

CALL TO PRAYER

FEBRUARY 2021



DESPERATE FOR HOPE

The Father's heart burns to see the people in my host country come to know Him and the hope and love He has to offer, as does mine. The work here remains unfinished—there is so much left to be done. There are still groups of people who have never heard the good news. There are still new believers who need to be poured into and fellowships that need to be started in so many places.

Where my team serves, men and women climb to the top of a hill overlooking the city to pray near “holy people” buried there and to tie pieces of fabric to a monument at that site. They believe that if they do these things, their prayers will be heard. Many people in this nation feel that God is far off and that they must work to earn His favor or intervention in their lives. In the midst of the pandemic, people are even more desperate for hope. Will you lift them up so they will seek the Father with all of their hearts and find Him? Will you pray that they discover the depth of His love for them and experience the freedom He offers . . . that they will find *hope and a future* in Him?

Please pray also for Angela*, a personal trainer who loves Jesus and wants others to know Him. She wants to start a women's gym in an area of the capital city where no gyms exist. Will you ask God to bless her efforts and raise up a team to work with her as she takes steps to see this happen?

In addition, local leaders in the fellowships here have joined in petitioning the government for permission to publish an updated version of the New Testament. There is an older one, but it's very hard to understand. It's amazing and courageous that these men are willing to put their names on this petition, as it will surely draw government attention. Please join us in praying that the Ministry of Religion will grant their request, that copies of the New Testament will be printed and distributed, and that people will have a hunger to read it.

| by an international worker in a creative-access country

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The Alliance family responded immediately. Partnering with the Alliance church network in Lebanon, the Canadian C&MA, and the Alliance World Fellowship, CAMA services raised more than \$100k to aid families in need. By mid-October, more than 100 homes were repaired, and several other initiatives were formed to further serve the distraught and disenfranchised. The Alliance church network received approval from the Lebanese government to oversee the relief and development of an entire segment of the city. Visitation teams formed; families received care and were prayed for; and progress for gospel access has been established in under-accessed communities. In the epicenter of unimaginable adversity, the Church in Lebanon continues to move forward—proclaiming Jesus, who redeems, restores, and will one day return to reclaim all that has been lost.

Praise God for mobilizing the worldwide Alliance church family to give generously to support the repairs to Alliance churches and the Christian Alliance Institute of Theology (CAIT) following this disaster. The response

has been so encouraging—thanks to all who prayed!

CHRISTIANS IN THE WEST RESPOND TO SENEGAL’S COVID CRISIS

Through the generosity of Alliance donors in the United States, the Netherlands, and Canada, 28 Christian medical centers were equipped to be front-line responders to the coronavirus outbreak in Senegal. These facilities were left with few resources to protect their staff and care for the ill as the government focused its efforts in supporting public health institutions in this West African nation, where 92 percent follow the region’s majority religion. As a result, Senegal’s only Christian hospital had to close its doors due to a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID cases among its staff.

Alliance workers report that despite the financial insecurity many have faced in the West, churches and individuals responded quickly to this great need. Because of their combined efforts, Alliance teams were able to provide funding, PPE, and medical supplies to the hospital, two clinics, and 25 Christian health centers in seven regions across the country that are all active in community outreach and education along with treating patients. Each facility now has the equipment needed to continue providing excellent medical care in Jesus’ name.

As a result, a prayer movement has also been revived among health-care workers. Pray that God will use this movement to draw many to Jesus.



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