

HIS MASTERPIECE

October 2025

More Than Missions by Terri Groh, District Alliance Women's Director

I love supporting our international workers in prayer and in getting their financial and physical needs out to our district. It has been one of my greatest joys as I serve in the role of district director. It's fun to connect a need one of our district international workers has with a local church or individual who can help with that need. Supporting our international workers has been at the core of Alliance Women since its inception.

However, we are more than just missions. I also love when women come to our retreats and hear the Lord speak to them about a particular issue. Or they communicate with me and let me know how they have grown spiritually through an event or getting connected with Alliance Women in their local church.

We just finished up our first all weekend long Fall Refocus retreat and it was such a good one. While I always enjoy the retreat, I was thankful for the extended time we

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had together. Some came for just Friday and Saturday, while others came for the entire weekend. We had a praise and prayer time on Saturday night and it was a beautiful time of sharing how we heard from the Lord during the weekend. We also spent time praying together in small groups and that was meaningful.

Two specific testimonies came out of the weekend. One attendee heard the Lord telling her to go overseas as a missionary and it was confirmed through the words of another woman who knew nothing of her call. The second woman stood up and said she felt that the Lord was telling the women that they should go overseas no matter their age. Unbeknownst to her, the first woman had just prayed that she needed some confirmation!

Another was a young lady who shared that she felt Jesus pulling her back to himself throughout the weekend. We were able to pray for her and affirm her in that.

These types of experiences thrill my soul. It is wonderful to hear how the Lord is moving through the ministry of Alliance Women and such an honor to be a part of that.

If you didn't get a chance to make it this past weekend, then stay tuned for our next event which will take place on April 24-25, 2026 at Auburn Alliance Church. I hope you can join us then!





Shaped for His Glory

By Eunice Lumawag



Have you ever been to a pottery house? If you were a potter, what kind of pot would you shape and design? Why?

Read Isaiah 45:9–10

When I was living in Thailand for 20 years as a missionary with my husband, I saw pots and jars with different shapes and designs, all according to their purpose. They were all beautiful, reflecting the potter's mastery.

In Isaiah 45:1, Cyrus was chosen by God to accomplish his purpose of conquering Babylon and allowing the Israelites to return to their land, although Cyrus did not know God. Who can thwart the righteous hand of God? God can use anybody for His purpose because He is the Creator. Cyrus was like a pot of God to accomplish His purpose.

Isaiah uses the analogy of the potter to represent God and the clay to represent His people—revealing God's purpose for His people and displaying who He is for His glory.

The Potter shaped you for His purpose.

As “clay,” you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Your life is already ordained for His purpose, and everything is written in His book (see Ps. 139:14–16). You were shaped and designed as a complete and perfect pot.

God the Potter shaped, molded, and crafted you beautifully with His hands. You are His original masterpiece. He fearfully molded you with love and care so that you would become who He desired and planned, serving His purpose. As a result, nothing can change what the Potter has formed.

When you question God's purpose for forming you this way, find comfort that God's wisdom and ways are higher than yours. Paul said, “Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’” (Rom. 9:20). Embrace the truth that God designed you complete and perfect—you are not lacking in your purpose. For we are God's masterpiece—He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago (see Eph. 2:10). You were created to do good works—a pot that will bring people to the Lord by discipling and helping others to grow in Him, by caring for the elderly, or by giving to the poor and others.

Have you discovered what kind of pot He shaped you to be?

The Potter shaped you for His glory.

As the Potter, God made Himself known to be the Creator! This is what the Lord says, “The holy one of Israel and your creator . . . I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command” (see Isa. 45:11–12).

When God created everything in heaven and earth, including us, God's character was displayed. First, it speaks of His sovereignty—He is in control of everything. Before things came to be in your life, God has already set it apart. What happens in your life is all part of God's way to shape you as His masterpiece. Second, it shows He is the all-knowing God—He challenges His people, asking if their wisdom can match His wisdom, "Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?" (v. 11). God has foreknown what you need to fulfill His purpose. As the sovereign and all-knowing Potter, God commands us to obey Him so that we can see His glory manifested in our lives.

Are you resisting God as He leads you to His purpose? I love this principle that I learned from the course, *God's Heart, My Heart*. Why am I here? I am here to glorify God! As He transforms me, I can display His splendor to the world. By seeing my life, people will have a better idea of who God is. Each day, I remind myself of His purpose for me, because I am shaped by the potter to display His character, so people will be drawn to Him and glorify Him. God, our Potter, commands us to display His masterpiece. Therefore, let our life speak of who He is.

Discussion Questions

What are some ways you will continue to live out who God has shaped you to be?

Using clay/dough, mold an object that would remind you that you are His masterpiece. Why this shape? Share with your group/others.

