

10 HIGHLIGHTS

of God at Work through The Alliance in 2017

More than \$1 Million Given in Aid to Disaster Relief
Through the CAMA Disaster Relief Fund, you helped more
than 75 families in Houston and Florida and 220 families in
Cuba restore or rebuild their homes. You provided food vouchers
in Puerto Rico, and 1,000 earthquake victims in Mexico received
gas tanks and gas vouchers. Your gifts are continuing to allow
the local Alliance church to lead these relief efforts.



2 Syrian Refugees Embraced
In the <u>United States</u>, <u>Europe</u>, and the <u>Middle East</u>, Alliance workers are reaching out to <u>Syrian</u> refugees, providing necessities like food and clothing as well as counseling, education, job

training, and discipleship. In <u>Mafraq</u>, <u>Jordan</u>, distribution of mattresses by Alliance workers has topped 30,000. Every month, 700-800 refugees in <u>Lebanon</u> receive compassionate care.



Bible Soon Available in New Language

Eight million people living in a <u>Central Asian country</u> may soon have access to a Bible in their own language through the efforts of our Alliance workers and their ministry partners. One local woman, when asked to test the translation, exclaimed, "I haven't seen a Bible in 30 years. This is a miracle!"

☐ Gospel Spreads in Mexico Despite Cartel

Our new church plant in <u>Mexico</u> purchased property next to a feared drug cartel boss. "He's killed dozens of people. Don't cross him," a church member warned our international worker. Despite the risks, the congregation baptized 31 people

in the first two years and desires to plant four more churches.

Seeds of Revival Sprout in Europe

Though many think the European church is dying, Alliance workers report that many young Europeans are open to faith. Since The Alliance entered France 40 years ago, 29 churches have been established. Alliance churches in <u>France</u>, <u>Spain</u>, <u>Germany</u>, and <u>Italy</u> regularly baptize and disciple new believers.



Displaced Peoples in Ukraine Find Hope

Rebel fighting in eastern <u>Ukraine</u> forced many area residents to flee to Kiev. In response, Alliance workers in partnership with CAMA—and the support of generous donors—were able to open a center that weekly assists about 350 of these internally displaced people to re-establish their lives in Kiev.



Bongolo Hospital Served 40,000

In 2017, Bongolo Hospital in <u>Gabon, Central Africa</u>, served 40,000 patients and conducted 1,500 surgeries. One cataract-surgery patient exclaimed, "I am most excited to see my wife again—I thank you, and I thank God!" An estimated 2,000 came to Christ as result of this life-giving Alliance ministry.



Gospel Spread in West African Villages

A people group in <u>West Africa</u>, among the world's oral learners, previously had no access to God's Word. Alliance workers helped record several Bible stories in this group's heart language; as a result, the gospel spread rapidly to 11 of their villages and more than 200 adults have received Christ.

Churches Planted Among Addicts

The opioid addiction rate in <u>Ohio</u> is classified as a national emergency. Through Alliance church-planting efforts in Akron, 50 people who struggle with addictions were baptized in 2017. This ministry is set to expand, and Alliance churches are being planted in other states in communities where this crisis is prevalent.

10 Envision Shares Christ Through Multinational Short-Term Teams

In 2017, 1,722 U.S. Alliance people served Jesus at more than 20 Envision sites throughout the world. This past summer, the Envision site in <u>Thailand</u> sent a team of Thai believers to serve at Aroma, a ministry of Envision <u>Taipei</u>, where 55 people came to Christ! In response, Envision Taipei is sending a team of Taiwanese believers to Thailand to share Christ with overlooked people in Bangkok.



