

CALL TO PRAYER

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Earlier this year, after several months went by without having any students to tutor, we found ourselves hitting various roadblocks. We would face each situation as it arose and continued going into that neighborhood. Since then, God has expanded our team at the college, and we now offer tutoring two days a week.

One of the obstacles was not having enough children to tutor—even though we had waiting lists in previous years. One day, I received a phone call from a mother asking if we could tutor her young son. They don’t live in the community, but they were willing to meet us at the library. I said “Yes” as I wondered what God was up to. *Is He expanding our reach? Is this what all the trouble was about? God, are you up to something big?*

I took the boy’s tutor to the library. Since I wasn’t needed to tutor anyone, I sat with the boy’s mother. This is what I love to do anyway! Before I knew it, we were having a conversation about what we believe. I was able to clearly present the gospel to her. She listened and later said that she had never talked to a Christian before about what they believe. She told me that she wants to read the Bible!

Praise God for this opportunity, and please pray for this woman. Ask the Lord to give her dreams and visions and reveal Himself to her.

| adapted from an update by an Envision worker

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"No one called the cops! I'd say that was a successful event," our head deaconess said after a children's outreach hosted by our local congregation. It was the first time we had used the small grassy area in front of our storefront church for a kids' program. Lingering COVID restrictions necessitated having it outdoors to reach the dozens of children in our immediate neighborhood.

We are a tiny minority in this eastern European country where it is illegal to share the gospel with children without their parents' permission. Therefore, we've had to find creative ways to communicate the good news of God's love without overstepping our legal bounds.

Taking our children's party outside allowed the whole neighborhood to watch us decorate, provide cookies and treats, and receive our young guests with their parents. Everyone passing by could listen to the program and see the children's excitement as they received their special gifts.

Intercede for those who attended the kids' party as well as people who observed. Pray, too, for all who took evangelistic materials home with them. We hope this will be a big step forward in reaching our neighborhood for Christ!

| by an Alliance international worker serving in Europe



GOD IS MOVING IN CENTRAL ASIA!

Six-and-a-half months ago, we returned to this central Asia location after extended time in the United States due to COVID. Since then, ministry has taken various forms, with more virtual interactions than ever but also with the brief relaxation of rules that has allowed for in-person church, classes, funerals, and other gatherings.

We praise God that in February, the Training Center hosted a Missions Forum for local believers as well as a modular training for the students. Also, thanks to the generosity of Alliance people, we were able to work with local pastors to bless and encourage church leaders, members, and unbelievers, sharing our Father's love by providing meat and coal.

Other exciting things that God has been doing lately include the establishment of several children's small groups by our students and their local churches; the positive response of over 20 prisoners to the message shared by a group of local believers; and new shared ministry visions among Christian leaders across denominations.

We are also grateful for people like you who choose to partner with The Alliance through your prayers and giving to be part of what God is doing, both here and in other parts of the world. Thank you for your faithful intercession!

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