

What Are the Doing?



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March Highlights

In March, we did not have our monthly meeting, but did have Laundromat Day. While there was a low turnout for distributing the quarters, we were able to give away almost \$100 in quarters *again*! A member of the community even reached out to thank us for the unexpected provision. Thank you, church, for all of your giving efforts to continue to make this part of Laundromat Day a success.

Upcoming Events

April will be another abbreviated month, with our regular Ladies' Lunch on the 7th and no meeting due to Easter Holiday. Make sure to check out the calendar online for all events this year, especially since we moved from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings this year.

For May, we will be having our second One-Day Retreat on the 4th. Keep an eye out for further announcements on times and activities on this day. It generally runs from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, so go ahead and start marking your calendars!

If you have an idea for events you would like to see in 2020, it's never too early to make them known!

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At A Glance

Ladies' Lunch: 04-07-2019
No Meeting in April due to the Easter Holiday

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International Worker Update

An International Worker family is currently back in the States for a break after their work in Kurdistan, and while they miss their work country, they expressed in their last letter how grateful they are for their months of touring in the states, spending time in various churches, and for the support and welcome arms from those they met and fellowshiped. They also ask that you keep a friend, "A," in your prayers, whose son passed away in December. She is a new believer who has recently been baptized, and her husband has recently started attending a church where they live.

An International Worker in the Middle East is asking for prayers on financial help and contribution where they are to help afford rent and childcare. While they have been seeing fruition with their efforts, they pray that they'll be able to help further in their community while also being able to provide for their family's needs while spreading the gospel.

Indonesia is still experiencing aftermath from the torrential flooding over the past weeks. More than 100 volunteer from local churches, along with the C&MA's relief and development arm, have been assisting flood and landslide victims day in and day out. Currently, there are still nearly 100 missing and 11,000 displaced from their homes. Supplies (including generators) are still making their ways around the region for those who need it, and temporary shelters are still being used. Continue to pray for this region.

In the midst of distress and heartbreak, God also works miracles. In a hospital in Africa, a woman who'd just gone into labor was told that the outlook was bleak and the baby might not survive. After an emergency C-section, 20 minutes of delivery, and an attempt to resuscitate the inactive baby, the medical experts called it. However, the International Workers with the mother weren't so quick to give up. They prayed, and within minutes, the baby began to breathe! Not only is the baby alive, but healthy and without defects. Continue to keep mothers and children like these in your prayers!

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

Points of Prayer

- IW worker in Cambodia in need of financial help and strength against that which seeks to destroy and overwhelm.
- International Workers in Mexico, to keep strong in the face of struggles, and for continued medical blessings.
- Continued outpouring of divine healing through God's Word throughout the world, once spoken of and from A.B. Simpson himself.
- Flooding in Indonesia, for God to provide needed supplies and opportunities to witness.

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.

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How Can I Help?

Shannon and Ann have monthly meetings 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 gleaning 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!

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, along with Ann Green and Amy Foster, both of whom help lead the group, has been for the women of the church to grow together in order 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.

