

Newsletter

Summer 2015



Happy Summer, Women,

Welcome to the Summer 2015 Newsletter of the North Central District Women! Don't miss any of the great "gems" inside this issue!

The picture above is from Council this year and is (left to right):

Brenda Andrews, our Assistant Director and wife of Rev. Aaron Andrews, Senior Pastor at Wadena Alliance Church.

Tanya Siebert, our Director and wife of Rev. Dennis Siebert, Associate pastor at Mountain Lake Alliance Church.

Linda Wiggins, the member of our District Team who assigns churches to our TCKs (Third Culture Kids), takes such immaculate care of our beautiful Supply Room, and is wife to Dr. Don Wiggins, our District Superintendent.

A Letter from our Director, Tanya Siebert

Dear Precious Ladies!

What a joy and blessing it was to attend Council this year, to experience it as a whole and to represent you at the women's meetings!

At the women's meetings we heard from the National Executive Team (NET), from President John Stumbo and Dan Wetzel, Vice President of Church Ministries, which is over Great Commission Women (GCW). We also met and heard from the new Vice President of International Ministries, Rev. Tim Crouch. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and were encouraging, helpful, and insightful. Rev. Tim Crouch brought the reminder that God's plan is to give us joy. We are to be overwhelmed by joy so we can't keep it to ourselves!

We also heard from a couple of International Workers (IW's). It is so wonderful that we have the privilege to support these godly people with our prayers, communication, and financial support! God is at work!

We also heard all about the new **National Project, GPS: God's Positioning System – Placed for a Purpose** and our new mission to help the diaspora peoples around the world to hear the Gospel.

GCW has a new National Director, Jen Vogel, and I am so excited to have her as our new leader. The Lord placed us together after a meeting at Council, where we had a sweet time of conversation and prayer as she takes on this new responsibility. We may personally have Jen join us at a District event, since she's from Orange City, IA.

Council was amazing! The Holy Spirit's presence was everywhere and He spoke in and through each speaker, as well as at each business session. Worshiping the Lord together – WOW! – words fail to describe the unity and the experience!

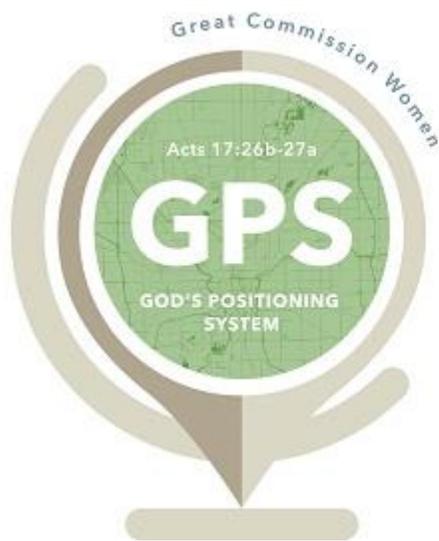
It was exciting to hear President John Stumbo share his vision, which you can hear online as well as read in Alliance Life. He shared that for such a time as this, we are one of the denominations to usher in the end times, to take the Gospel to the world. We, as The Alliance, are intending to be a CHRIST-CENTERED, Acts 1:8 FAMILY. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will LOVE, PROCLAIM, REACH and LAUNCH until our Savior returns!

What a pivotal time in history for us to be a people of God! Let's be in the Word, listening to the Holy Spirit, women of prayer, walking in obedience to Christ individually and TOGETHER! Let's walk in the power of the Holy Spirit to Love those around us.

Serving Together!

Tanya Siebert, Director

Our New National Project 2015-2016



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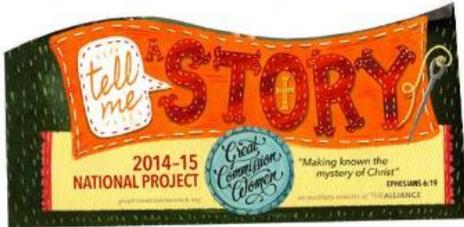
As Tanya stated above, our exciting **National Project** this year is to raise money to help our International Workers reach diaspora - people who have been displaced from their home country. It is such a wonderful project because these people are usually much more open to Christ's message! Let's start straining our brain right now to think of ways we can encourage our church women to raise money for this great **National Project**!

There will be information about the **National Project** in your packets, which will be mailed next week.

Acts 17:26b-27a (NIV) “. . . He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him. . . .”



Last year, our District gave **\$15,871.14** to the **2014-2015 National Project, "Tell Me A Story"** - we applaud you, gals!
Thank you for your sacrificial giving! It is a record in giving to a **National Project** for our District! Praise the



Lord!

Our Newest IWs, The Curries



Welcome to our newest IWs, **Ryan, Emily, Mercy and Jimmy Currie!** Below is their first Praise and Prayer letter!

We leave for Mongolia Saturday, August 1! We asked for prayer for our visa invitation letter, which was delayed. **Praise the Lord. yesterday we received our invitation!** We sent in our passports to the Mongolian Embassy for our visas to be processed and are praying that we will receive them by Thursday or Friday next week. Please pray with us for no delays at this final step.

Today's devotional from Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* is a good reminder: "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Exodus 14:13.

Faith listens neither to Presumption, nor to Despair, nor to Cowardice, nor to Precipitancy, but it hears God say, "Stand still," and immovable as a rock it stands. "Stand still" - keep the posture of an upright man, ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice; and it will not be long before God shall say to you, as distinctly as Moses said it to the people of Israel, "Go forward."

Praise

- For the good times we have had with our family, friends and Church
- Praise God for the visa invitation number!

Pray

- We need your prayers for the fruit of the Spirit in our lives in the midst of this major transition.

