

## Weekly Events

- Monday**
- **Bible Study** — 5:15-6:45p.m., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Annette Rinaldi - 227-9634  
1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Library- Barb Miller, 382-1207
  - **Women's Fitness Class** — 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Room 150
  - **Women's Walking Exercise** — 5:15 - 6:15p.m. in Gym, - call Pam Boysen at 380-3186
  - **Caring & Sharing** Need a confidential listening ear or someone to pray with? Join Ella Mae in Room 101 at 7:00 p.m. Questions - Call 382-3047

- Tuesday**
- **Bible Study** — 9:00-10:30 a.m. -Tami Bednar - 381-8297

- Wednesday**
- **Bible Study**—6:45-8:00 p.m. - Angie Frederick 845-9230

- Thursday**
- **"Free" Moms** — 9:00-11:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th Thurs. - Winnie Poland, 384-5234
  - **Women's Fitness Class** — 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Gym - Marylyn Christenson 382-7153

*"Women of the Light" exists for you to learn more about Women's Ministries at the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church. We hope it will help you feel more connected to what the Lord is doing through the Bible Studies, the outreach events, and the regular groups that meet together. Women's Ministries Leadership Team*

Grand Island Evangelical Free Women's Ministries Website: [giefc.org/womensministries](http://giefc.org/womensministries)

- National Evangelical Woman's Ministries website: [efca.org/women](http://efca.org/women)

To receive the National Evangelical Free Women's newsletter, "Connections": [efca.org/women/media/connections](http://efca.org/women/media/connections)

## Looking Ahead

- Graduate Brunch**  
Saturday, March 27th - 9:30 a.m.
- Spring Salad Supper**  
Tuesday, April 13th - 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Bible Studies**  
for 6 weeks beginning in June

## Circles

- Mary Martha Circle — Room 104**  
Beulah Nunnenkamp 384-1790 - Velma Fehr 382-2503  
Meets 2nd Tuesday alternate months
- White Cross — Room 104**  
Connie Jensen 382-1353 - Kathryn Holmberg 382-7048  
Meets afternoons on the 4th Thursday - Nov. thru April

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## Prayer Chain

For all prayer requests, please call the church office - 382-1898 - or email [ninas@giefc.org](mailto:ninas@giefc.org).

# Women of the Light



*Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world so if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12*

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## An Unforgettable Adventure by Diana Hofrichter



*The students greeting us with flowers and song*

*Diana wrote this article after she and her husband, Pastor Paul, returned from Zambia, where they worked alongside Paul and Lori Schlick. The Schlicks are missionaries from our church, who work in Zambia with Gospelink.*

De-boarding the plane in Lusaka, Zambia was like turning back the calendar. In a literal sense, we had travelled the time zone eight hours in reverse, but beyond the clock, it felt like stepping into a different era. Glimpses of the countryside from underneath jet-lagged eyelids en route to the International Bible College in Kazemba, revealed dirt roads, paths through strange foliage, grass huts, bright-skirted women with babies tied to their backs and bundles balanced on their heads, people everywhere on foot, and some of those feet without shoes. .... as if straight out of National Geographic! I'll never forget those first impressions.

It was Paul's turn for first impressions when he went (and I returned) to Zambia earlier this year. Paul and Lori Schlick met us at the airport. Their joy in seeing someone from home was matched only by our joy in seeing them and having finally arrived after the long trip.

Our duties were pretty simple. Paul's days were spent teaching a class on Christian Worldview and Inerrancy of the Bible (nothing simple about that!) competing at times with the pounding of the rain on the tin roof of his classroom. It was, after all, the rainy season. My tasks included practical things like washing dishes, housekeeping, painting, sorting donated clothing, relocating office and medical supplies, washing windows, pulling weeds, teaching jewelry-making to the women, sewing, teaching Lori to use the sewing machine, and whatever else needed to be done.



*Diana making jewelry with three students*

Lori and I were also able to have some quiet time, sharing and praying together. It was delightful to get to know her better as a friend and sister in Christ, and I think she was encouraged by having a familiar face and body in the next chair for fellowship. Missionary life can be a lonely adjustment through which time and trust are the only roads, especially in this primitive setting. God is faithful, and those who know Lori know that she is carried by her strong commitment to the Lord, love for her husband, and her infectious joyful spirit. Nevertheless, she greatly appreciates all the care and affection sent their way from home. It can feel like a lifeline.

Let me explain how the jewelry making came about. As director of the Singing Christmas Tree choir, I was the beneficiary of a traditional honorarium collected by the choir members. The intention was to contribute towards our Zambia support, but by that time we were fully funded, so I was asked to use the \$575 for any supplies that would be needed. I had been told that the Zambian ladies at the Bible College wanted to open a gift shop to sell souvenirs, thus keeping some of that money for the Bible college. I had never made jewelry before, but I thought this was something the ladies might enjoy. Jewelry is small, easy to transport and

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# Fall Highlights...

## Love in Action

Deb Berggren and Glenda Rathjen don't think this story will be of interest to others. They are humble women. Pat Omel, on the other hand, knows the value of this story; it is a story about the blessing found in friends.



In 1988 Pat was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that weakened her muscles. In 1992 she and her husband, Jim, moved to Grand Island where Pat hosted Christian Women's Club Friendship Bible Coffees. Hosting the coffee was a necessity for Pat because her wheelchair limited her access to the homes of others. Glenda Rathjen and Deb Berggren attended those Bible studies in Pat's home, and their friendships grew from those first encounters.

