

Northeastern District Great Commission Women

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An Invitation to More

Read Isaiah 61:1 ~

*The Spirit of the Lord God is on Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To bring good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to heal
The brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And freedom to the prisoners.*

I rush through my days and jump from one project to the next. I race and rant and rave and realize that I need more. I need more data space for my computer. I need more time in my day. I accept more Facebook friends which in turn gives me more overload of information. I need more space in my house for my unending collection of stuff. I just need **MORE**.

I feel frazzled and frustrated. I snap, complain, whine and often grouch my way through each day because my **MORE** causes me to feel like I'm less than I should be.

Social media reminds me of how imperfect my life seems. Why don't we get fancy vacations? Why isn't my family perfect? Why don't I look like a supermodel or at least less like an overweight, graying 55-year-old woman? I want **MORE**.

Why do I feel trapped in the same sins and patterns of behavior? Why does it seem that no matter how many steps I move forward, things trigger certain reactions in me that cause me to fall back to where I started? I want **MORE!**

Why does it seem that no matter how much I try to focus, my A.D.D. mind causes me to get distracted, side-tracked, overwhelmed and pulled in 40 directions? Why does it seem that my prayer life often feels repetitious and stale? I want **MORE!**

MORE with big, capital letters because that's what this world tells me all the time. The bigger, the better. I want to BE ALL I CAN BE and DO IT MY WAY because I'M WORTH IT and a host of other phrases our slogan-driven culture tells me.

Yet, the Holy Spirit quietly waits for me to realize that the only more I need is more of Him. More grace and more forgiveness. More desire to spent time with the Lord and shut off and shut out the distractions that pull me in different directions.

What I really need is more of Him and less of me. Because the **MORE** that I constantly strive for is just trying to feel an empty void that only He can fill. The Spirit isn't going to force his way in. He isn't there to compete for my attention. He is gently and humbly waiting for me to stop the flurry of activity and give Him my attention. Then

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Dear Great Commission Women,

We are so blessed! Thank you for your prayers and that great gift of \$2,100! Wow. We are grateful to God and to you. "Alla ca caman bila no no" May God put much in the place of where your gifts have come.

The Spronks

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and only then will I be able to hear Him.

How about you? Do you want more? Are you feeling dissatisfied today? Is your MORE getting in the way of the more that only the Spirit can provide? Is your **MORE** a way to fill an empty spot in your soul that only God can fill with more of Him?

I love the new Great Commission Women's theme, more. It is a gentle invitation to know Jesus and to know the comfort that comes from His presence, His word and His people. The word more is in lower case letters because it's not about gaining notoriety or prosperity. It's Christ-centered. We want more of Him so that He will gain the recognition and get the glory. We must decrease so that He can increase. We want to go deeper with Him and learn more of Him and his ways.

Philippians 3:7-14 (NLT) ~

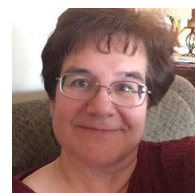
I once thought the MORE was valuable, but now I consider these things worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking FORWARD to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Simply more.

Serving Him with You,

Terri



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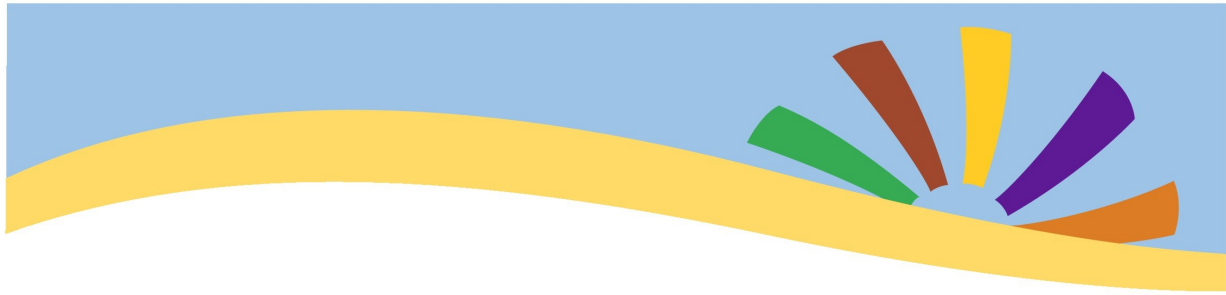
Great job ladies on giving towards our 2016-2017 national project goal of \$20,000. We came close!

ouagadougou Guest Home Project—We met our goal of \$1,800 with a total given of \$1,816.02.

2017-2018 National Project Goal—\$16,000 (Regional Coaches will get your 2017-2018 materials to you)

2017-2018 Ouagadougou Guest House Goal—\$1,400 for two air conditioning units

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2017 Summer Renew Celebration

Sunday, July 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

Main Tabernacle

Delta Lake Bible & Conference Center

* **SAVE THE DATE!**

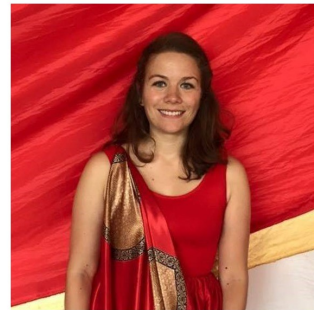
International Worker Speakers



**Chelsea I.
Mali**



**Suzanne S.
Mali**



**Nicole Christensen
Burundi**



Save the Date

Fall Refocus on Missions
September 29-30, 2017
Delta Lake Bible and Conference Center

IW Speakers:

Becky Dyke ~ Patricia Eggleton ~ Karley Mueller

Registration Materials Will be sent in a separate email in early August

Annual reports are coming due. These are due to your regional coach no later than **July 15th**. [Click here for the report in two formats: pdf and Excel](#). Print the pdf report off and mail to your regional coach. The Excel report can be opened and the numbers typed in and then email to your regional coach.

Even if your church doesn't have an official Great Commission Women's group, we want to hear what's going on in your women's ministries in your churches. The National Office requires this information from us. Thank you for your cooperation!

