

What Are the Doing?



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April Highlights

For Ladies' Lunch in April, we enjoyed a fun afternoon at Happy Moose. If you haven't tried their zucchini planks, take my word for it—they are AMAZING! Thank you to all who came to (and continues to regularly come to) Ladies' Lunch the first Sunday of every month. Keep your eyes out on Facebook to see what our choices are for May!

Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our May 1-day Retreat until next year due to some last-minute changes. Don't worry, though—we'll be having our regular Ladies' Lunch for May, along with our June lunch and quarterly meeting. Want to know what we've got planned for the rest of the year, and even what 2020 might hold? Stop by the meeting after church on June 23rd to find out.

Heads up: We're getting a name change! Well, more like a name reverse. It's been announced that we'll be going back to the heading of *Alliance Women* sometime later this year. Therefore, don't get too confused when you see some of our logos change. We're the same group offering the same services, just a different label.

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At A Glance

Ladies' Lunch: 05-05-2019

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International Worker Update

The relief team in Indonesia is still going strong, assisting other CAMA workers and those living in the flooded areas. Because they had access to a four-wheel drive vehicle, they were able to venture to inaccessible areas, and found many who were without water and in need of help. Because of prayers and giving back, they have been able to clean out mud and charred roofing, provide household items and building supplies, and give hope to 13+ widows in the area.

In France, as you probably already know, a fire broke out in the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The following are excerpts from one international worker serving in that area:

"...As the ashes of the old church settled, so did the Parisians. As life continued, people walked around stunned. There was a subtle, silent recognition of what we were going through together. Underneath it all, people anxiously awaited news of the church's fate.

That day, a picture began rapidly circulating of the inside of Notre Dame. It showed that the cross on the alter still stood. People around the world took this as a sign—the cross still stands among the ashes. As interior images appeared, we began to hear one word over and over—hope....

I believe somehow all of this is causing people to look deep—to search their roots, history, and identity. They seem to be collectively tapping into something simultaneously ancient and new. Physically, emotionally, and even spiritually there is a stirring in the heart of France.

Pray with us that the French people will wrestle with this deep stirring and ask the hard questions so they all will see that God is more than buildings, services, rules, and rigidity. Our resurrected Lord is our greatest hope. Only Jesus can rescue and restore their hearts, bringing new life. May this be the beginning of a great movement of the Holy Spirit here in France..."

To read more about these stories and find out how you can help, visit www.weareenvision.com.

Points of Prayer

- Keep single mothers in Burkina Faso in your prayers, especially those without anyone to help them care for their new children
- Continue to pray for Indonesia and its recovery from the devastating flooding still causing difficulty for those living in the area



Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

The National Project

For the 2018-2019 year, the Great Commission Women are asking for MORE. Our local chapter here at the Crossroads Community Church is interpreting this by asking for more *for* the women of the church and more *from* the women of the church.

A huge part of this push around the country is called the National Project. This fundraiser is asking for *more* in five new projects around the globe:

- **Silver Lining Orphanage * Asia/Pacific * \$31,500** Orphans find safety and security in a children's home that provides a loving, parented family structure. Local seminary students help lead this ministry.
- **Women's Ministry Center * Mexico * \$31,500** Hurting and overlooked women receive spiritual guidance, legal and financial counsel, and 48-hour crisis-care intervention at the Circle of Care Women's Ministry Center.
- **Santidougou Widows Center * Burkina Faso * \$31,500** Young, deaf women receive sewing machines and training, and widows are given access to soap-making equipment and a moringa press at the Santidougou Widows Center. Daughters of the widows receive one-year scholarships to complete high school.
- **CAMA Orphan Project * Vietnam * \$31,500** Single mothers are resourced to begin small, income-generating activities. Orphans receive tuition, school supplies, and monthly rice portions.
- **Crisis Pregnancy Shelter * North & Central Asia * \$31,500** At risk migrant moms in crisis situations will receive temporary residence, practical support, counseling, and mentoring in life and mothering skills through the ministry of the shelter.

Throughout the upcoming year, look for our fundraisers and keep these groups in your prayers. To learn more, visit greatcommissionwomen.org.

The GCW @ the Crossroads

The Great Commission women, an auxiliary ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, exists to glorify God as devoted Christ followers of all generations, empowered by the Holy spirit to Live the Word, Do the Work, and Reach the World.

Shannon became the new leader of the Great Commission Women at the Crossroads Community Church in January of 2018. Since then, her goal, has been for the women of the church to grow together to help others.

They hope to achieve that goal through having the ladies meet regularly, share openly, and live spiritually. They believe in constant prayer and having God as their center. If you wish to become a part of the Great Commission Women at Crossroads Community Church, just attend our events! It really is that simple. Throughout the year, there are always ways to get involved, and we invite any and all women in the church to attend and be a part of our ministry together.

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How Can I Help?

We host events that give the women of the church a chance to pray together, talk about the word together, learn from one another, and discover how we can make a difference in the world around us. Your participation is what keeps these meetings going!

Attending our events and glean something from it is the best gift you can give. If you can't make them, though, you can also help through prayer and monetary giving. The GCW are always accepting donations to the National Project and materials. If you have ideas for fundraising or ways to help, please let us know!

