progress of GFS in the Diocese of Malaita. Although we face challenges like transport, lack of training and few leaders, the work continues.

May God bless you in all your work.

**Minnie Kiriau**  
President - GFS Melanesia





# INTRODUCING THE WORLD COUNCIL PRAYER CALENDAR

JOIN US IN A GLOBAL CALL TO PRAYER AS WE PREPARE FOR WORLD COUNCIL 2026. LET'S LIFT EACH OTHER, OUR LEADERS, AND OUR MISSION BEFORE GOD!

## Who Am I?

1. I did not want Jesus to wash my feet.
2. I betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
3. I turned into a pillar of salt.
4. I doubted Jesus' resurrection.
5. I was the Governor of Judea.
6. I interpreted dreams for Pharaoh.
7. Jesus raised me from the grave.
8. I was released from prison instead of Jesus.
9. I poured perfume on Jesus' feet.
10. I was swallowed by a great fish.
11. I was in the desert for 40 days.
12. I was a tax collector.
13. I am the first king of Israel.
14. I was the first disciple to be martyred.
15. I was the disciple known as 'the beloved.'



# PRAYER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025 – JULY 2026

### A Call to Prayer

As we prepare for the GFS World Council 2026, let us unite in prayer, trusting God to guide, provide, and bless every detail. When we pray together across nations, we not only prepare for a conference but also strengthen our fellowship in Christ. May these prayer points draw us closer to God and cover all with His love.

**"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."**  
James 5:16

HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOURS YET?  
REACH OUT TO YOUR COUNTRY LEADER!

# GFS NEW ZEALAND

Tēnā koutou (hello) from GFS Aotearoa / New Zealand

GFS Council continues to provide financial support and mentoring for young women studying at tertiary level from lower-socioeconomic backgrounds in Wellington. At this time of the year our students are working toward their end of year exams, planning their 2026 study and finding paid work for summer to fund their future study.

Our main news from the last quarter is that in July, GFS held a celebration of 150 years of GFS at Victoria University. We invited our current students, Council members and university representatives to share Subway and drinks in the gorgeously ornate surroundings of the historic Hunter building. Given we usually mentor students individually, it was fantastic for them to meet the other Wellington-based scholarship winners and share food together. The evening involved lots of connecting, laughing and celebrating our GFS family.

We'll aim to get our GFS students together annually from now on. Our students work really hard, so it was good to provide a chance for them to kick-back, relax, meet each other and have some fun. I'm a big believer in the importance of celebrations, so it was great to celebrate the grit and grace we see in our fantastic students, while acknowledging the wisdom, love and commitment our Council members pour into supporting them. We're a small but dedicated team here and through God's grace and love, much has been achieved.

As with all GFS work world-wide, GFS in Aotearoa/NZ is a living testimony to what groups of motivated women can do as a team to help other women achieve. With an inspired, dynamic vision and careful stewardship of resources there's much to celebrate about our past and an abundance of exciting opportunities to harness and weave into our future.

**Christine Mutch**  
President - GFS Aotearoa | New Zealand



# GBFS SOUTH AFRICA

Congratulations to GBFS South Africa for successfully hosting our annual conference with our Theme in 1 Samuel 7: 12, "Thus far the Lord has helped us". The conference also embedded the gracious celebration of 150 years in GFS's existence.

The conference was filled with excitement, spiritual and joyful praises to the Lord including vibrant discussion on topics relevant to the youth, such as Mental Health, Education, GBV, taking care of the environment etc. Each diocese celebrated the 150 years in GFS existence separately, then at our annual conference we reached the peak of the celebration together as South African GBFS family.

Thank you to the Zambian leaders including the Zambian GFS president, Ms Thelma Lumbeta, who graced our conference as well as the GFS world incoming president, Ms Lois Frankforter. Their presence made this celebration memorable.