- As we are finishing up packing and organizing our things. Ten suitcases and counting...
- As we say our good-byes!
- Pray that our visa applications will go through smoothly at the Mongolian Embassy
- Pray for peace and comfort for our families in New Mexico and Georgia. This is a sacrifice for them as well.
- For our transition to Mongolia. When we first arrive we will be a part of a team meeting for the first week called Field Forum.
- Pray for our children, Mercy and Jimmy, to sleep through the night and for minimal jet-lag issues.
- That God would go before us and prepare fruit and open doors for Gospel ministry to Mongolians.
- That God would prepare our minds and hearts for language learning.
- For wisdom, peace, and provision for childcare when we start language learning.
- Pray for our travel:

- August 1: Depart for Mongolia
- August 4-9: Mongolia Field Forum
- Mid-August: Arrive at apartment in Darhan, Mongolia!

Please consider giving to the [Great Commission Fund](#) which will support us as we go out. To give directly to the training center where Ryan will eventually be teaching, type in "Leadership Training and Program Development" in the "Approved Special" line.

We are incredibly thankful to you all who are supporting us.

Your partnership is vital to our family and to the ministry in Mongolia.

Thank you for your prayers!

We are deeply grateful for you!

-Ryan, Emily, Mercy and Jimmy

Our email: ryancurrie@eaganhills.org

Visits to the Supply Room

If you or your Church women have never been to visit the Supply Room, where International Workers may visit to take free supplies as they enter or leave the U.S. - you must plan a trip soon!

Pictured below is the group from Tri-County Church in Clearwater, MN. They are holding items they brought to donate.



Pictured above is the group who visited from Hope Chapel in Apple Valley, MN. They enjoyed lunch together after their tour of the Supply Room. What a fun idea!

Our women in DeSmet, SD and Milaca, MN did not visit, but did send items for the Supply Room. Thank you!

Thanks to all who supported this wonderful ministry with gifts and gift cards, which assist our IWs and their children who are Crown students! We appreciate each gift greatly!

Right now there are no particular items which are in short supply.

Our Lending Library



Need some great ideas for your next Women's Bible study? Check out our District Lending Library:

<http://www.ncdistrictwomen.org>

Click on "Lending Library" toward the top of the page.

If your Church has not listed your Bible Study books and dvds on this fabulous resource, please do so soon! (It is solely for the Churches in our North Central District.)

Carol McDonald keeps this Library in ship-shape condition! Thank you, Carol, for all your work on this!

Women's Retreat is October 2 - 4



Have you been saving up a bit of money each week so that you will be joining us at **Women's Retreat** at the beautiful Big Sandy Camp and Retreat Center in McGregor, MN? I look forward to it every year!

Our keynote speaker this year is Sandy Adler, pictured below. She and her husband, Dan, have the "Heart of the City"

Ministry. She will speak on "Metamorphosis - Moving from Marginal Christianity to a Life of Purpose and Power".



The cost is \$125.00 again and registration will open August 1 at:

<http://www.ncdistrictwomen.org>

Click on "Events" (toward the top of the page).

Since online registration is difficult for some women, please designate a gal from your Church who is willing to help those needing assistance, or call Diana Overbeeke at 763-657-0640.

The Silent Auction was such a success last year, we are holding it again! We are asking each Church, if they wish, to bring a gift or a basket of goodies to be auctioned off for the cause!

There will be further instructions in your packets, which you will be receiving from us shortly!

Watch your email for a **Women's Retreat** printable poster too!

We so hope to see you there!

Shipment for Bongolo Hospital

Your packages must be received by Coleen by September 1, 2015!



From Coleen Lofgren, former missionary nurse at the Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, West Africa, who is the donor coordinator for

shipments to Gabon:

Please have your packages to me by September 1. The list of needed items has been revised and was emailed last winter. If you did not receive it, please look on the Great Commission Women's web site [HERE](#) under GIVING, then 'Hands On'. Scroll down to the Bongolo Hospital, then click on the needs list. You will notice that we aren't accepting pill bottles (we had too many) except from a select few who live in the Middleburg, OH area.

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

- a. 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.
- b. Benadryl (generic is OK) tablets (not capsules)
- c. Artificial Tears like Systane or Theratears
- d. Delivery table and OR table covers made out of flat sheets (see instructions on new list)
- e. *sterilization wraps

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 its own plastic bag for easier sorting at the hospital.
 2. Send the boxes to:
ARK Transportation %Gabon Shipment Bongolo Hospital
17830 Englewood Dr
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 **by** Sept. 1, 2015
 3. Please e-mail Gabon's shipment coordinator, Linda Chae at linda.chae@att.net and a copy to me, Coleen Lofgren coliemark@gmail.com with the following information:
 - Church and mailing 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 2 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, such 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 at:
8595 Explorer Dr
Colorado Springs, CO. 80920
On the check memo-line 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 me or call me at 218-245-2706.

Praise the Lord for people like YOU who join with us in ministering to those at the Bongolo Hospital!

Please let other churches know about this shipment.

Once again, thank you for your generous giving!

Coleen Lofgren

* 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 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.

Praise & Prayer

We have an exciting newflash: the "open rate" on our "**Praise & Prayer**" is above the industry average! Thank you, gals, for your faithfulness in praising with and praying for our International Workers! If you are not receiving this monthly email, contact Sandi Stoldt at:

stoldts@yahoo.com



Your Annual Report

If you have not submitted your **Annual Report**, it's not too late! Your Church or leader of your women's group received an email from Sarah Guptill with the report attached. If you did not receive it, email Sarah at:

sguptill@gmail.com

If you have any difficulty filling it out, call either:

Sandi Stoldt at 952-679-4179

or

Diana Overbeeke at 763-657-0640

Thank you for taking care of this important task!