Later, Fay Holzworth joined Pat at a Bible study led by Barb Miller at the Evangelical Free Church. Fay was willing to help with the issue of transportation. Deb Berggren stepped up to help when Fay needed a back up. Pat, Fay, Deb and Glenda, continued to attend the Women's Ministries Bible studies, and their friendships deepened. When Fay and her husband moved to Scottsbluff, Deb and Glenda stepped in

to help Pat attend their weekly Bible study.

Pat says anyone who helps her has to be willing to step up and push her chair, drive her van, and learn about the straps that anchor the chair in her van. One time, some of those straps were forgotten, and as the van came to a stop, Pat and her chair gently laid down. Thankfully, they were able to right both Pat and her chair with the help of some nearby workers, and the women were able to continue on their way.



I Peter 4:11 tell us, "Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ." Deb, Glenda, and Pat have grown in their friendship because of their common love for the Lord. In each other they have found someone they can depend on. They have shown the rest of us that a generous spirit, ongoing commitment and a servant's heart characterize true friendship.

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something they could add their own African flair to. So I watched for sales and bought everything I could think of that would be needed for jewelry-making. I quickly became hooked (no pun intended) and the ladies took to it like bees to honey. We had a great time! I also took card stock, envelopes, water colors, paintbrushes (for handmade greeting cards), and fabric and sewing supplies. I had the time of my life planning how to spend that money, and the ladies were grateful for this boost to their enterprise.

It was a wonderful trip. Sure, there was limited-to-no electricity, no hot water (but we did have indoor plumbing—yea!), 100% humidity, no air conditioning, and "sticky" was a way of life, but what is that when there are such blessings to be had! We thank God for having had the opportunity to go!

# You're Invited...

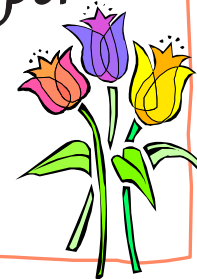
Join us

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

for our annual  
**Women's Spring Salad Supper**

Theme: "Give Me Your Eyes"

Tickets: \$3.00



A-H bring a dessert; I-Z a salad to share  
A missions offering will be taken.

## Show a Little Love

Since February is the month for showing love, the Free Moms group decided to show some love to the residents at the Primrose



Retirement Community by making Valentine cards for them. Glitter, paint, stickers, markers, and of course, love embellished the hearts each child made. The best part of

this project was seeing the resident's faces as the cards were hand-delivered and hearing the words, "Come back again and brighten our day!" The children couldn't leave without giving hugs. Just another way to show a little love—God's love!



## Summer Bible Study

**Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear** by Max Lucado

Classes will meet for six weeks beginning the first week in June. Choose from an early morning class, a "lunch bunch" noon study or an evening fellowship. Watch the bulletin for details.

Questions, call Cheri Medjo at 382-4060.

# Focus on Missions...

## Thanks To Your Generosity....

Thanks to the generous offering taken at the Christmas Dessert Outreach in December, we were able to send a Christmas gift of \$75 to the following missionaries:

Athlee Bowman – Japan  
Donna Burke – Europe  
Geri Henderson – Lithuania  
DeEtta Janz – Germany  
Becky Kompelien – Africa  
Jeanne Nelson – Philippines  
Kate Pepsny – Corvallis, OR  
Renae Peverill – Arab World  
Lori Schlick – Zambia  
Jennie Thengvall — Nebraska

Angela Brown – Russia  
Karen Duell – Denver, CO  
Kathy Hunter – Africa  
Ruth Jensen – Dominican Republic  
Lois McNeill – Russia  
Renee Ortegren Cole – Lincoln, NE  
June Petersen – Mexico  
Kristin Schulte – Latin America  
Judy Snuffer – Global

## Here are some of the responses we received:

"Thanks so much for your gift . . . it is very nice to be remembered in this way."

"Thank you so much for your gift this Christmas. It's so encouraging to know that women back home are praying for me while I'm in the Dominican Republic. I used your gift to get a tetanus shot after getting a cut. It was great timing."

"I really appreciate the extra money at Christmas time and know you have given from your hearts. Thanks for your gift and your care."

"Thank you so much for your gracious Christmas gift to us. God has been so good to supply for us and we are grateful to Him and to you."

"What a blessing! I've already used a portion of the gift to purchase some warmer bedding for our guest bed."

## Elikya Means Hope

Our Women's Ministries recently donated \$800 to help build a caring and training center in the Democratic Republic of Congo called the Elikya Center. The Congolese Evangelical Free Church is building the center on a piece of land near the regional capital of Gemena. **ELIKYA** (Eh-leek-ya) is the Lingala word for **HOPE!** **HOPE** is what this center will provide widows, orphans, unwed mothers and people with disabilities, many of whom struggle to survive due to their lack of education, resources and job skills.

During their 6-12 months stay at the center, residents are taught the marketable skills necessary to earn money and support their families. While receiving training in skills like sewing, embroidery, soap-making, tie-dyeing fabric, macrame, and reading, these women are also transformed by the truths of God's Word. Integrated into the classes is a strong biblical and evangelistic component that gives each person true **HOPE**. As students "graduate" from the center, they not only take their new skills back to their villages, they take the message of the gospel. Please pray for the ministry of **HOPE** at the Elikya Center.

