

more



Since the Great Commission Women's theme "more" was announced, I have become more aware of the things people want more of. The past couple of months I have heard people say they want more time, more patience, more money, more love, more understanding, more rest, more work, more power, yes, even more snow. It seems we are a society that is always searching for, needing, or wanting more of something.

In Randy Alcorn's devotional, "Seeing the Unseen", he states, "We may imagine we want a thousand different things, but God is the One we really long for." Psalm 63:1 is a verse I've been memorizing. It says, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water". We live in a dry and weary culture where it is easy to fall into the temptation of wanting more of the temporary thirst quenchers. But no matter what we think we want or need more of, it is only God that can truly satisfy our soul.

This past Sunday, our Great Commission Women hosted a soup tasting contest to raise funds for the National Project. A wonderful variety of homemade soups was provided by the people of the church. Everyone attending had the opportunity to try all the soups and then vote for their favorite by placing money in the can next to it. The winning soup was the one that received the most donations. One young man who is 11 years old really wanted the Cheeseburger Soup to take first place in the contest. He was raving about the soup. He stood at the table with a hand on either side of the Crockpot and exclaimed to all around that it was the best soup. He implored people to just taste it. You could tell by his facial expressions and his tone of voice that he was quite passionate about this soup being victorious. Talon didn't know who the maker of the soup was, but he had tasted it and it was good! He wanted more money in that can! **(Continued on page 2)**



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What if we had that kind of passion; to see more people know Jesus and come into his kingdom? What if we didn't just want more of Jesus for ourselves, but also wanted our neighbors to know more about Him? We are Great Commission Women and we want more!! We know the Maker and have tasted and seen that He is good. We want more of Him for people around the world! By giving to the Great Commission Women National Project, we are giving more people the opportunity to know the One they truly want, the One they are really longing for. "More to Jesus I surrender; more to him I freely give."

*Written by Deb Conner
District Great Commission Women Assistant Director/TCK Chairperson*

RETREAT

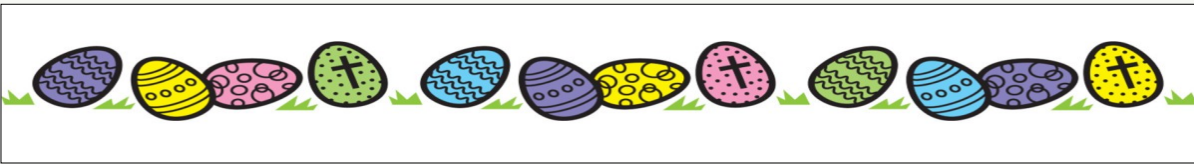
Information, registrations, posters, bulletin inserts, etc., can be located at www.gcwretreat.com.

MY GOAL IS THAT THEY MAY BE ENCOURAGED IN HEART **AND** UNITED IN LOVE, SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE FULL RICHES OF COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY KNOW

THE MYSTERY OF GOD, NAMELY, CHRIST,

IN WHOM ARE HIDDEN ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.

COLOSSIANS 2:2-3



GCW MISSION EVENT SPEAKERS

If you are finding it difficult securing an IW speaker for your Spring or Fall Mission Event, why not consider Skyping one of the IW's? I am sure someone in your church (one of the teenagers, for sure) can help you with that. It might be a perfect opportunity to get the teens involved.

- **Joe Kiel**
Hollidaysburg Alliance Pastor's Wife
814-317-7127
jeffjokiel@gmail.com
Color Me Beautiful - Brazil. She will speak on whatever your theme is.

- **Annie Polka**
East McKeesport Alliance Church
412-735-1044 or 412-321-3811, Ext. 255
annie.polka@uipgh.org
Pgh. Inner City Urban Ministry (music ministry)

- **Corie Hartsock**
Philipsburg Alliance Pastor's Wife
814-287-9001
teamhartsock@gmail.com

Her crazy, full life is made richer knowing that Jesus is her King and author of her journey from widowhood to re-marriage to being a pastor's wife to adoption to advanced age maturity. She works and co-owns two Painting Boards Studio which offers painting parties for all occasions and paint your own pottery.

- **Kristy Clements**
Kristy and her husband attend the Cherry Tree Alliance Church
637 Morgantown Road
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-322-9926
email kristybeth810@gmail.com

They have gone on several short-term missions trips and now oversee and make all the arrangements for others in their church and area to go on mission trips.



