



NED Alliance Women

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Tell Your Story

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So often when we face pain and hard times in our life, we really struggle to see the purpose. And yet, God can take that pain and shape it into something beautiful that we can share with others. When we share the story of our lives and what God has done for us, it can be the catalyst that helps another see how He works and can use their own struggles.

My story is fairly simple. God took a young girl from a broken family and called her into full time ministry. I've had struggles, heartache and pain along the way. Things have been pretty bumpy my entire life and yet, God has used that pain and heartache and I'm able to help others who are going through similar things.

And that makes it all worthwhile. My story will not be the same as yours. Each of us has our own unique circumstances that the Lord can use for His purpose.

A few years ago, I hosted a ladies luncheon and gave each of them a gift to remind them of this idea of telling our story. I wanted them to have a tangible reminder, In each package was a bar of soap, a little pot of lip balm and a pack of tissues in it. In the gift there was also a card that said, .

Tell Your Story

Soap - This bar of soap represents the fact that Jesus washed our sins as white as snow and we are made new in Him. - Psalm 51:7 **Share what Jesus has done for you.**

Tissues - The Lord sees our tears, takes away our pain and turns it into ways to bless others. - Psalm 56:8 **Share how the Lord has used the painful places to bless others.**

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Did you know?



The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at
terrighroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

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Lip Balm - As we tell our stories, let our words be pleasing to the Lord and a sweet balm to those who listen - Psalm 19:4 **Remember to speak words of healing.**

As you tell your story remember these same things. If you allow Him to, the Lord can use the pain in your life and those ashes into beautiful nuggets of gold to share with others. Allow Him to mold the bad into beautiful and then go and share your story with the world!

Serving Him with You,

Terri



Each of the following projects communicate to women that “there is still room” for them in God’s kingdom. We encourage your daily prayers and a one-time gift to one or more of these projects.

- **Mexico Monday** - Pray for the **Circle of Hope** in Guadalajara and its jewelry and sewing workshops. Our goal: \$16,600
- **Textiles Tuesday** - Pray for the **CAMA Craft** ministry in Laos as they recruit and train new artisans. Our goal: \$17,000
- **West Africa Wednesday** - Pray for the **Hands of Honor** ministry and the program expansion into another country. Our goal: \$25,000
- **Hope House Thursday** - Pray for the **maternity home** in Eastern Europe. Our goal: \$20,000
- **Refugee Friday** - Pray for the **RAIN Alliance** in Columbus, Ohio, as it reaches out to Middle Eastern refugees. Our goal: \$26,500
- **Scholarship Saturday** - Pray for non-majority **next generation leaders** being trained through spiritual formation retreats. Our goal: \$25,000

For more project information and stories, please visit
www.alliancewomen.org/resources.

Northeastern District Alliance Women
2022-2023 National Project Goal: \$18,000.00
Total Raised through February 2023: \$ 6,673.50

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Annual Open Class Saturday

April 15th is our annual Open Class Saturday! This virtual class gives you a taste of our program and an opportunity to ask questions before you register. The class is offered from 10:30-11:30 am EST. Once you register, you will receive an automated email with the Zoom Link to join us.

Feel free to browse our website ahead of time:

<https://empowerww.org/register/>

EMPOWER is a developmental ministry certificate program designed by women for women, to move to the next level in their personal relationship with God and to walk in the fullness of their gifts and calling. The program is designed for women to receive biblical and theological training, enrich their own personal spiritual formation by dealing with issues of the heart, and process with other women in small mentoring groups.



AWF

Women
Ministries

We are a ministry of the Alliance World Fellowship. We desire to see Alliance women actively involved and empowered as servant leaders in their local churches and communities around the world through the ministries of Leadership, Prayer and Missions, and Career Professionals. In addition, we desire to connect Alliance pastors' wives from around the world for mutual encouragement.

