



Great Commission Women of the Northeastern District

District Newsletter, January 2019

New Year; Same God

By Terri Groh, District Director

I'm responsible to change our church sign from time to time. The struggle I always have with it is coming up with different sayings and information to put on it because I only have three lines to work with. For the New Year I found an idea on the internet and I put the words, *New Year; Same God* on the sign. I liked the saying because I knew it would fit, but more importantly, it was a great truth.

We have turned the page on the calendar and begun a new year. While things are always changing and sometimes they change so quickly it

makes our heads spin, the one truth that remains constant is that God never changes. He remains the same yesterday, today and forever. I love that about Him! I know that no matter what I face in this new year, He is there. His character doesn't change. He is a rock in the middle of chaotic world.

So while the calendar has changed and I'm certain that 2019 will bring some changes in all of our lives, we can be confident that we serve a God who never will change.

I'm reminded of Psalm 46:10 ~ Be still, and know that I am God! I

will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.

No matter what you face in the new year, God is still God and your life is in His hands. And that is wonderful news for 2019!

Note: Please check your spam and junk mail. I have started sending out emails via MailChimp and since it is a group mailing, some of your servers may think it's spam.

I will continue to send things out this way, but also will send a "newsletter" style mailing periodically as well.



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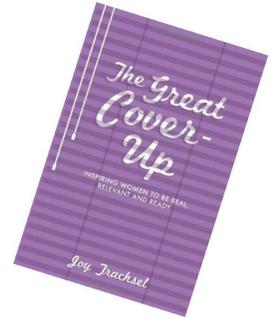
Spring Refresh 2019



Keynote Speaker

Joy Trachsel

Author of
The Great Cover-Up



"Planted for His Splendor"



- ◆ Global Moments with International Workers
- ◆ Vendors for shopping
 - ◆ Pool

Converge Session Speakers

Teen Activity and Breakout

Amy Nehlsen

Judy Button



Hannah Gies
Teen Leader



Worship Leader



Lisa Vogan

Early Bird Deadline—April 8; Final Deadline—April 15
Registration materials will arrive in the mail this month.

**2019 Northeastern District Great Commission Women
Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee of the Northeastern District (NED) Great Commission Women (GCW) has met and presents **Jill Gregory** for the nomination as **GCW Treasurer** for a second term of 4 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie VanAlstine, Chair

Committee members include:

Bonnie VanAlstine– Chair

Margaret Kelwaski

Sandra Barner

Gail Smith

Kiersten Perkins

Notice: If you have further nominations for the above offices, please send them to Bonnie VanAlstine, Chair of the NED GCW Nominating Committee (jbvan51@yahoo.com) before **March 1st** in order that the nominating committee get a recommendation for that person and she be approved by our District Superintendent.

No names can be entertained from the floor unless they have been recommended and approved. Thank you!



Don't forget to like us on Facebook:

Great Commission Women of the Northeastern District

Check out our new website: www.gcwned.org

Stories from the Field - Crisis Pregnancy Shelter
Eastern Europe—Gloria



Our shelter director, Maddie, received a phone call last month from a woman who works outside of our city assisting females in crisis. “I don’t know the culture of migrant women, or how to help them,” she told Maddie. “But there’s a migrant lady here in great need. I’ve heard of your ministry to women like her; can you come and help?” So Maddie went to meet “Gloria,” whose situation encapsulates the reason we are starting our Crisis Pregnancy Shelter.

At age 14, Gloria was given to a man in marriage in her home country—she was her husband’s fourth wife. He brought her to our city, and then abandoned her, leaving her pregnant and alone. When her baby was born, she was taken to an orphanage because Gloria had no means to care for her.

God brought some local believers into Gloria’s life who helped her find housing. They also assisted her in obtaining legal custody of her daughter, who was a toddler at the time. But when Maddie met with Gloria, this young mom still had no resources, little grasp of the local language, and no means to support herself. She was also pregnant again and deeply concerned that her unborn child might also be placed in an orphanage—not a safe option in this case. Maddie showered Gloria with hope and love, providing her warm clothing, a listening ear, understanding from years of experience with women in similar situations, and the good news. The young mom heard all of this for the first time in her heart language and was overwhelmed. Although she was resistant to the idea of needing a Savior, Gloria begged Maddie to keep visiting her. She then asked the circle of local believers to tell her more about their faith.

