

Northeastern District **ALLIANCEWOMEN**

District Newsletter, December 2019

Elusive Peace

By Terri Groh, District Director

I was awakened from a fitful sleep with a 4:30 a.m. knock on our bedroom door. We had a lake effect snow storm going on and my son wasn't sure what to do about getting to work. He was scheduled to be there at 6 a.m. and the plows hadn't gone through yet, and it was coming down hard.

I stumbled out of bed and into the kitchen to turn on the coffee. Fifteen minutes later, as I was taking my first sip, this same son knocked his full cup of coffee over. It ran all over the dining room table and down into the carpet.

Since he was now running late, I chased him away, and started to clean it up. My husband decided to drive our son to work since he isn't the most comfortable driving in snow, and I sat down in the silent house. Ahhhhhh.....sweet silence. But I wasn't peaceful. I had snapped at everyone in the confusion.

Why, oh why, can't I ever react to these things sweetly? Why can't I calmly take things in my stride? Why can't I accept the things that come my way with grace? Why does peace always seem to elude me?

I read the story of the angel's visit to Mary and I'm struck by her response.

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV) ~

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man

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Ouagadougou Guest Home Project 2019-2020 Project

A new stove—\$500; 10 stand fans—\$500; Pots and pans and utensils

Goal for 2019-2020 —\$1,500.00

Total Amount to Date — \$175.00



Car Needed

Dr. Renee Valach from Bongolo Hospital in Gabon will be in need of a car to use during her home assignment. She will be here from approximately July-October, 2020. If anyone knows of one that can be used, please contact NED Alliance Women's Director, Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com.

The holidays are here and the overseas mail is slow. Now is the time to get those cards in the mail. If you need up-to-date snail mail addresses, please ask your regional coach or Director, Terri Groh. Terri has the addresses for our CAC IWs.

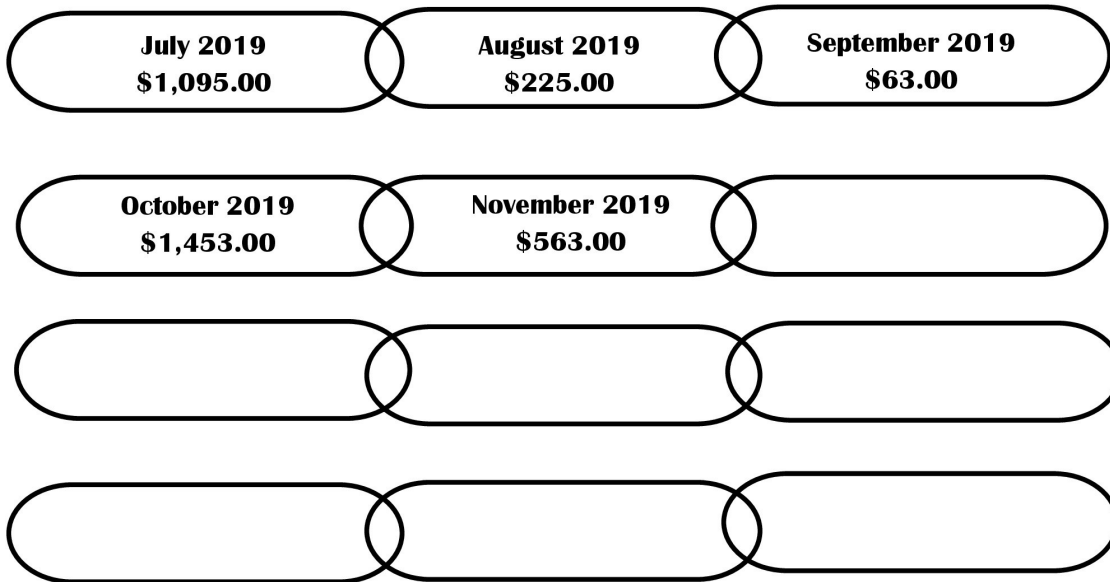




National Goal—\$250,000
Northeastern District Goal—\$16,000

Year-to-date Amount— \$3,399.00

Help break their chains so they can be SET FREE!



2019-2020 National Project

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Roma people and women coming out of prison to be set free from heroin addiction

Cambodia

Help and a home for those seeking to be set free from drug and alcohol addiction

Paraguay

Reaching youth through camp ministry to be set free to follow Jesus

Uruguay

Encounter retreats for well-educated women in a spiritually-resistant culture to be set free from emptiness

Pray for our International Workers

Zogg Family:

- Pray for our son Robert who will be moving to start a job in Boston. He had to leave the Navy because of problems with his leg. Please pray for Gods guidance.
- Pray for Rachel in University. She seems to be doing well but it is hard. Lord willing she will be joining us here on Christmas break.
- Pray for Krista and her future. She is becoming an amazing swimmer and we are praying that God will provide a Scholarship.
- Pray for fruit from our Thanksgiving outreach. We had 104 people come for dinner and hear the Gospel.
- We are starting up a children's ministry in a poor area near us and also have a medical outreach on Dec. 10. Please pray for good fruit for that.

Eikosts:

- Please pray for a local pastor's wife who is having health issues. She has been very involved in strategic prayer for Bosnia-Herzegovina and feels that this attack on her health could be a spiritual attack. After 10 days in the hospital, doctors are still unable to determine why her heart is not getting enough oxygen.
- We praise God that we will be able to live in Rome, NY next year during our home assignment. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Delta Lake and during our fall and spring speaking tours around the district!
- Please pray that the Lord would raise up workers for Bosnia-Herzegovina, both short term (1 month to 1 year) and long term. We need help! We are also praying for Bosnians who have left the country as refugees to other places. May they hear the Gospel and respond. May the Lord call them back to their home country to bring the Gospel to their fellow Bosnians.

P&C:

Praise

- C is expecting a new little on in July! They also added a new puppy to the family that will be a guard dog.

Prayer

- Little H would continue to adjust to school well and thrive.
- That we will be able to press on with language study and keep an eternal perspective.
- Pray God would provide educated and available language partners soon, and that we can speak into each others' lives. Pray for confidence in speaking.
- Pray for health for C and the baby. C recently had an infection that required antibiotics for 2 weeks and laying low.
- Pray for safety and security for the team here as things seem to be heating up.
- Pray God would soften the heart of one of our guards.

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named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Mary hears words that will change her life forever and forever give her a reputation. No one would believe her, and no one would look at her the same. What is her response? Calmness, quietness, peace. She says, "So be it, Lord." She didn't argue. She didn't whine, complain, cry out, rage, or argue. She just accepted it. Later on in the chapter she says, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!"

The only thing I had to deal with that morning was an hour less of sleep and some spilled coffee, and yet, my internal peace was destroyed. I had a bumpy start to my day and there was chaos. Mary's whole world changed, and she was full of peace.

My prayer is that I would learn to be a woman of peace. A woman whose response is one of grace and mercy to those around me. A woman who can accept both the small annoyances and the life-changing events in a way that reveals an inner tranquility that cannot be shaken.

May God's peace be present in all our lives.

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