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ADAPTED FROM A REPORT BY A FORMER CAMA WORKER, WHO NOW PASTORS A REFUGEE MINISTRY IN A U.S. ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Congo—the place where the very first Alliance missionaries were sent in 1884.

He and the Kongs are part of a rich Alliance legacy. Many immigrants to the United States have been embraced, disciplined, and equipped for ministry by Alliance churches before returning to their home cultures with a burden for the lost.

Lumona is already asking about Bible school and pastoral training. He has deep conviction and charisma, and he loves Jesus. We can’t wait to see how God will weave this young man’s life into another beautiful story of His redemptive work around the globe.

Pray for God’s favor and clear direction for Lumona to return to his home country with the good news.

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God Is Moving Among East German Youth

BY KENNY AND KARISSA YOUNG, ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS SERVING IN GERMANY

We are thankful for all who prayed for the 27 teens who attended week two of English Camp! We had an amazing time with a great staff, awesome weather, and yummy food. Most importantly, God worked in the campers' lives. We could share so many stories of teens moving closer to God and growing in their faith. We ask that you pray especially for L, D, and K—three girls who left camp excited to dig deeper into the Bible and share what they learned with their friends and family members, many of whom are nonbelievers. Pray that the fire of their love for God will not wane but burn brightly in their homes, schools, and communities.

Youth group, the house church, and various retreats are some of the main ways we stay connected to people in the area. Pray for wisdom as we continue these relationships and water the seeds planted. Will you join us in asking God for revival in the hearts of the people of northeast Germany? We believe it is beginning with the youth and are so thankful to be a part of what He is doing here!

Days of Heaven on Earth

AN INSPIRATIONAL READING BY ALLIANCE FOUNDER A. B. SIMPSON

Let this be a day of prayer. Let us realize that our highest ministry and power is to deal with God for men. Let us consider every pressure a call to prayer. Let us cultivate the spirit of unceasing prayer and constant communion.

Let us learn the meaning of the ministry of prayer. Through prayer let us reach people this day whom we cannot reach in person. Let us expect results that we have never dared to claim before. Let us count every difficulty only a greater occasion for prayer. And let us call on God, who will show us many great and mighty things which we know not.

And let this also be a day of joy and praise. Let us live in the promises of God and the expectancy of His deliverance and blessing. Let us never dwell on the trial but always on the victory just ahead. Let us not abide in the tomb, but in the garden of Joseph and the light of the resurrection. Let us keep our faces toward the rising sun. *Arise, shine. Rejoice evermore. In everything give thanks. Praise ye the Lord.*

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