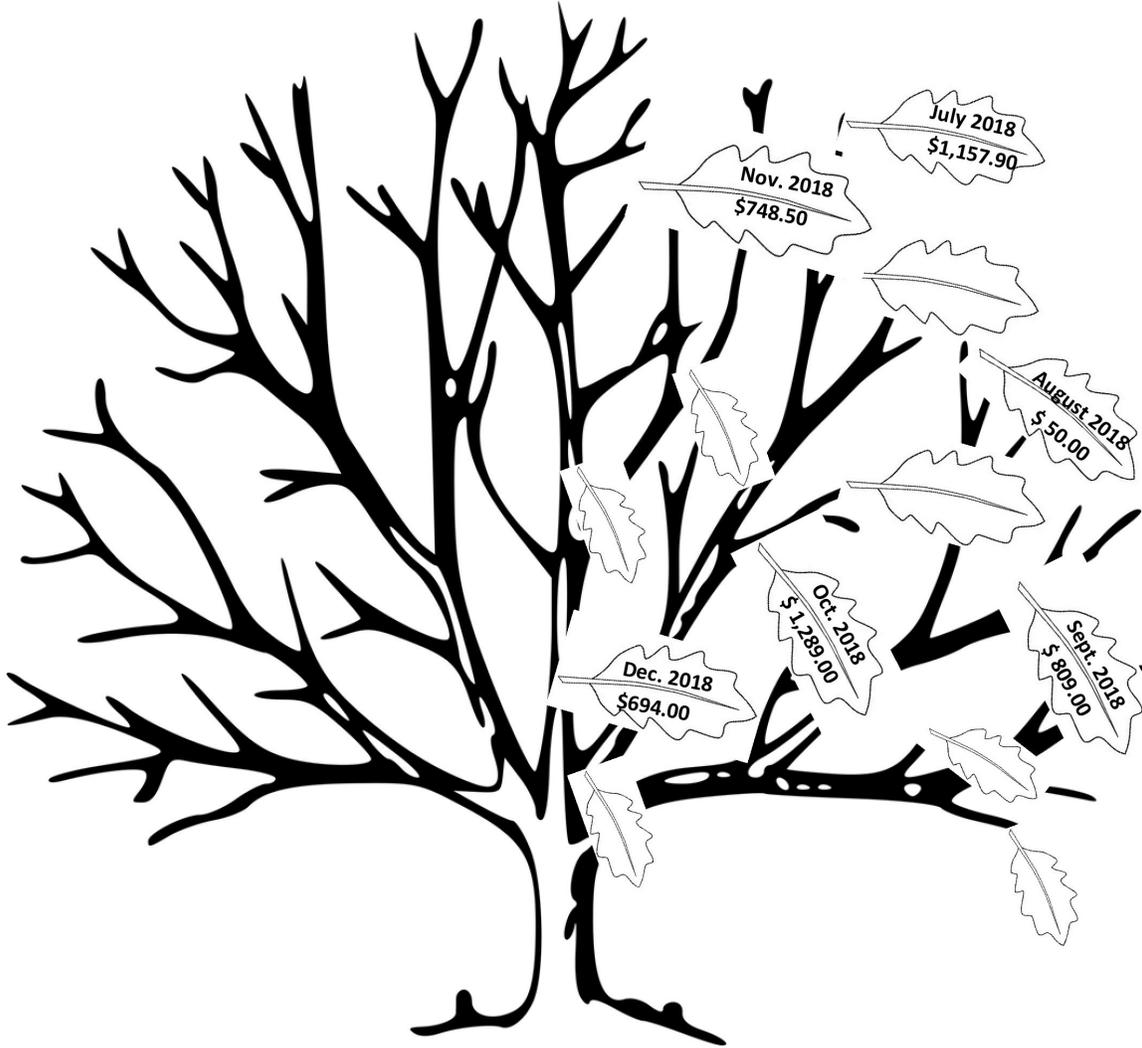
Our women’s shelter team interceded for Maddie during her visit with Gloria. When she returned, they got to work, gathering more items that Gloria needed: a stroller, a used phone, baby clothes, and manicure tools, the latter of which Gloria hopes to use to earn an income. But Gloria’s most urgent need—safe housing where she can continue to learn and receive support—isn’t something we can offer yet. We hope we can soon! In the meantime, we are helping Gloria as much as we can, including talking with her about her options. We will continue connecting with and supporting Gloria and her little family, always pointing them to our only true hope—Jesus.

Let's continue to
work hard towards our National Project goals
to help more women like Gloria!

Isaiah 61:3b ~ They will be called **oaks of righteousness**, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.

More

Let's fill the tree with living, growing leaves!



2018—19 National Project
Silver Lining Orphanage ~ Women's Ministry Center ~ Santidougou Widows Center ~ CAMA Orphan Project ~ Crisis Pregnancy Shelter

National Goal - \$157,500
Northeastern District Goal - \$20,000

Year to Date Amount: \$ 4,848.40

Ouagadougou Guest Home (2 air-conditioners)
2018-19 Goal—\$1,400.00; Total to date: 1,029.41