NED Alliance Women Newsletter

HIS MASTERPIECE

A Unique Design

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Much of what I do as Alliance Women's director is connect the needs of our district international workers and projects to our local churches. It is such a privilege for me to hear of a prayer need, financial or tangible need of one of our workers, put that request out into the district, and get a quick response. Thank you for all you do to meet these needs!

At Fall Refocus, our district Alliance Women's retreat, I was able to share one two projects from our district workers and see our women step up and give sacrificially to meet them.

We raised $2,188 for the Center for Disadvantaged Youth in Senegal where Keith and Krista serve. Then we were able to raise $2,207 to be split between the English Center in Citadel and a benevolent fund our district worker, Jordan uses to help those in his context. He is helping to meet the needs of a local widow and her children so it was a joy to be able to tell him how much the offering was.

I'm thankful for the ministry of Alliance Women and how the women in our district give. Thank you again, for all you do to encourage our workers and to help further Christ's kingdom in this world.

Serving with You,

Terri

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ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-25 AND LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A CALL TO MINISTRY?

SERVE WITH ALLIANCE WOMEN

TWO OPPORTUNITIES:

SERVE ON THE SPRING REFRESH PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR 2027

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER FOR SPRING REFRESH.

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Alliance Women invites you to join us in prayer and consider extending your generous financial support to the His Masterpiece: A Unique Design projects for 2026–2027.

District Goal: $16,000; YTD Giving: $2,828.50

AFRICA: CONGO

Goal: $20,000

Pray that God would equip Congolese believers to share His Word holistically—through story, song, and community development outreach—so that the Vili people may hear and respond to the gospel.

UNITED STATES

MulticulturalMinistries

Goal: $20,000

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

AW Scholarships

Goal: $5,000

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

IWCandidates

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.

EUROPE: FRANCE

Goal: $20,000

Pray for families affected by autism who often feel isolated and are under great pressure. Pray for this project as it creates a place of community and access to resources, and that the gospel would be clearly lived out through its members, volunteers, and staff.

MCA: RIVERSIDE

Goal: $20,000

Pray for the provision of quality Christian education for underprivileged and special needs students in an unreached Muslim community, and that God would use this work to demonstrate His love and truth.

CAMA: KOSOVO

Goal: $20,000

Pray for The Bridge, a life skills and community development center that builds bridges to hope—that it continues to provide a welcoming environment where people can grow through training, activities, and meaningful relationships. Ask that those who come would discover, develop, and use their gifts to serve their community and walk in their God-given purpose.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ALLIANCE OVERSEAS PROJECT



Pompidou Guest House

We raise money each year for repairs and upkeep on the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon. This is the house all visitors and IWs stay in as they fly into the country. Our district Alliance Women support this overseas project.

This year's project will go to renovate the bathrooms there. Our district leadership team voted to raise $1,500 to go towards this.







His Masterpiece: A Unique Model
Marie-Claire Gla

When you hear that you are "God's masterpiece," what is your first reaction, do you believe it, struggle with it, or feel unsure why?

A masterpiece, a unique model. A masterpiece: an exceptional work.

As we look at the definition of a masterpiece, we discover that it is considered the most accomplished and a masterful work, a gem and perfect in its genre. It is a unique model and there is none like it.

From these two concepts we can keep two things in mind: value and responsibility. How are these two concepts revealed in Apostle Paul's writing in Ephesians 2:10?

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do.

We see the following points:

We are valuable.

The value of a thing can come from its source. The value of a piece of jewelry is determined by the jeweler and they place their reputation, their label, and their name on it.

We are "God's" work. God, the one who created all things including us, says, "It is good, very good." (Genesis 1:11, 12, 18ff). It is important to recognize our worth in God, our Father, Creator above all creation. We belong to Him; we are precious in His eyes.

The value of a thing is determined by its nature, by what it is made of. The value of a piece of jewelry is determined by the quality of the metals or precious stones that have been used. We are created in Jesus Christ who came to give us a new nature.

We have been given a new identity and we are no longer in bondage from our fallen nature, which is corrupted by the sin we inherited from our ancestors. We see Christ's love manifested through this new creation. God made Jesus, who had no sin to be sin, so that we might be justified (2 Corinthians 5:21).

This undeserved, extraordinary love erases our past, whatever it may be. No matter what our wounds, errors, crimes, or abominations, we are adopted in Jesus Christ by a Father whose nature is love, and who confers this nature upon us (1 John 3:1).

The value of a created object is determined by the purpose and what it is intended for. We are created for good works, prepared beforehand by God. We did not come into existence by chance, but for a purpose that He Himself conceived (Jeremiah 1:5) before we were even in our mother's womb.

Our good works are an expression of our appreciation for God's love just as the activities that Jesus did here on earth were an expression of God's love. We have seen the Lord Jesus revealing

that love as He relieved suffering, freed captives, and fed the hungry. He transformed lives such as the Samaritan woman (John 4:29). He did not condemn the adulterous woman. He presented us with a model of compassionate living in order to draw souls to the Father. All these works were the fruit of His obedience to the Father who sent Him. He was always in fellowship with the Father in prayer and did nothing of His own accord.

We have been given responsibility.

Faced with such great love, our response should be:

a. The recognition of our value and identity, as children of God, to live according to our new nature and not according to the old one.
b. A life of gratitude and consecrating ourselves to fulfill the plan He has formed for us and through us.
c. A life of intimacy, of dependence on God's presence. It should be a life meditating on His word and developing an active and persevering prayer life. As we do this God, through the Holy Spirit, will unfold His plan for our lives.
d. If we do not make ourselves available and commit to fulfilling God's plan for us, we can deprive the kingdom of these blessings that should come through us.

Women, you are a masterpiece and a unique model! You have no reason to stand outside the mission field that God has prepared *in advance* for your life. He wants to work in you and through you to draw others to Himself.

Reject every lie that the enemy sends into your mind, into your thoughts. Some of the lies he tells you are "You are not qualified", "You are not presentable enough," "You are not eloquent enough." Regardless of your age or social status, the plan that God has formed for you is never irrelevant. This generation needs the message of love from the living God.

The world eagerly awaits the daughters of God to rise up and step into the purpose that God has for them.

Questions for discussion:

1. How do you see yourself? Do you consider yourself to be in the service of the Lord?
2. How did the understanding of the verse in our reflection speak to you?
3. Do you have a story to share or an encouragement to give to other women?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, what a grace to realize that each of your creatures is a masterpiece and a unique model. Thank you for this message of encouragement to realize the value I have in your eyes and what you have planned to accomplish through my life.

I surrender it entirely to you, saying to you like Mary: I am your humble servant, that it may be done according to your plan in every respect.

Extra Group Activities:

1. Give each person a paper. On one side, have them write down lies they have believed about themselves (ex: "I'm not good enough"). On the other side, have them write God's truth (ex: "I am God's workmanship"). Then pray together, surrendering the lies to God.
2. Ask each person to quietly reflect and write down one way they feel God might be calling them to serve or do "good works" right now. Invite volunteers to share and encourage one another.
3. Sit in a circle and go around the group and have each person speak one encouraging truth or strength they see in the person next to them. This helps reinforce identity as God's valuable creation.

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