

Northeastern District ALLIANCEWOMEN

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Set Free from my Burden

By Terri Groh, District Director

Psalm 68:19 (HCSB) ~

**May the Lord be praised!
Day after day He bears our burdens;
God is our salvation**

Matthew 11:28-30 (HCSB) ~

“Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

With noses bent to the ground, we carry our burdens. Each one's burden is different. It may be the burden of worry about a chronic illness or the burden of caring for a sick family member. It may be the heavy load of financial issues. Or perhaps we carry the burden of family members who aren't following the Lord. Whatever it may be, that burden weighs us down, bends our heads and shoulders, and it is difficult to carry.

Yet, God wants us to give that burden to Him. He is standing beside us, offering to carry it. But we wave Him away. We say, "It's okay." "I have it." And our backs continue to ache. Our joints creak. And the burden gets heavier. And the Lord still quietly stands there, willing to lift that burden so we can stand straight and tall.

We carry it because that's all we have ever known or we've developed a pattern of worry that is hard to break. We carry it because we find it difficult to trust. We carry it because part of us enjoys that burden. We're used to

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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 — \$150.00

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the weight of it. We aren't sure what it would feel like to not be weighed down by it. Or perhaps, it's that we get attention because of the burden. There are a multitude of reasons we could continue to hold tightly to that bundle.

I want to encourage you today to let it go. Put it in the Lord's hands. Trust Him and know that He is capable of handling it. Believe that He will work out all the details of the burden you carry. Be set free! The freedom and lightness you will feel is amazing. The rest you will experience as you trust the Lord will refresh you.

Let it go, and turn it over to the Lord!

The holidays are coming 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.



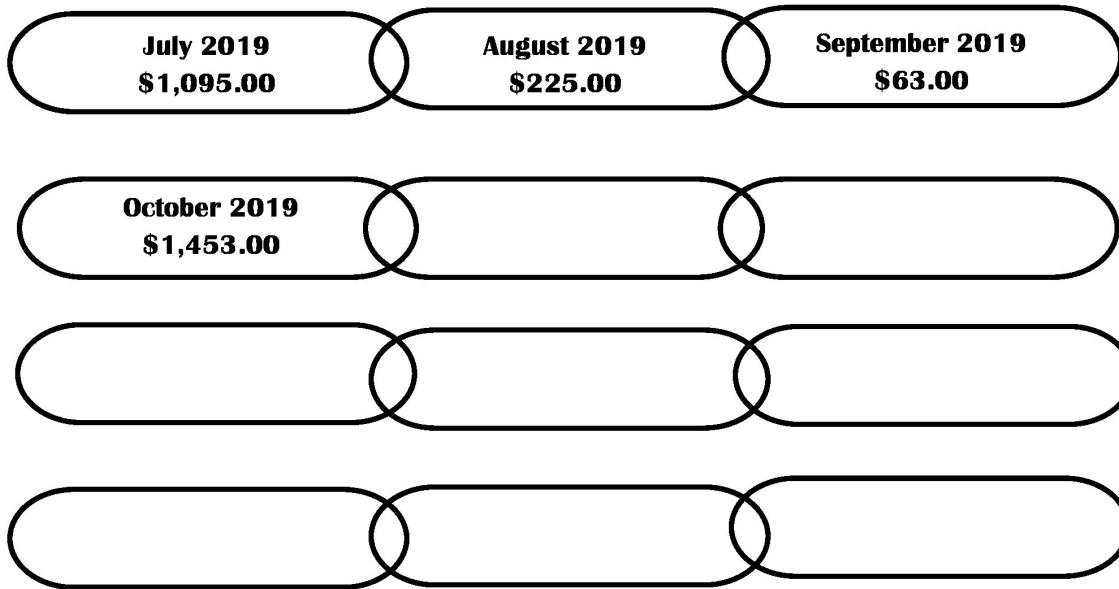


SET FREE

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

Year-to-date Amount— \$2,836.00

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 adiction

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 Robert who is Navy boot camp. He hurt his leg and was unable to graduate on time. Pray for Gods healing and encouragement.
- Please pray for Rachel as she continues to transition into living in the USA and attending nursing college. Pray for godly friends for her.
- Pray for Krista as we prepare to head back to the DR on October 30th. She has made a lot of friends here in the USA and once again will need to leave them behind.
- Pray for our family as a whole as we transition to this new phase of life with children entering adulthood and the separation.

Eikosts:

- This past weekend (yesterday and today) there were 3 major outreach events in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Nick Vujcic spoke in Mostar, Sarajevo and Banja Luka. He is a Christian motivational speaker with no arms or legs. Several thousand people heard his message of love and hope as well as a Gospel presentation. They each received two books, one with Nick's story and another on discovering the message of the Gospel of John. Please pray for those who heard Nick's message. Pray for those who will be doing follow-up. May the Lord use this unique speaker for His glory! May many men and women become a part of the Kingdom as a result.
- In mid-November we will receive a ministry team from Eagle Church (C&MA) in Indianapolis, IN. They will lead a worship seminar for several churches, preach/lead worship in three locations and join Mark and I along with local pastors on a prayer-walking trip through several unreached towns. May the worship ministry here grow and become more powerful as a result of this teaching. May new spiritual ground be gained in northern Bosnia as a result of the prayer walks. May God open our spiritual eyes to see where he is at work as we walk through the streets of these towns.
- On a personal note, this is the final year of this current term. As we think ahead to next year -- Where will we live? What will we drive? Where will we speak? Who will take over the ministries we lead now? -- it is easy to get caught up in looking ahead and lose focus on our current responsibilities. Pray that we would finish this term with our full focus and enthusiasm. We want to give our best right up to the last moment. We know that God will provide all that he has prepared in the proper time. There are some logistics we must work out ahead of time, but we don't want to be pre-occupied unnecessarily and short-change the people around us here.

Prayer Requests Continued

K&K:

Praise

- Home assignment tour is going well and we are healthy

Prayer

- That God would continue to keep us safe and healthy while we travel.
- That we would have good response from the churches we are in.
- That we would see at least 2 more come to faith in Jesus from our English center.

K&W:

- K is teaching Academic Writing to the top 100 sophomores at the University. He wants to be light and love to these bright young people.
- We lead a team of 3 other families (and us) who all live on the 18th floor of a graduate girls dormitory. We share meals, lift requests, and serve together. We ask for unity and transparency as we serve.
- Our big project for the semester is our orphanage work. Our team trains University students in how to teach English. Every week we spend an afternoon at a local orphanage that houses 100 children. The University students do the teaching and we do the mentoring. We are hoping for transformative conversations, and to build into the lives of the orphans.
- Thankfully, our kids international school survived the struggles we experienced last year with our country of service. We are still shining our light. We are thankful for a place for them to learn, and normalcy in their education. It is a gift we do not take for granted.

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- Pray that he would have inroads into the lives of the people there. The end of the year and Christmas provides good opportunities for these type of conversations.

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