

CALL TO PRAYER

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lasting transformation in the lives of those who are being touched by God."

The Alliance family is praising the Lord for this movement that is spreading to campuses across the country and to some of our gatherings, and we are humbly seeking Him for what He desires to do through this move of the Spirit. In this posture, we extend a call to prayer. Pray for pastors and leaders nationwide who are opening their chapels and sanctuaries for the work of the Spirit. Pray for discernment, wisdom, and rest as they continue to lead their communities.

Pray, too, that a spirit of radical humility and repentance will continue to be evident as this movement continues. Above all, pray that the name of Jesus will be exalted as a result.

This awakening, Tennent observes, "is not about 'this place' or 'that place,' whether Wilmore or any other city. It is about Christ himself. None of us 'owns' this awakening. But all of us must own in our own lives His work and his gracious beckoning to that deeper place. Come, Holy Spirit!"

adapted from an article by Katlyn Giberson, digital marketing director for the U.S. Alliance, and other reports

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On February 6, devastating 7.8 and 7.5-magnitude earthquakes struck throughout Syria and southern Turkey. According to a February 14 news report by Reuters, “The disaster, with a combined death toll in Turkey and neighboring Syria now exceeding 37,000, has ravaged cities in both countries, leaving survivors homeless in the bitter cold, at times sleeping on piles of rubble.”

CAMA Services has been helping to get aid into Turkey through Alliance church partners while working to get funds into Syria to help Alliance churches purchase aid as they care for the victims of these earthquakes within their church buildings. According to the Alliance World Fellowship, churches have been open 24/7 and are working around the clock trying to respond to the overwhelming needs. These include food, medicine, shelter, and heat as winter weather has made recovery efforts difficult. Many rescue workers on the ground have been sleeping outside or in vehicles as they work to find as many survivors as possible before time runs out.

Pray for God’s wisdom as CAMA determines how they can come alongside their local partners in organizing a long-term response to this crisis; for grace, wisdom, and strength for Syria Alliance President Edward Awabdeh, pastors, and church leaders; for protection of rescue workers and healing for the injured; and God’s comfort for those who have lost loved ones.

AN ENCOURAGING REMINDER

My husband and I serve in a location where there are barriers holding people back from following Jesus. A story I read recently encouraged me.

One of the first people to bring the gospel to a tribe here was an Alliance missionary named Bill. Shortly after he and his wife moved into their home, a group of armed men gathered outside. Eventually one man said something to the group, and they all left. The couple didn’t speak the language yet and weren’t sure what had happened.

A year later, a member of the group approached Bill and explained. “We thought you were evil spirits, so we planned to kill you. But one man said, ‘Friends, we should be careful in judging who these strangers are. We all know that a few generations ago, our ancestors prophesied that *hazi* would come to our tribe from the West (*hazi* means something wonderful and everlasting that is desired by all people). They said, ‘Glad is the generation who is alive when *hazi* comes!’ Maybe these foreigners are the ones to bring it to us. Let’s not kill them but wait and see.” Bill and his wife went on to spend 35 years working among that tribe.

This story reminds me that God has been at work in the hearts of people before we ever entered the scene. It fills me with wonder about those I live among and what their story will be as people continue to come to faith. Pray that they will find freedom in Jesus and join us in worshipping Him.

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