MORINGA TREE

If you are interested in knowing more about the Moringa Tree story and products, go to www.leavesofhope.com



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Merriel Maurin, daughter of Guy and Denise Maurin, Western PA IW's since 1992, is currently student teaching in fifth grade at Dalat International School in Penang, Malaysia. Merriel grew up in Quito, Ecuador where she attended The Alliance Academy International. After Merriel's sophomore year in high school, she moved to Amman, Jordan with her parents and graduated from Whitman Academy. Merriel attends Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa, GA and will graduate this May. After graduation, Merriel will join her parents at Dalat International



IW PRAYER DIRECTORY

The updated IW Prayer Directory can be found on the Spring Great Commission Connection CD that will be coming out soon. If your group/church doesn't already receive the GCC CD, contact the District Office. It subscription is \$20/year or \$5/quarter.



ALLIANCE MISSION HOME IN BANGKOK **REMINDER**

Rick & Pat Harris, the new hosts/managers of the Alliance Mission Home in Bangkok, are in need of new toys/games for the children and families who stay at the home. Over the years, things get soiled and pieces come up missing. Maybe your GCW group would like to help with replacing some of them. They are also in need of replacement bedding. They need to replace 45 twin, 9 queen, and 1 king size white duvet bed covers. An average duvet cover set is about \$65 US dollars. Please send your contributions to Janet Schmidt, GCW District Treasurer, earmarked for the "Alliance Mission Home in Bangkok - Game & Bedding Project". Please make sure you put your church's name on your submission. If you would like to contact Rick & Pat yourself, their email address is alliancemiSSIONhomemgr@gmail.com.



BONGOLO HOSPITAL SHIPMENT DATE – NEW INSTRUCTIONS

There will be one shipment going out this year. Packages are to arrive at ARK Transportation (address below) by April 1st. The 2017-2018 Needs List (that you can find on the Great Commission Women's web site) is still current. The items listed below are some things that are more urgent. You will note they are similar to last year's urgent needs. You will also notice they now need some 3-4" rolled sheet bandages. Should you have a lot of rolled bandages to send, please e-mail me as my missionary friends at C&MA's Hope Clinic, Jon and Anja Erickson in Guinea also need some....I hope this doesn't confuse you! If you should have any questions, don't hesitate to e-mail Coleen Lofgren at coliemark@gmail.com.

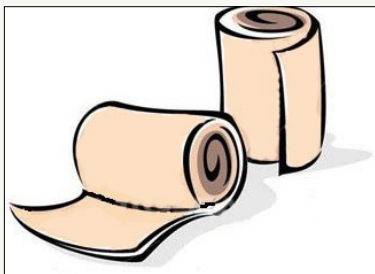
Here are some **urgently needed items** at this time:

- Centrum (or similar with all the trace minerals) multivitamins for children especially, but also for adults. Please don't send the round, gumball like Centrum children, but the chewable ones for kids under four years old
- Delivery room table sheets and/or table covers made out of flat sheets**
- Sterilization wraps* (we don't need 12" x 12")
- New reading glasses, glass cases (homemade or bought), disposable pen lights
- Long white lab coats, new or slightly used scrubs sizes small and medium
- Children's patient gowns (see patterns on Internet)
- Inexpensive sippy cups, baby spoons, and shallow plastic small bowls
- There are a few of the missionaries requesting items to give away to children at the hospital and in other children's ministries, so, when you send some of these, please mark the name of the missionary you want to get these items with a note inside the package.
 - Dr. Wendy Hofman, the eye doctor, would like small items like stickers, small toys
 - Dr. Deborah Walker and Dr. Renee Valach, Pediatricians, would like small dolls, small cars, coloring books, and crayons
 - Meladee Davis would like small toys like the others plus the pillow case dresses and shorts (for boys) and also "Mama packs" that she hands out in the maternity ward
- 3 to 4 inch wide rolled sheet bandages - any color accepted, but white is preferred
- TUMs or Roloids (that are made of Magnesium Trisillate Antacids)
- Let me know if you have any other items you think they could use.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The packages should be no larger than a total of 72 inches (length + height + width) unless you have special permission. Please limit different types of items to 3-4 per box and put each type of item in it's own plastic bag for easier sorting at the hospital.
2. **Send the boxes to: ARK Transportation %Gabon Shipment Bongo Hospital, 17830 Englewood Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 by April 1st.**

