

HIS MASTERPIECE

August 2025

Urgent Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for district International Worker's, Walter and Laura Hopkins. Walter sent the following prayer request:

My dad has cancer and is fading fast. Doctors have determined that there is nothing more they can do. His body can't tolerate any more treatments; it's too weak. Barring a miracle, he will be meeting his Maker soon.

Please pray for him, for my mom, for my siblings, for all of us as we navigate this really shocking and difficult news. I will be making my way back to my parents' house soon. Please pray for traveling mercies and for the holes I'll be leaving here in Spain.

Please also pray for discernment as we navigate these next days, weeks, and potentially months, as a family.



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Alliance Women invites you to join us in prayer and consider extending your generous financial support to the "His Masterpiece" projects for 2025-2026.

NORTH AFRICA–Women's Bakery Initiative

Pray for the launch of a bakery that will provide at-risk women with employment, vocational training, and mentorship. This will offer them a pathway to a sustainable income and a restored sense of dignity that can change the trajectory of their lives, not just for the short-term, but ultimately for eternity.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

ASIA–Cambodia Medical Project

Pray for the primary medical project in Stung Treng, Cambodia, focusing on strengthening the nursing school, developing a lab technician training program, and improving the provincial hospital.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

MCA–Amman Medical Outreach

Pray for support of various medical outreach efforts in Amman, providing compassionate care, prayer, genuine relationships through follow-up visits, and long-term health education and referrals to both Jordanians and refugees from across the Middle East.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Bongolo Hospital

Pray that the Bongolo Hospital is able to continue to provide medical care for the Gabonese, even those that cannot afford it.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

BURKINA FASO–Widows Ministry

Pray that the widows can receive spiritual encouragement and experience a personal relationship with Jesus while they learn a new trade. Pray for opportunities for young widows affected by displacement and military widows to access counseling and support.

OUR GOAL: \$10,000

UNITED STATES

Pray for non-majority, next generation leaders being trained through spiritual formation retreats.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Pray for the Alliance Women Leadership Scholarship recipients participating in leadership development opportunities.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Pray for the financial needs of our international worker candidates as they prepare to go where the Lord has called them and serve in different regions of the world.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

2025-2026 National Project
District Goal - \$18,000

Pompidou Guest House Libreville, Gabon

Our district Alliance Women continue to have the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon, Africa as our district overseas project.

Our district Alliance Women leadership team voted to raise \$1,500 in 2025-2026 for ongoing repairs and updates to the home.

Thank you for your continued support to help these projects happen. All money should be sent to our district Alliance Women treasurer, Peg Kelwaski, earmarked “Pompidou”.

Peg’s information: 3601 Pelton Road, Sherman, NY 14781 (716) 720-0589
mlkelwaski@yahoo.com)



Alliance Women Fall Refocus Retreat

His Masterpiece: Jars of Clay

Join us for a transformative weekend experience as we gather to grow and support each other.

**Friday & Saturday
Speaker:
Megan Owens**



Megan Owens is a children's pastor in Rochester, NY. She and her husband, Levi, have served in ministry for over a decade in worship, youth, church planting, and discipleship ministries. Megan completed the Alliance School of Ministry in 2023. She is passionate about helping people find freedom in God's presence through spiritual disciplines. Megan and Levi enjoy being outdoors with their daughter, Selah.

**Delta Lake Bible
Conference Center
Rome, NY**

**Friday - Sunday
September 26-28, 2025**

**Friday-Saturday or
Friday-Sunday options
will be available.**

Worship
Teaching
Prayer Stations
Free Time
Fun Activities
Fellowship
Encouragement

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www.nedalliancewomen.org**

Fragile Clay Jars

by Vivi Flores



Where do you keep your most valuable jewels? Do you keep them in a safe or in a cardboard box?

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

—2 Corinthians 4:7

In this passage from 2 Corinthians 4, Paul continues to defend himself from the accusations he had received from some of the Corinthians of not being a true apostle of Jesus. Paul here also speaks about the trust he had placed in God's support and the great hope he had in eternal life.

