



# NED Alliance Women

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### Fall Refocus Recap

Terri Groh  
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Fall Refocus 2022 is over and was such a wonderful weekend. The women who attended were blessed and I heard some of the following comments.

*“Best time ever” “It was a wonderful retreat.” “Such an awesome time of fellowship.” “I love the prayer stations. So many times we come to retreats and just sit and listen to speakers. This allowed us to respond to what we were hearing.” “I hope you do the prayer stations again.” “It was a powerful refreshing time and the presence of God was evident.”*

As district director, I am thankful for the speakers who spoke from their hearts, the worship leaders who so wonderfully set the atmosphere, the International Workers who also shared their joys and burdens and for each and every woman who took time out of her schedule to attend. It was evident from the atmosphere of the weekend that the Lord was present and working in the hearts of each person there.

I want to thank you for your generosity in giving. We took up two offerings during the weekend. The first was for playground turf and equipment for LIFE International School in Spain and that amount was \$2,062.00. The second was for sewing machines for the graduates of the Dorcas House in Africa. That amount was \$2,261. \$1,680 will be going to cover 12 machines and the extra is going into our International Worker Ministry Fund. This fund is for our district IWs to use as they see fit (outfit, special projects, work funds, etc.).

I'm always amazed at the generosity of the women in our district. Besides that, a portion of the bags of roasted coffee you bought at the retreat will be going towards our National Project. That raised \$60 towards that project.

Thank you! You have blessed me and my team immensely!

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# Fall Refocus Pictures

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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](mailto: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: \$16,000**  
**Total Raised To-Date: \$ 935.00**



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.

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[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 & August) - \$0

## Pray for our International Workers

### CAC Worker, AB, Rocky Road

- **Health:** Pray that I would not get sick in the next month, with being busy packing, saying goodbyes, and with travel.
- **Language Learning:** that I can have the energy and focus to get the most out of my morning language study
- **Praying for prayer partners:** that those that have heard me speak at their fellowships would be reminded to actively pray for me and the country I am going to, and that there would be consistent growth in numbers of those that are following my newsletter updates to support me through prayer
- **Pursuing fellowship and individual partnerships:** pray for our Father to continue planting seeds for more prayer support people, one time givers, monthly supporters
- **Fundraising:** that the process would be a blessing to me and to others, that I would be wise with my time and energy, that people would rise up who are excited to partner together in the work my Father is calling me to.
- **Leaving well:** managing my energy and time to avoid burn-out, while saying good goodbyes.

### Eikost, Mark & Kath, Bosnia-Herzegovina

- We still are involved in the church in our city of residence, Zenica, as well as a neighboring city, Kakanj. We are seeking a space to rent in Kakanj

so that we can enlarge our home group, host a Child Evangelism Fellowship couple for children's events and also host seminars for adults.

- Our sister in Christ, Dražana, just had her test results and her numbers seem to indicate that her cancer is in remission. Praise God and thank you all for your prayers.
- We are praying for revival for us and our churches.

### CAC Workers, K&K, The Gold Kingdom

- Praise for a wonderful time Labor Day weekend with family, as well as a great visit with my (Keith's) parents in Florida this past weekend.
- Praise for a safe trip back to Atlanta where we are starting our new temporary ministry with Envision Atlanta
- Please pray as we start working here at Envision Atlanta, for good team dynamics, and opportunities to get involved in their ministries
- Pray for our country of ministry, that God will protect our local believers, and the country will be able to have elections before August of next year
- Pray for our team as we discuss different possibilities for teaching English at our center in our city of ministry.
- Pray as we grieve the loss of Keith's brother, David.

### Hopkins, Walter & Laura, Tres Cantas, Spain

- Walter and Laura Hopkins thank God that two of new teachers to LIFE School have arrived, and a third comes this week. However, two others, a pre-school aide) and the third-grade teacher, are still waiting for their visas. Even more critically, LIFE is still short teachers, especially a 5-8th math and science teacher. Two other staff members already in Spain need their residency status approved as well.
- Laura and two other workers have all had to step up and step in to teaching roles that none of them expected this year. Laura will be covering classes and supervising elementary teachers.

### Dr. Wayne & Suzanne Spronk, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

- Pray that we would know how to show God's love to dying patients.
- Pray for protection for a medical student who had a needle poke from a patient who might be HIV+
- Praise God that we had some medications set aside to treat this medical student
- Praise God that a trained Gabonese doctor and a medical student are asking to come do a rotation here.
- Pray for Wayne's father who will soon be 95 and is having health problems.

## Pray for our International Workers

- Pray for the Strategic Review of the mission here at Bongolo which will take place in early November when our leaders come to visit.
- Pray for Team Time, a prayer retreat with our local team of IWs to take place in October
- Pray that Suzanne can get an ESL ministry up and running if it is God's will.

### **CAC Worker, Stewart, East Asia**

- Last week we ran a leadership retreat in Shanghai (China) with 25 of our top talents. These leadership retreats are really good for sharing deeply with these future Chinese leaders. They are great for building relationships and for talking about deeper things...often spiritual questions. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get into China for this time (they are still pretty restrictive trying to keep a Zero-COVID policy). However, I have hired a group of Christian facilitators and coaches who are based in China to facilitate the programs, so they are like-minded and missional. Please pray for this next weekend especially that God will work in the hearts of these leaders.
- There are leadership retreats following in October, November and December as well...with other groups in other cities, and with groups in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan. Some of those I WILL be able to attend.
- I have received a visa to get into China. China still requires a 7-day hotel quaran-

tine and because I would have to go through a week in a hotel, I'm not going to go just for a few days of meetings, but rather will stay a month or so and travel around to our offices and meet many of my teammates and our top talent in China. Pray I'll be granted favor to get in, and that I will be able to build close relationships quickly with our teams in China.

- As a praise request, I think I asked before for prayer for my parents as I transitioned them to assisted living. That has gone very well, and they are so very happy in their new digs which makes it much easier for Sam and myself to continue to working abroad.

### **Dr. Renee Valach, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa**

- Pray for good connections for Renee as she visits the different churches in our district for their missions tours.
- Pray for good health and times of rest and rejuvenation for Renee.
- Pray that God would continue to speak to her through the various classes she is taking while here in the states.

### **Edward & Sandy Zogg, Dominican Republic**

- Pray for us as we adjust to being stateside.
- All the travel and speaking engagements we have lined up through the end of the year.
- The children's center/church/school/water plant project.

- Pray for Krista as she got Covid her first week back at college. She is on the mend but pray that she doesn't miss out on too many of the new semester activities or fall behind.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for our district International Workers.

**Reminder: Christmas Cards take a very long time to get to some of our IWs. Now is the time to start sending them to those who are overseas.**

**Please email Terri Groh @ yahoo.com if you need an updated mailing list.**