

Northeastern District ALLIANCEWOMEN

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His Compelling Love

By Terri Groh, District Director

Recently, I was reminded of a truth found in scripture that I sometimes forget. It's easy to slip into a self-centered mode of thinking. I find that over time it's easy to get into a poor me attitude about many things in my life, including ministry.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 says, "For Christ's love compels us, since we have reached this conclusion: If One died for all, then all died. And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised.

My life is not about me. It's about Christ. When I get up each day, everything that I do and every decision I make should be in the light of this fact.

- His love compels me to go visit someone in the hospital when I'd rather watch television.
- His love compels me to give of my time and resources to minister to a small group of people week after week.
- His love compels me to remain faithful in preaching the Good News even when there is disinterest.
- His love compels me to follow Him wherever He leads even if that were to mean going to a different country and into a dangerous situation.
- His love compels me to get up day after day and do the work He has given me for that day.
- His love compels me because of the sacrifice He made for my life.

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- His love compels us because we want to walk in obedience in the calling He has put on our lives.

The truth of His compelling love causes me to sit up and pay attention. My life is not about me. It's about bringing glory to His name in all that I do. And His love should compel all of us to change the way we live regardless of whether you are in full-time ministry or not. If we say we are a follower of Jesus Christ than we no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ.

I am compelled because in the light of all He has done, how can I do anything less?

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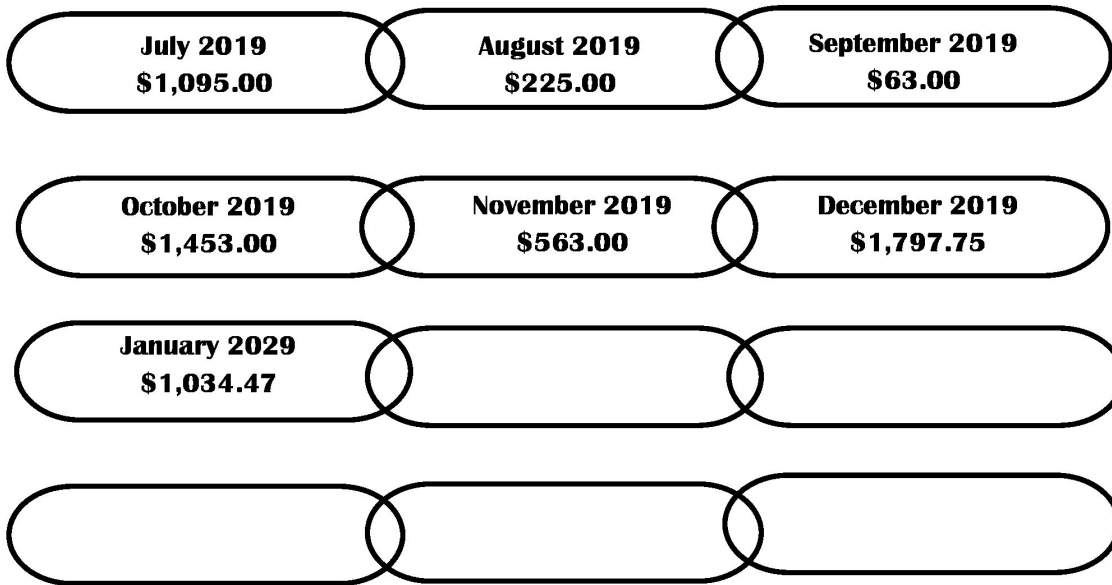
***We should be astonished at the goodness of
God, stunned that He should bother to call us
by name, our mouths wide open at His love,
bewildered that at this very moment we are
standing on holy ground. ~Brennan Manning***



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

Year-to-date Amount— \$6,231.42

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

Northeastern District Alliance Women presents

Spring Refresh 2020

"Set Free"

Keynote Speaker: Merilyn Lauffer

**Bosnian Handcrafts &
Other Vendors**
**Friday Night Activity for
Teen Girls**



Fellowship
Global Moments
Prayer

April 24-25, 2020
Holiday Inn
Auburn, NY

Converge Speakers



Gloria Chapman
Former Hawaii Area
District AW Director



Doris Strong
IW to Asia

Worship Leaders



Hannah & Josh Gies
Natalie & Austin Bates

Materials were mailed on January 24th to all pastors wives or Alliance Women local leaders. Please start promoting and take note of the early bird deadline of March 20th. FINAL deadline for hotel and conference reservations is March 27th.