It was the power of God that allowed them to continue forward. They were persecuted, attacked, and lost hope of continuing to live, yet they still continued to live with enthusiasm, strength, and faith. Paul and his collaborators suffered just as Christ had done, but at the same time, everything they did in His name demonstrated that the power of Christ was working in them.

In verse seven, Paul declares that this message—the precious treasure of the good news of salvation—has been entrusted to him by the mercy of God, even though he was an unworthy, common, earthly, and fragile human vessel.

These clay jars of common use were created mainly from dust and water. This transports us to the scene of the creation of the first human being, who was formed from clay and the breath of God. What a glorious combination! And in this passage, we see that, as clay vessels, we are chosen to carry the glorious gospel by the immeasurable, unmatched, and incomparable power of our Creator God.

We understand, therefore, that we are bearers of this precious and tremendous message of forgiveness and eternal life, but only as clay vessels. Not vessels of gold, but of simple clay, easily breakable. A message of eternity in a perishable container. That speaks to our fragility. But Paul is saying that even though we are perishable, the container is not as important as the content we carry. God is not looking for people who are already capable of everything, nor strong people, nor people with unbreakable health. On the contrary, He delights in our surrender to Him. And the more fragile we are, the more His great power will be perfected in our weakness, as He

affirms in 2 Corinthians 12:9. God prefers broken vessels because He is close to the broken-hearted.

The treasure is in the message of the gospel itself and the power of God dwelling in the fragility of our lives as clay vessels. Even though we are simple clay vessels, God wants to use us for the expansion of the good news of salvation. A final piece of good news is that, as we recognize that power only comes from Him and not from us, we are protected from pride and motivated to seek Him daily, since He is our only source of power for others to see Him through us. May we, as fragile clay vessels, continue to depend on the great power of God.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt weak or hurt in your walk with Christ or in your witnessing? Share with the group an experience that led you to recognize your weakness.
2. How does this passage encourage you to continue in the race of preaching the good news of salvation?

Closing Prayer:

Lord of Lords, God my Creator, how beautiful to know and recognize that we are only clay vessels in Your powerful hands, transporting Your glory and hope to a world that does not enjoy it. We ask that You continue to use us despite the storms, weaknesses, tribulations, persecution, and brokenness. Remind us that the weaker we are, the more Your great power will be perfected in us. Here we are, to be transformed into the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Author Bio



Vivi Flores was born and raised in Lima, Peru. She and her husband, Jose, currently minister to the Hispanic community through the C&MA Vida Nueva Church in Suwanee, Georgia, which they planted in 2010. Vivi serves as the church's worship director and is currently serving in the Spanish Eastern District as the women's director. She is also a contributor to Mujer Magazine for which she writes content for the "Mujer Virtuosa" (Virtuous Woman) section. Vivi and Jose have two children; Marcelo, age 17, and Angelo, age 14.

ALL OF JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD

2025-2026 Missions Engagement

Join Us at the Northeastern District Alliance Missions Summit!

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Location: Syracuse Alliance Church
3112 Midland Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13205



2025 NED Alliance Missions Summit

Cost: \$40 per adult; \$25 per student (13 to 17 years of age)

Register: Registration opens August 1

Join us for a powerful day of inspiration, collaboration, and mobilization.

At the NED Alliance Missions Summit, we'll gather pastors, missions' leaders, church members, and Alliance family from across our district to focus on what it means to cultivate a sending culture. Through compelling sessions, real stories, and practical tools, you'll be challenged and equipped to join God's mission – locally and globally.

What can you expect at the NED Alliance Missions Summit 2025?

Why develop a sending culture?

Discover the biblical foundation for sending workers and be inspired by The Alliance's rich legacy of gospel impact – locally and globally.

How do we create a sending culture?

Explore actionable strategies to help your church nurture environments where people of all ages can hear, discern, and respond to God's call locally and globally.

What now?

Engage in collaborative conversations with national office, district, and fellow church leaders as we dream, plan, and strategize together to reach our neighborhoods and the nations.