

# CALL TO PRAYER

JANUARY 2021



## **A NEW YEAR'S WISH FROM A. B. SIMPSON**

In Jesus' name, we wish for all a happy New Year. In order that it may be so, let it be

### ***A YEAR WITH JESUS.***

Let us seek its plan and direction from Him. Let us take His highest thought and will for us in it. Let us look to Him for our desires, ideals, and expectations in it. Then shall it bring to us exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

### ***A YEAR OF SELF-FORGETTING MINISTRY FOR CHRIST AND OTHERS.***

Let us not be weighed down by our burdens through the year, but be free to carry His yoke and His burden. Let us do good to all as we have opportunity. Especially let us seek to win souls, and may this be the harvest year of our lives.

### ***A YEAR OF PRAYER.***

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communion. Let us reach persons this year we cannot reach in person; let us expect results that we have never dared to claim before.

### ***A YEAR OF JOY AND PRAISE.***

Let us live in the promises of God and the outlook of His deliverance and blessing. Let us never dwell on the trial, but always on the victory. Let us not dwell in the tomb, but in the garden of Joseph and the light of the Resurrection. Arise, shine. Rejoice ever more. In everything give thanks. Praise ye the Lord.

### ***A YEAR TO FORGET THE THINGS THAT ARE BEHIND.***

God has "a new thing" for us in the coming year. "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Let it be a year of deeper, wider, higher, diviner things. Let us hold fast that which we have attained, but go out also to "the regions beyond" and arise and possess the length and breadth of the land which the Lord our God does give to us.

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Wow! This young leader experienced the presence of God in a very palpable way.

Thank you for praying for us. Our hands are open, and they are empty. It is truly God who is meeting these leaders, not our skills or abilities. These young people are Kingdom leaders who will sustain and multiply gospel access in France for decades to come! Pray specifically for wisdom and discernment as we prepare for each session and also during the coaching time. May we have the ability to help participants gain fresh perspective about themselves and who God is and to take steps of faith. Pray also that they will see themselves as

the Father sees them and for clarity and courage to take risks for the Kingdom!

| adapted from updates by Alliance international workers Brett and Céline Bower

### A DIVINE DETOUR

As we begin the New Year, the spread of COVID continues to greatly impact all of us, including where we go, how we work, and with whom we spend our time. This is true for us as Alliance international workers. It’s projected that the borders of Uruguay, our host country, will be closed for the next four months.

After speaking with our Latin America regional director, we’ve been given the opportunity to go to Paraguay during that time. Why Paraguay? While there, we will be able to sharpen our Spanish language learning while immersed in Latin culture and also mentor new South American missionary candidates at The Alliance’s missionary training base in Paraguay.

We’ll arrive in Paraguay the first week of January and stay until Uruguay reopens. Please pray that in this “detour,” God will use us to fulfill His divine purposes in Paraguay. Here are some specifics for which to intercede: good health (no COVID) during our time in Paraguay; a furnished apartment in the community where God wants us to live; and improved Spanish language learning (specifically our conversational Spanish) while in Paraguay. Pray also for Uruguay’s borders to open up.

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