

What are the *Great Commission Women* doing?

Spring Highlights

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The spring brought in a couple of new people – congratulations to twice-over mom, Amy, and new mom, Josie!

The spring also brought in some fun new locations for the Ladies' Lunch, including El Campesino, Applebee's, and Buffalo Wild Wings. Who knows where we'll go next?!

Not only did the GCW at the Crossroads enjoy celebrating and good eats, we also had a FANTASTIC

brainstorming session, coming up with ways to contribute to our nearby and far away communities. We look forward to implementing some of these ideas in the near future.

As always, the GCW set high importance on our regular monthly meetings, where we gather for Bible study, prayer, and mission updates.

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At a glance:

- **Ladies' Lunch:**
May 7th
- **Next Meeting:**
May 21st
- **Ladies' Day at Beulah Beach:**
July 26th

Upcoming Events

All women are invited to attend May's Lunch after church on the 7th and our monthly meeting on the 21st at 4:00 p.m. to learn what we'll be up to for the rest of 2017!

We are in the midst of planning some community outreaches, ways to fundraise for other causes, Ladies' Day at Beulah Beach, a retreat, and more! We welcome all ladies to attend our events to see what

we're about and what we're doing.

As always, you can subscribe to our newsletter to get our regular updates by contacting Ann or Shannon, signing up on the website, or emailing us at gcw.crossroads@gmail.com !

International Workers Update – Kurdistan

A family of International Workers are back in Kurdistan after a furlough in the US. Upon arriving, they discovered they would need to relocate to a different area completely. Amidst packing, repacking, finding a generator, school closings, and other obstacles, they were finally able to find a place to live and settle.

While there is a sadness to leave behind those in their neighborhood that they've invested so much time and effort into, the family is hopeful and excited to see where they will end up next, and what God has in store in the future.

Fortunately, this group of dedicated workers have many things they can praise and be thankful for:

- moving into a new home quickly
- having some of those that they knew in their old neighborhood follow them to their new area

- a new family of dedicated workers arrived near them.

- a recent strategic review with leaders in their field revealed a lot of progress and much to look forward to in the future

- they will be attending a conference with other workers to receive more training in their field

With these praises and more, this family in Kurdistan is feeling ready and excited for the fresh start that 2017 is providing.

To learn more about this family, and many international workers like them, visit www.cmalliance.org/ministries, or contact one of Crossroad's sponsored workers directly!

Prayer Requests Around the World:

- Workers in Kurdistan are being relocated to a different community in their area.
- Funds for several workers located internationally.
- The diaspora project still needs much help and prayer.
- Alliance World Fellowship churches, who partner with International Workers to meet the needs of people around the world
- Burkina is in crucial need for wells that provide fresh drinking water for their communities.
- Continued prayer for the diaspora scattered in throughout Europe and Asia.



The National Project

“God’s Positioning System - Placed For a Purpose” is centered on those people around the world who, for whatever reason, have been scattered away from an established or ancestral homeland.

This is where our National Project steps up to provide funds for our Alliance international workers to offer services – such as language learning, job training, help with government paper work, or finding a place to live – they establish relationships of trust, and people are open to the gospel.

How Can I Help?

Ann and Shannon 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!

You can also help through monetary giving. The GCW are always accepting donations to the National Project. Also coming up is a new opportunity to support a “missionary kid” and Operation Christmas Child.

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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.

Ann and Shannon became co-leaders of the Great Commission Women at the Crossroads Community Church in January of 2016.

Since then, their goal 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.

“By strengthening ourselves and our group, we can use our unique resources for missions and outreach.” - Shannon