2020 Spring Refresh Women's Conference—April 24-25, 2020
Meet our speakers and participants!



Keynote Speaker: Merylyn Lauffer

David and Merylyn Lauffer serve as the southwest regional leadership couple of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA). Merylyn is a licensed Ministry Coach with the C&MA and mentors women in the deeper life and women going through the consecration process.

Previously the Lauffers ministered with the Alliance as church planters in Pennsylvania and Michigan ('83-'86 and '04-'07), International Workers to Israel ('88-'03), and denominational leaders at the National Office, where Merylyn served as the Director of Donor Engagement and David served as the Assistant Vice-President of International Ministries ('07-'18).

Friday Afternoon Converge Session #1: Gloria Chapman



Gloria Chapman was born and raised in Kailua, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. She did not get introduced to Jesus Christ until her late 20's when her then-boyfriend Mark Chapman shared the gospel with her and took her to his church. It was not long before she accepted God's gift of salvation. Several months later, Mark and Gloria married, and life looked like it was going "happily ever after." Nothing could have prepared Gloria for what happened one year and six months later: Mark flew to New York and shot and killed John Lennon the former Beatle! Gloria found friendship and help through her pastors and friends of Kailua Community Church (C&MA) and became active in its Sunday School program and in Alliance Women. She served in leadership roles, including two terms as Hawaii Area director. In the meantime, thousands of miles away, God healed Mark mentally and spiritually. In 2005, God gave them a ministry called All About Jesus Ministries which Gloria manages. AAJM revolves around evangelistic pamphlets Mark and Gloria have written; one contains their testimony. AAJM freely provides these materials to prison ministries, chaplains, and others all across the US and in Africa.



Friday Afternoon Converge Session #2: Doris Strong

Doris Strong grew up in middle Georgia and found Jesus at the age of 15. While attending graduate school she found a home at First Alliance Church in downtown Raleigh. Here, she felt God's call to missions and went with the Alliance to teach and disciple MKs at Dalat School (Penang, Malaysia). There, she met David who at the time was serving single in Cambodia with CAMA Services. David and Doris married in 1996 and served the marginalized for 16 years through Church Based Community Development in Cambodia. Then for the past 10 years they have served regionally -- consulting, equipping, and encouraging 20+ CAMA workers in 8 different Asian countries.



Worship Leaders: Hannah & Josh Gies, Natalie & Austin Bates

Hannah and Josh Gies are from Valley Alliance Church where they lead the youth ministry and worship ministry. They love leading worship, especially when they get to do it with their good friends. Natalie and Austin Bates live in Syracuse, NY and both grew up in Alliance churches. They are talented musically and have a great gift for worship. The four of them are looking forward to worshipping with you all at Spring Refresh this year!

Details on www.nedalliancewomen.org, click on "Spring Refresh"
Early Bird Deadline—March 20; Final Deadline—March 27

Pray for our International Workers

K & K

- Praise for oldest son's (Davín) and his fiancée's (Aubrey) engagement. Wedding set for July 19 at this point.
- We are touring churches here in FL now, will be coming to NY in Feb - Mar for more speaking. Pray for safety and receptive hearts.
- A very good friend (Miss A) wants to visit us here before we return. Pray for a visa and the rest of the paperwork to go through.

P & C

- Praise for a growing knowledge of language and culture. Pray this continues, and for good connections with nationals. Praise that we have newly defined guidelines and goals for language learning to push us.
- May God give us great love for and ways to show it to the people in our current country.
- Praise P is doing well acclimating to the limited resources in anesthesia work at the hospital.
- Pray for wisdom and things to fall into place as we prepare for home assignment ministry.
- Praise that baby #3 is growing well in the womb. God is a miracle maker.

Zoggs:

- Pray for our family. It is hard with two of our kids far away in the USA.

Eikosts:

- Praise the Lord for five young people (ages 17-22) growing in their faith! We're hoping that all five will be baptized later this spring. Please pray that they will continue to learn and grow and resist the temptation to leave their faith behind for the things of the world.
- Praise the Lord for local pastors being ordained! This month multiple churches came together to celebrate one pastor's ordination. Two more such services are expected in March. Thank the Lord with us that he is raising up new local leaders.
- Please pray for a joint worship/prayer service coming up Friday, Feb. 7. Five congregations will come together to praise the Lord and pray for revival. May the Holy Spirit move freely among us!

Continue to pray for all our International Workers