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3. Please e-mail Gabon's shipment coordinator Linda Chae, at linda.chae@att.net, and a copy to me, Coleen Lofgren, at coliemark@gmail.com, with the following information:
 - Church and address
 - Contact's name, phone number, and e-mail address
 - Total number of boxes sent. Please label each box by letter and numbers. For example, if your church is in Plain View, Iowa, and you're sending two boxes, you might choose PVI#1, PVI#2. Please include the two letter state abbreviation in your label as there are a lot of churches with the same name as First Alliance Church.
 - The dimensions rounded to the nearest inch and the cubic feet of each package (multiply the height, length, and depth in inches and divide by 1728)
 - Category of items as one of the following: personal effect, medicine, medical equipment, or food.
 - List the items and quantities. You can group items together. For example, instead of listing 23 3" rolled bandages and 23 5" ones, just put 46 rolled bandages. Linda C. will price the items, so you don't have to do that.
 - The Gabon field has now determined **that the cost of the shipment** overseas and down to the Bongolo Hospital **has increased to \$15 per cubic foot**. We ask you to send that amount for your packages to the **Finance Department of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (8595 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO. 80920)**. On the check memo write Bongolo Hospital Med Supp./Shipping account number 09037-4340.

If you have items you think might be useful, but are not on the list, please e-mail or call Coleen Lefgren at coliemark@gmail.com or 218-245-2706. Please let other churches know about the shipment. Thank you for your generosity!!

***Instructions for sterilization wraps:** finished sizes wanted are 12" x 12", 24" x 24", 36" x 36", 48" x 48". You can make them out of gently used cotton and cotton/polyester material or sheets or old cloth tablecloths. Don't use flannel as it is too loose of a weave. Preferred colors are blue, green, or white solid (others accepted though). To make them, cut the material 1/2" larger than the size wanted. They are to be double thickness with the seams on the inside. After sewing the two pieces of material, turn it inside right, then sew a seam about 1/2" around the entire square and then an "X" from corner to corner. This way, when they are washed, they will stay in place. Questions? Call me at 218-245-2706.

****Instructions for delivery table sheets:** use flat sheets, twin or full size, any color, out of cotton or cotton/polyester. Fold sheet in half so it is 48" x 66" (twin) or 48"x 81" (full). Sew or zig-zag around the entire doubled sheet, including the folded side, close to the edge. Then, measure half way down (33" or 40.1") and sew across the sheet.





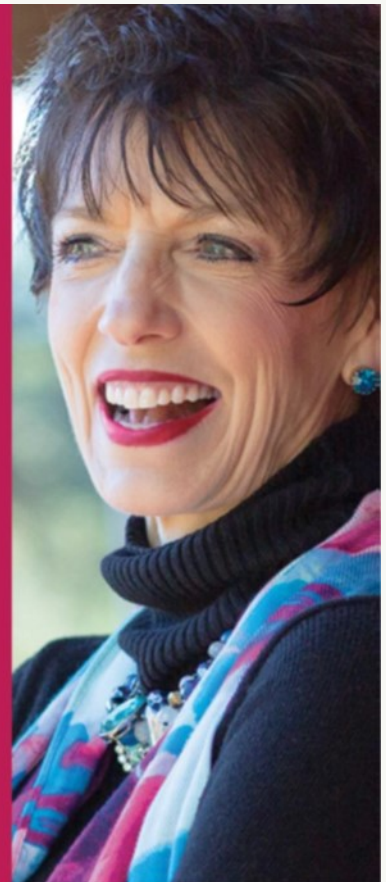
CELEBRATE *Our Story*

October 11–14, 2018

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
Lancaster, PA

with LAURA STORY
teaching by JANE RUBIETTA

Great Commission Women 
For information go to www.GREATCOMMISSIONWOMEN.ORG
a ministry of THE ALLIANCE



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Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

Thursday Evening Concert

Concert and Story by Aaron and Sarah Shust



Breakout Sessions

Story of Forgiveness—Marie Monville
Story of Grace—Omee Thao
Story of Hope—Joan Ewan

Story of Peace—Betty Morejon
Story of Joy—Megan Stiver
Story of Freedom—Melissa MacDonald

Friday Afternoon Options

additional ticket price includes bus transportation

Sight and Sound
Amish Kitchen Kettle Village



Melissa MacDonald



Betty Morejon



Omee Thao

Cost per Person

Registration—\$295
Includes Sunday Brunch (other meals on your own), Concerts, Keynote, Bible Teacher, and breakout sessions.



Marie Monville



Joan Ewan



Megan Stiver

Hotel—\$139 per night/per room (up to four in a room)

Register at www.GreatCommissionWomen.org starting February 1, 2018.