As our motto states, "Carry each other's burdens", we assisted an orphanage that takes care of children between 3 and 19 yrs by donating toiletries. We hope this will assist the management for at least a while.

The GBFS South Africa is grateful to GFS World for the generous contribution and donation made to GBFS in the diocese of Mthatha during the time when the province was hit by terrible floods. The contribution made will go a long way in assisting the GBFS members who were directly affected by the floods as they have lost their belongings and homes.

May we continue to fulfil the Law of Christ.

**Rebotsamang Shago**  
President - GBFS South Africa



# GFS SRI LANKA

Greetings from the sunny and beautiful isle of Sri Lanka!

We continue to give thanks to God for what He is doing through the ministry of the GFS.

**GFS WORLD GOAL 1 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT & SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS**  
The GFS branches continue to meet regularly for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship.

### GROW GFS - A NEW BRANCH IN THE NUWARA ELIYA ARCHDEACONRY

A new GFS branch was established at Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya in the hill country. There were 29 ladies and 14 girls at the inaugural meeting. A video about the GFS was screened and a brief discussion on the ministry of the GFS took place. After the committee members were blessed by Rev. Reuben Rajendran, the gathering trouped outside for a time of fun and games which was enjoyed by all.

### THE WORLD PRESIDENT VISITS THE GALLE ARCHDEACONRY (SOUTHERN PROVINCE)

GFS Sri Lanka was happy to host Ms. Jeanne Withanage, the GFS World President, at a meeting at All Saints' Church, Galle. Clergy and members from 5 Churches in the Southern Province attended this historic event.

The World President had the opportunity to explain about the history of the GFS, its mission, and the world goals in a very simple and effective way through a power point presentation.

A fellowship lunch was enjoyed after the meeting. It was a day well spent!

### GFS WORLD CONTINUING GOAL - UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5B - ENDING THE ABUSE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Orange day programs were held in GFS branches with the participation of Sunday school children as well.

### FUND RAISING - THE GFS HOLIDAY SALE

The GFS Headquarters introduced the GFS Holiday Sale in August. We had a successful sale! The proceeds of the sale will be channeled towards the GFS World Council to be held in Sri Lanka in July 2026.

**Rohini Ratnam**  
President - GFS Sri Lanka



GIRLS AND LADIES IN NUWARA ELIYA.



WORLD PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE SOUTH.



THE GFS HOLIDAY SALE.

# GFS USA

GFS/USA Lighting the Way: Highlighting the Diocese of Los Angeles, California and the Firefly Program.

In the Diocese of Los Angeles, the GFS is igniting a powerful spark, one that reaches beyond borders, languages, and traditional expectations. At the heart of this movement is the Firefly Program, a faith-rooted initiative that empowers girls to explore the electrical industry while deepening their sense of purpose, community, and possibility.

Hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hollywood and funded by GFS Los Angeles, which generously awarded a \$20,000 grant to support its launch and growth, the Firefly Program offers a two-year journey of discovery. Each month, girls gather for hands-on instruction, work-related excursions, and meaningful dialogue. The program is bilingual in English and Spanish, ensuring that language is never a barrier to growth. It is a living example of GFS's commitment to inclusion, equity, and the flourishing of every girl.

But Firefly is more than a STEM+P (Science, Technology, Engineering, Ministry, and Purpose) program. It is a sacred space where young women are encouraged to see themselves as builders of the future, electrifying their communities with skill, confidence, and faith. As they learn to wire circuits and navigate trade careers, they also learn to trust their inner light, knowing that God's love flows through every wire, every lesson, and every relationship formed.

In a world that often limits girls' dreams, Firefly dares to ask: What if we lit up every path? What if we crossed every border, geographic, cultural, and spiritual, to ensure that no girl is left behind?

The Diocese of Los Angeles is answering that call. Through Firefly, GFS is not only preparing girls for careers in the trades, but it also prepares them to lead, to serve, and to shine, reminding us that when girls are empowered, communities are transformed.