Closing Prayer

Father God, my loving Creator, You are my Potter who is sovereign and full of wisdom and knowledge. My Potter who fearfully and wonderfully shaped me to be who I am today. I am grateful that I am Your masterpiece. Teach me to surrender my life to You, and continue to mold me and shape me into the person You want me to be. May my life glorify Your name!

Let this song be my prayer:

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart oh God, May I be like You;
You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Amen!

Author Bio:



Eunice F. Lumawag is a former Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines (CAMACOP) missionary to Thailand, together with her husband, Rev. Roland Lumawag. They are blessed with two adult sons, Reuel John and Denzel. Eunice enjoys discipling women and mentoring pastor's wives. Presently, she is the facilitator of Partners in Ministry Extension Program (PIMEX) offered by the International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL) Partner in Ministry Program, which are courses offered among pastors wives. She has also been the Alliance World Fellowship (AWF) Women Ministries Team Leader since 2022.



Alliance Women invites you to join us in prayer and consider extending your generous financial support to the "His Masterpiece" projects for 2025-2026.

NORTH AFRICA–Women's Bakery Initiative

Pray for the launch of a bakery that will provide at-risk women with employment, vocational training, and mentorship. This will offer them a pathway to a sustainable income and a restored sense of dignity that can change the trajectory of their lives, not just for the short-term, but ultimately for eternity.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

ASIA–Cambodia Medical Project

Pray for the primary medical project in Stung Treng, Cambodia, focusing on strengthening the nursing school, developing a lab technician training program, and improving the provincial hospital.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

MCA–Amman Medical Outreach

Pray for support of various medical outreach efforts in Amman, providing compassionate care, prayer, genuine relationships through follow-up visits, and long-term health education and referrals to both Jordanians and refugees from across the Middle East.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

2025-2026 National Project

District Goal - \$18,000

**Year-to-Date Giving (Starting in July) -
\$155.00**

Bongolo Hospital

Pray that the Bongolo Hospital is able to continue to provide medical care for the Gabonese, even those that cannot afford it.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

BURKINA FASO–Widows Ministry

Pray that the widows can receive spiritual encouragement and experience a personal relationship with Jesus while they learn a new trade. Pray for opportunities for young widows affected by displacement and military widows to access counseling and support.

OUR GOAL: \$10,000

UNITED STATES

Pray for non-majority, next generation leaders being trained through spiritual formation retreats.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Pray for the Alliance Women Leadership Scholarship recipients participating in leadership development opportunities.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Pray for the financial needs of our international worker candidates as they prepare to go where the Lord has called them and serve in different regions of the world.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Pompidou Guest House Libreville, Gabon

Our district Alliance Women continue to have the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon, Africa as our district overseas project.

Our district Alliance Women leadership team voted to raise \$1,500 in 2025-2026 for ongoing repairs and updates to the home.

Thank you for your continued support to help these projects happen. All money should be sent to our district Alliance Women treasurer, Peg Kelwaski, earmarked “Pompidou”.

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ALL OF JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD

2025-2026 Missions Engagement

Join Us at the Northeastern District Alliance Missions Summit!

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Location: Syracuse Alliance Church

3112 Midland Avenue

Syracuse, NY 13205



2025 NED Alliance Missions Summit

Cost: \$40 per adult

\$25 per student (13 to 17 years of age)

Register: Click [HERE](#) to register or scan the attached QR Code (Registration Open)

Join us for a powerful day of inspiration, collaboration, and mobilization.

At the NED Alliance Missions Summit, we'll gather pastors, missions' leaders, church members, and Alliance family from across our district to focus on what it means to cultivate a sending culture. Through compelling sessions, real stories, and practical tools, you'll be challenged and equipped to join God's mission – locally and globally.

What can you expect at the NED Alliance Missions Summit 2025?

Why develop a sending culture? Discover the biblical foundation for

sending workers and be inspired by The Alliance's rich legacy of gospel impact – locally and globally.

How do we create a sending culture? Explore actionable strategies to help your church nurture environments where people of all ages can hear, discern, and respond to God's call locally and globally.

What now? Engage in collaborative conversations with national office, district, and fellow church leaders as we dream, plan, and strategize together to reach our neighborhoods and the nations.

New This Year – Emerging Leaders Track.

The District Missions Committee (DMC) is excited to introduce the Emerging Leaders Track at this year's Summit – designed specifically for students ages 14 to 22. This new track invites high school seniors and college students to explore God's call to serve – whether across the street or around the world. Breakout sessions will be tailored to engage, challenge, and inspire young leaders as they consider their next steps in being on mission.

Registration Open

Use the QR Code or click [HERE](#) to secure your spot. You may purchase multiple registrations at once. For each ticket, you will be prompted to provide the registration details for the individual attending.

Together, we can make a difference. See you at the Summit!