Like us on Facebook to get updates and upcoming events
AWF Women's Ministries



Pompidou Guest Home Needs

The Northeastern District Alliance Women is supporting in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project.

Pompidou Guest Home Needs & 2022-2023 Goal:

Paint & spruce up bedrooms (paint, linens and curtains) —
\$1,600.00

Year-to-date giving (July -November) - \$780.00

WEST AFRICA *Wednesday*

Pray for the Hands of Honor ministry and the program expansion into another country.

by Becky McCabe, CAMA Africa Regional Developer

Birthered in 2012, Hands of Honor addresses the injustice and inequality in the lives of vulnerable teen girls in West Africa, primarily child laborers. The nonprofit, Save the Children, identified the best and worst places for girls in our world based on several indicators: education, child marriage, adolescent fertility rates, justice, security, and inclusion. Of the 144 countries analyzed, the lowest-scoring countries are in West Africa. There is a significant need to promote equality and opportunity for girls in West Africa!

What began with just a few girls in one community morphed into Hands of Honor and now ministers to over 100 girls spread out in seven communities located in two countries in West Africa. Hands of Honor advocates for and intervenes in the lives of vulnerable child laborers. Through Hands of Honor ministries, girls are offered a safe place in their community. They are cared for by qualified Christian staff who provide Bible, health, literacy, and vocational instruction.

In 2020, Hands of Honor fulfilled a long-time goal of launching a preventative measure against child labor in a vulnerable community. They and their partners built a Christian elementary school that provides equal access to education and addresses a critical need for a quality educational option in a rural community. The school is self-sustaining, and opportunities exist in other communities for Christian school builds. Studies have proven that children enrolled in and succeeding in school are far less likely to be put into forced labor by their families.

Alliance Women has opportunity to expand the reach of Hands of Honor by helping them launch in a new location.

REACHING INTO SENEGAL

In 2018, Hands of Honor launched in Senegal through a partnership with SOS Dialogue, a counseling and skills training center providing vocational training for non-schooled girls from low-income families. As the only evangelical girls' vocational school in Thies, the third largest city in Senegal, the center is uniquely positioned to demonstrate Christ-centered compassion to their participants. In the words of founder, Marthe, "The love of Jesus Christ for these girls is our motive."

The partnership between SOS and Hand of Honor created a culinary arts vocational track through the

school that provides the opportunity for employment in the booming hospitality and tourism sector in Senegal. In August 2021, the first nine students finished the three-year program and are safely employed.

Girls from low-income homes need to have their fees subsidized by outside partners. Gifts from Alliance Women will fully fund 10 students from start to finish in this three-year program. In addition to funding culinary arts students, Alliance Women desires to fund other Hand of Honor ministry expenses including staff compensation, orality training, vocational training, literacy materials, and annual professional development.

Alliance Women is committed to prayer and financial support for the Hands of Honor ministry in West Africa. We have set a goal to raise \$25,000 for this vital ministry to girls. To participate, please visit www.alliancewomen.org/give.



**Northeastern District Alliance Women
Transmittal Form**

**Make checks payable to NED Alliance Women & mail to Treasurer:
Jill Gregory, 1995 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159**

Date: _____

Church Name: _____

Church City: _____

Fund Amount

District Ministry Fund: \$ _____

International Worker Ministry Fund: \$ _____

National Project: \$ _____

Pompidou Guest Home: \$ _____

Alliance Women Cottage, The Lighthouse \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____ **Phone #** _____



Keynote Speaker, Wanda Walborn will speak on being connected to God and being connected to one another.

Worship

Global Moments from our different NED International Workers

Teen Breakout Session on Saturday morning

**Shop Mercy Market Products, Coffee by Generous Roasting
and other BookVendors**

All registration materials can be found on our website as well as the link to register online: <https://nedalliancewomen.org/2023-spring-refresh>

Early bird deadline: April 5; Final Deadline: April 12 (\$10 more)