**Lisa-Jo Woods-Kriss**  
President - GFS USA



# ATTENTION

GFS WORLD

2025

## PRESIDENT'S BROOCH DESIGN COMPETITION

**STEP  
1**

### Create Your Worksheet

Start by drawing an 8 cm circle or square.  
Your design must fit inside.

**STEP  
2**

### Chose Your Materials

The brooch can be metal, enamel or ceramic. It can include  
engraving and stones but the cost of making the  
brooch must be \$500.00 USD or less.

**STEP  
3**

### Create Your Design

The brooch must include the words  
"WORLD" and "PRESIDENT" and  
either "GFS" or "GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY"

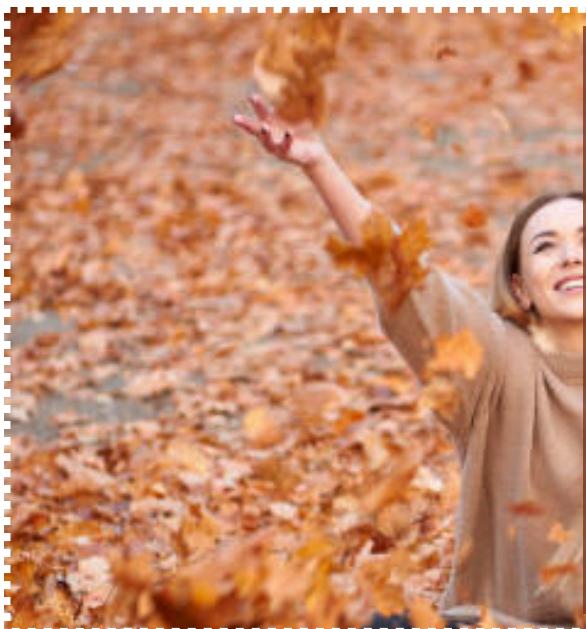
**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED**

**STEP  
4**

### Submit Your Design

Email your design by January 1, 2026 to  
[2023gfsworldpres@gmail.com](mailto:2023gfsworldpres@gmail.com)

GFS World reserves the right to modify the design selected  
if necessary due to issues in cost or ability to fabricate.



*Please send your Offerings and Donations for:*  
**Delegates' Travel** (earlier known as World Travel)  
**The World Project**  
**World President's Travel Fund**  
**The World Emergency Fund to:**

Account Name: GFS World Account  
Banking Institution: ANZ Bank  
Address: Shop 67, Whitford City,  
Cnr Marmion & Whitford Avenues  
Hillarys - WA 6025  
Code : BSB 016 494  
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Dear All,

Warm greetings to you.

As we prepare for the upcoming issue of our newsletter, we kindly remind everyone to pay close attention to the submission guidelines and ensure that articles are sent in the required format. This helps us organize everything more efficiently and stay on schedule.

Please also remember to submit your articles by the deadline. Your cooperation is truly appreciated and makes a big difference.

We sincerely thank the countries which sent in their articles for this issue. Your contributions are deeply valued. For those who were not able to submit this time, we completely understand and encourage you to take part in the next issue.

We are excited to let you know that this edition includes a trivia game, so be sure to check it out and test your knowledge!

We are planning to release the newsletter on a set date, and we truly appreciate your continued support.

With kind regards,  
The GFS Newsletter Team

Cut off date for next issue of World Newsletter:

**7th January 2026**

for the next quarter (October 1 – December 31, 2025)

Please send your news (**max 300 words**) in Word format  
and **3 separate jpeg or png pictures** to:  
**gfsworldnewsletter@gmail.com**

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5: 14 -16



#### ANSWERS

1. Peter	4. Thomas	7. Lazarus	10. Jonah	13. Saul
2. Judas	5. Pilate	8. Barabbas	11. Jesus	14. James
3. Lot's Wife	6. Joseph	9. Mary	12. Matthew	15. John

## Talk To Us

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