



# NED Alliance Women

## belong

January, 2023

### A New Year; A New You

Terri Groh  
NED Alliance Women Director

### Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) ~

**You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

*Exercise more. Get in shape. Lose 5, 10, or 50 lbs.* Most people make goals or resolutions for the upcoming year and often these physical goals are on the list. I know that I usually have some sort of exercise goal on my list of things as well. I do believe it's important to take care of our bodies and be in the best shape and health possible.

Besides the physical goals, I usually have a few others too. In fact, I love looking forward and starting out the new year with new direction.

This passage in Ephesians is a reminder that we are to also work on setting new goals for our spiritual life as well. Often, this gets overlooked. I'm not just talking about reading through the Bible in a year or adding a number of devotionals to our reading list, but getting at the heart of our life.

Our attitudes are to be renewed. We need to work on the words that come out of our mouths. We are to grow in Christ and strive to become more like Him. The bad habits and sinful attitudes should be something we purposely work on as well.

In 2023, let's reflect Christ in our every day lives. Let's work on being new in our thought process and our attitudes. As you set your goals for this coming year, make sure that you add spiritual growth to that list as well.

Let's grow together in the coming year and make 2023 one of spiritual renewal!

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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  
terrigrroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

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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](http://www.alliancewomen.org/resources).

**Northeastern District Alliance Women**  
**2022-2023 National Project Goal: \$18,000.00**  
**Total Raised through October, 2022: \$ 2,853.50**

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## Start 2023 with Prayer

WEEK 1

Prayer as Worship

WEEK 2

Prayer as Kingdom Partnership

WEEK 3

Prayer as Petition

WEEK 4

Prayer as Confession

WEEK 5

Prayer as Spiritual Warfare

WEEK 6

Prayer as an Expression of Hope

40 DAYS  
OF prayer

**Receive a set of thematic daily devotions and prayer points each week, authored by Alliance leaders and family members. This year's theme will focus on the various aspects of the Lord's Prayer. It begins January 1—and concludes February 9.**

**[Click here to sign up for 40 Days of Prayer](#)**



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) - \$350.00

# MEXICO *Monday*

Pray for the Circle of Hope in Guadalajara and its jewelry and sewing workshops.

by Cheryl Fugate, Alliance Worker in Mexico

Circle of Hope is a nonprofit organization founded in 2018 in Guadalajara, Mexico. It opened its doors in July 2018 next to the Breath of Life Alliance Church with a center for at-risk women. In 2019, we received a gift from the National Project of the Alliance Women, which helped greatly in providing workshop supplies and rent. In 2020, during the pandemic, we were able to acquire a larger facility, effectively quadrupling our space and providing a living space for our full-time Mexican director in a two-story house in a needy neighborhood that hasn't yet heard of the testimony of Christ.

We believe that ministry to the community must go hand in hand with the development of the local church—new believers are taught to care for the vulnerable and needy as they build the physical and spiritual church together.

Circle of Hope provides workshops designed to create additional income for at-risk women, giving them dignity, a sense of belonging, and worth in a society that has cast them aside. With the church as our foundation, our message is that *she is valuable to God* and loved by the local believers, worthy to receive the training and blessing that education and learning provides.

Since 2018, Circle of Hope has taught the following workshops on repetitive cycles in both evening and morning classes: Basic Haircutting I, Hair Cutting II (makeup and special hair styling for events), Manicure and Pedicure, Introductory English, Painting on Cloth (making placemats, aprons, and other items that can be sold in seasonal markets), Artisan Jewelry I, Sewing I (basic sewing, including face masks), Sewing II (Christmas crafts), and Sewing III (clothing repair and alterations). Most workshops are taught over an eight-week period.

We hope to establish a Circle of Hope where we plant new churches in least-evangelized areas. Each circle would receive materials from the “main center” located in Guadalajara and would function as a counseling center, a place for the workshops and Bible studies, and a place of prayer and refuge.

One church plant that has been in formation since 2016 among an indigenous group called the “Purepecha” is in the town of Paracho. This area is about four hours away from Guadalajara. Circle of Hope would be part of the church-planting strategy in this area. As the church is being planted, the Circle of Hope would form a foundation for outreach and ministries of help in this community.

This Circle of Hope would continue in the tradition of other centers—there would be counseling, Bible studies, workshops, and a place to just “belong” with other women, sharing their lives with each other, building community and hope. Workshops being considered for this area would focus on meeting the needs of the women in this indigenous community and relieve poverty and illiteracy so that the gospel could bring hope and dignity.

Workshops under consideration:

- Literacy and GED-Type Programs
- Sewing—In this community, the women create items with intricate stitching designs that can take up to six months



to finish. Each design tells a story of their beliefs and traditions, which are usually syncretistic in nature with many gods. Our sewing workshop would include designs that are biblical, telling the God-story instead of their animistic symbols and gods.

- Artisan jewelry I—We would possibly get involved with Mercy Market and CAMA.
- Basic Health Care Instruction I—This would provide basic training for mothers with an emphasis on nutrition for young children. This instruction would depend on the support from outside sources and short-term medical teams.
- Computer Skills I—Our focus would be on school-age girls and single mothers. We believe that with the provision of stable Internet in the Circle of Hope center, we can dedicate one room permanently to computer training and on-site work, developing a micro-business for women at the center using database entry and graphics arts design.

As each workshop is developed, our idea is to form a micro-business that could be self-sustaining, that would employ men and women from the community and the church, to give back hope, and create a sense of belonging for each person as they form an identity with the new church in their community.

Possible Budget:

- Rent—\$6,000 annually
- Materials—Depends on the workshops:
  - ♦ Sewing Workshop—four machines = \$500; material = \$500
  - ♦ Jewelry Making Workshop—\$3000
  - ♦ Computer Skills Workshop—five laptops needed = \$2500
- Literacy—\$1500
- Travel Costs for Team to Visit the Site—\$1,900

**TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED TO LAUNCH: \$16,600**

Alliance Women has set a goal to fully fund this Circle of Hope project in 2022–2023. To participate, please visit [www.alliancewomen.org/give](http://www.alliancewomen.org/give).

# Hands-on Opportunity

## **Bongolo Hospital — Gabon, Africa**

Dear partners in ministry,  
Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name!

First of all, I want to thank you for the wonderful response for the shipment to Gabon in March (which arrived at Bongolo in mid-July).

Here's an email received in August: "I was blown away by the response to our need and request for Centrum Kids vitamins! Alliance Women are amazing! In all, we received 190 bottles of (various) children's vitamins. I wish you could have seen my nurses' faces when they saw that we finally had Centrum Kids again and how much."

Once again there is a shipment going to Bongolo Hospital in

January. This is earlier than in previous years. Click the links below for a list of items needed, sewing instructions, and shipping instructions.

Also—light blue/white checked gingham fabric is needed to make student nurses' uniforms. There is a local tailor that sews the uniforms.

[2023 Supplies Needed \(Must arrive in Omaha, NE: January 16—February 3\)](#)

[2023 Shipping Instructions 2023 Sewing Instructions](#)

If you want to learn more about Bongolo Hospital, either go to their [Facebook page](#) or their [website](#).

Serving faithfully together,  
Coleen Lofgren

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_