

# What are the *Great Commission Women* doing?

## Summer Highlights

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### At a glance:

- **Beulah Beach Day:**  
August 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Ladies' Lunch:**  
August 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Missions Week:**  
September 21-23

It may have been a long time since the last newsletter, but that doesn't mean nothing has happened! We hope you've been able to join us in all of our fun summer events thus far. If not, here's a summary of some of the things we've done.

At the beginning of the summer, we had our switch from learning how we can help ourselves to practicing helping others, all under the umbrella theme of "more" this year.

Along with our regular meetings and the infamous Ladies' Lunch, in May we had the honor to host a Mother's

Day Tea Party, equipped with mini foods of all sorts, beautiful decorations, take-home keepsakes, and all sorts of puzzles.

June gave us a wonderful visit from an international worker who has been faithful over the years to keep us updated on their work overseas. It was a time of encouragement for everyone.

We eased up a bit in July, hoping everyone was able to enjoy family vacations and plenty of sun. Now is the time to rest, before everything else we have in store for the year starts!

## Upcoming Events

The first of several fun things happening this second half of the year is the annual Ladies' Day at Beulah Beach! This year, it falls on August 1<sup>st</sup>. For those who wish to attend, we'll be leaving the church by 8:00 am. Contact us ahead of time so we can secure a space for you to get there!

Next will be our monthly

Ladies' Lunch on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on Facebook for where we might be going!

Also around the corner is Missions Week, where we celebrate international workers around the globe. This year, we'll play our part in the festivities September 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details to come in the near future!

## International Worker Updates

Great Commission Day has recently passed, and the highlighted story for this year comes from [cmalliance.org](http://cmalliance.org):

“After a nightmarish childhood and early adulthood, Emmanuelle felt compelled to end her life. In desperation, she cried out to a God she really didn’t know. He guided her to international worker Terri Althaus, who invited her to attend the Alliance church in Bordeaux.

Through Terri’s loving discipleship and the Holy Spirit’s transforming power, Emmanuelle was able to break the generational cycle of sin and brokenness. She is now a bright new light in France, seizing every opportunity to share the love of Jesus with her family and friends.”

You can watch the full video at <https://www.cmalliance.org/resources/church/2018/gcd/>

If you’ve been following along the National Project set by the GCW leaders,

you might know the story of Ngoc (name changed), who contracted HIV during childbirth, who has recently come under the care of CAMA staff when her family is unable to care for her. Of the staff, she says, “I thank them for loving me, giving me a lot of hugs, praying for my and my mother’s health, and financially supporting me so I am able to continue school and have food to eat monthly.”

Other International workers are seeing success in their nations, too. If you haven’t already heard, more than 6 million people worship in Alliance churches throughout the world, and 82% of those Alliance workers live and serve among the least-reached populations in the world.

If you would like to be a tangible part of the change happening across the world, international workers are always needing more funding for their projects and the people they help. To learn more about how you can give, visit [cmalliance.org/give](http://cmalliance.org/give).



### Points of Prayer:

- For Ngoc in Vietnam, that she would continue to receive the help she needs, and possibly fulfill her dreams of studying medicine.
- For the international workers in France, that they may continue to see success.
- For the growth of Arab evangelicals in Israel, where the number of those coming to faith is growing but quickly move west of the holy city.

## Updated Schedule

We hope you've enjoyed some of the events offered thus far this year! Because we all live busy lives, and life has a wonderful way of changing even the best-laid plans, some of the dates for the rest of the year have changed. Because of this, below is an updated schedule for the whole year.

If you have any questions about the dates and events below, please contact us, and we'll be more than happy to fill you in! As always, you can go to our website for the most up-to-date changes throughout the year.

Date	Event
January 7th	Ladies' Lunch
January 21st	Monthly Meeting
February 4th	Ladies' Lunch
February 18th	Monthly Meeting
March 4th	Ladies' Lunch
March 11th	Celebration for Erma!
March 25th	Monthly Meeting & Laundromat
April 1st	Ladies' Lunch
April 15th	Monthly Meeting
May 6th	Ladies' Lunch
May 12th	Mother's Day Banquet
May 20th	Monthly Meeting
June 3rd	Ladies' Lunch
June 17th	Monthly Meeting
July 1st	Ladies' Lunch
August 1st	Beulah Beach Day
August 5th	Ladies' Lunch
September 22	Ladies' Lunch (with IW)
September 21-23	Missions Week
October 7th	Ladies' Lunch
October 21st	Monthly Meeting & Laundromat
November 4th	Ladies' Lunch
November 18th	Monthly Meeting
December 2nd	Lunch and Wrapping Party

If you have ideas for the 2019 year, we'd love to hear them! Email or call and let us know what you think would be a great addition to our schedule, and we'll see what we can do!

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## The National Project

For the 2017-2018 year, the Great Commission Women are asking for MORE. More for the women of the church and more from the women of the church.

A part of this push, The National Project, is asking for more help and involvement in four areas: at-risk girls in West Africa, pregnant teens in Ecuador, human trafficking survivors in Cambodia, and female prisoners in the Philippines.

Throughout the upcoming year, look for our fundraisers and keep these groups in your prayers. To learn more, visit [greatcommissionwomen.org](http://greatcommissionwomen.org).

## How Can I Help?

Ann, Amy, 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!

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 at the Crossroads

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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.

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 who 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.