MAHAFFEY CAMP GROVE IW SHOPPERS LIST**IW's**

- Stephen & Heidi Schelander - MarketPlace CAMA
- Tim & Sarah - CAC
- David & Evangeline Kindervater - Japan
- Megan - CAMA-CAC
- Manny & Ruth - MarketPlace Ministries
- Dave & Teresa Bill - Africa
- Al & Lauralyn - CAC
- Mark & Cheryl Grossoehme – ENVISION Georgia, USA (Refugee Community)
- Jonathan Ritchie - South America (Clyde Ritchie's son)
- Daryl & Cheryl Phenicie - Berlin, Germany
- Josh & Rachel Ellison - CAMA (3 children- William, Abilene, & Eva) - daughter of Daryl & Cheryl Phenicie
- Guy & Denise - CAC
- Ben & Chelsea Anderson - Guinea

RETIREE'S

- Jim & Ann Hemminger
- Virgil & Bonnie Adams
- Beth & Jim Albright
- Clyde & Doris Ritchie
- Ray & Lucille Stombaugh
- David & Janet Arnold
- Jim & Sharon Kendall
- Ted & Linda Sauve
- Bev Rader
- Arbutus Barr
- Doug & Karen Conkle
- Wayne & Judy Thompson

**INTERNATIONAL WORKER PRAYER FOCUS****Prayer Requests:**

- Meghan is serving with THE ALLIANCE in a CREATIVE ACCESS COUNTRY
 - Meghan has been experiencing various attacks by the enemy recently, which has greatly diminished the joy of teaching. **Pray for a Spirit of Peace to flow over her as she deals with relational dynamics and administrative issues that she was not anticipating. Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower her to deal with all these things with a Christ-like attitude.**
 - Meghan recently became acquainted with a young woman by the name of "Dia". **Pray for God's blessing on this friendship so that a deep trust would take root and that she would open her heart to the Gospel!**

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- David & LouAnn Woerner serving with THE ALLIANCE in Chile
 - The Woerners are in the midst of a church construction project to increase the current capacity of 90 to be able to accommodate 335 people. They are currently averaging 190 people each Sunday! **Pray that as they take this great step of faith that the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the congregation and the Word of God will spread like wild fire!**
 - Pray that the seeds of the Gospel will be planted in the hearts of the Chilean people and that the God would allow the Woerners to be able to see the fruits of their labor.



Home Assignment List March - April 2018

Name	Field	Home	Return
David & Teresa Bill	TBD	7/6/2016	TBD
Missionaries-in-Residence at Mahaffey Camp June - August	teresabill55@gmail.com or congobilt@gmail.com		
**Guy & Denise	CAC	June 2018	8/10/18
**Krystal	CAC	5/14/2017	5/2018
**Joel & Sally	CAC	6/30/2017	6/2018
Wayne & Judy Thompson	Black Forest Academy	6/2017	TBD
3517 Meadowview Blvd., Apt#5	wayneandjudy73@yahoo.com		
New Castle, PA 16105	(On tour from 7/2017-7/2018		
724-651-6021	before retiring or re-assigned)		

****Contact information can be obtained from LuAnne Baker at 724-254-2386**

RETIRED

James & Sharon Kendall	Indonesia
278 Kendall Road	jimsharonindo@gmail.com
Blairsville, PA 15717	
724-840-2128 (Sharon)	
724-422-3853 (Jim)	



Great Commission Women
Of The Christian & Missionary Alliance

NOTICE FOR THE TREASURER

Outfit Gift # 5	\$ 25.00
National Project	_____
National (\$8) and District (\$7) Contribution (always welcome to send in more to help defray district expenses)	\$15.00
Outfit Assistance Fund	_____
Other _____	_____
Total	_____

SCHEDULE FOR OUTFIT GIFT FOR
2017-2018 NP "more"

- Outfit Gift #1 due July 31, 2017
- Outfit Gift #2 due September 30, 2017
- Outfit Gift #3 due November 30, 2017
- Outfit Gift #4 due January 31, 2018

Outfit Gift #5 due March 31, 2018

Outfit Gift #6 due May 31, 2018

Reminder: National project monies are accepted throughout the year; however, the final payment should be sent before May 31, 2019, since this is a two year project.

Make check payable to: Great Commission Women of Western PA

Send to:
Janet Schmidt, District Treasurer
2104 Madison Avenue
Tyrone, Pa 16686
janetschmidt52@gmail.com
814-682-1114

Please detach and mail lower portion before: **March 31, 2018**

CHURCH'S FULL NAME (No abbreviations please) _____

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Please complete:

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