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2024

YEAR-END REPORT

The vision for this ministry first developed in late 2020. In 2022, Alliance 436 formed and became a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to serving missionary laborers with a goal of healthier families and longevity in the field. All of this is ultimately to further the growth of the Kingdom and see every people group represented among believers of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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**From the
Care Team**
at Alliance 436

Welcome Message

Alliance 436 exists to help the church make the early chapters of Acts a reality by catalyzing love among believers, especially those who are faithful in service but under supported. Missionaries are naturally more separated from the church due to the nature of immersion in other cultures. This combined with a lack of proactive care creates high rates of attrition among missional workers.

Just as Barnabas was connected to the early church (Acts 4:36-37) and then bridged the gap with Paul, we stand alongside missional workers to provide ongoing communication, proactive support for their work, and tangible assistance (James 2:16-18).

We believe that believers' radical love for one another is our greatest evangelism tool (John 13:35) and that by fostering communities of care, we are acting in obedience to our Lord's call to see every people, tribe, and tongue reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20, Revelation 7:9). To God be the Glory!

Grateful for your partnership,

Jess, Kayla, Jared, Grant, and Jeremy

Year Overview

In 2024, Alliance 436 actively supported both domestic and international missionary efforts, providing encouragement and resources to partners around the world. Key initiatives included onboarding new partners like a Muslim background believer in Dallas who connects with the underground church in several Middle Eastern countries, and Jon and Annalie who serve in Senegal. We also launched the Missionary Care Partners program which pairs church members with missionaries for regular prayer and support. Additionally, Alliance 436 facilitated several fellowship gatherings for local missionaries and contributed to ministries such as Nexus Neighborhood Outreach and Fearless Love, providing ESL classes and food to refugee families in Dallas.

We made significant progress in our resource development, particularly with the Afghan Dictionary project which is nearing completion and set for publishing in the new year. In addition to donations received to the general fund, our team creatively raised funds through yard sales and an eBay store. In regard to church connections and mobilization, Alliance 436 organized an outreach day in collaboration with the NAMB Serve Tour and hosted Mount Zion Baptist Church for a week of volunteering and equipping. Team members also participated in the Novo Activating Prayer Cohort to deepen their prayer life. Looking ahead, the team plans to attend conferences to promote the dictionary and raise awareness for missionary care.

What we Do

We Provide...

Missionary care customized to the needs of each of our missional partners. We currently have 19 partners, and we receive a new request about once every 2-3 months.

FAQ: Who are our missional partners? Individuals and families God has placed in our path through existing relationships. “Formal” partners have ministry accounts with us for fundraising purposes, and “informal” partners simply receive other supplemental care services over a period of at least 12 months. Our missional partners do not “belong” to Alliance 436, nor are we a sending organization. Many of our partners have affiliations with other organizations. We celebrate this and we’re happy to come alongside!

We Partner...

With **churches**, other **believers**, and **other ministries** to offer as many aspects of care to our missional partners as possible, including but not limited to:

- Proactive communication** via text, email, and messaging apps to stay in touch, regularly pray for, and identify potential needs
- Debriefing opportunities, listening prayer sessions**, and scholarships for Biblical **counseling**
- In-person **fellowship gatherings** and opportunities to **connect with churches** and advance mobilization (for local partners)
- Video calls**, in-person visits through **care trips**, and sending **care packages** for our partners serving overseas or in other North American cities

Areas of Focus:

Local missionary encouragement (those serving in Dallas, TX)

Domestic and international missionary encouragement

Partner support (assisting other mission organizations)

Providing linguistic and ESL resources

Church outreach experiences (mobilizing the church and connecting partners)



Missionary Encouragement

In 2024 we...

...**saved** over \$11,300* in administrative fees for 11 missionary families.

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We assist missional workers in unique situations by giving them an online platform to receive funds. Because it is our mission to be a blessing to these faithful servants, we do not charge any overhead or admin fees. We rely on generous donations to our general fund or "annual campaign" to cover these expenses.

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...**made** three care trips (Los Angeles and Houston 2x) to visit partners in other cities and sent or delivered four care packages to missional partners.

...**served** about **45 local missionary partners** at three different fellowship gatherings where we provided a meal and opportunities for prayer and connection between believers from different denominations, churches, and mission organizations.

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...**assisted** missional partners to save roughly \$2500 through our tax and financial coaching program.

...**provided** two missionary benevolence gifts to families with specific needs.

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*Total amount based on an approximate average of 10% admin fees charged by mission sending organizations and funds received through 12/4/2024 prorated for the remaining 27 days of the year (i.e. we expect to receive \$113,000 in total designated funds for ministry accounts).

Partner Support

Working together to encourage Christians and serve the lost

1

During the first half of the year, we partnered with Nexus Neighborhood outreach to teach ESL classes to refugee families in Northeast Dallas. Classes were held twice a week and over 30 refugee families were assisted through this program.

2

Fearless Love is a Dallas-based ministry that serves refugee families with bi-monthly food distribution. We got to partner on several occasions by helping recruit volunteers and providing a meal for volunteers at one of the food distribution days.

3

In Spring 2024, We launched our inaugural “Missional Financial Wellness” class--a five-week virtual seminar designed to help missional workers maximize financial opportunities and be good stewards of the financial resources with which they have been entrusted.

FAQ: What is the difference between missionary encouragement and partner support?

Missionary encouragement focuses on individual and family units, whereas partner support involves coming alongside other ministry organizations. However, there is a lot of overlap since these organizations are often small and our involvement is a personal encouragement to the leaders.



We are also excited to be a founding partner of the **DFW Diaspora Coalition**, which strives to create connections between missional leaders in Dallas and help **mobilize believers** into ministry to the diverse people groups living in the area.

Missional Resources

One of the ways we can stand with our missional partners is to provide print and media such as Bibles in different languages or helpful books and tracts for cross cultural ministry. In many cases, we do not create or even purchase these resources but serve as a conduit for distribution.

The Afghan dictionary is different as we are overseeing the project from start to finish. This is a resource designed to help mobilize Christians to reach their Afghan neighbors.

The dictionary includes **English, Pashto, and Dari**. We have received help from Afghans to complete the project. We are just waiting on the graphic design work and hope to publish in early 2025.



Over **1,000 photos** have been collected, and all of the files were converted into the proper format. The dictionary is currently being edited by a professional graphic designer. This was made possible due to some generous grants from ROCC and EPC World Outreach.

This tool is specifically designed to help Afghan **refugees learn English**.

Beginner's
Language
Dictionary

English · Pashto · Dari

Three Languages



ESL Learning Aid

FAQ: Who is the Afghan dictionary for?

While Afghans will be the end recipients, this is designed to help empower believers who want to serve Afghans. The dictionary can be a way to break the ice with new relationships or a gift for older friendships.

Church Outreach Experiences

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Our “church outreach” initiatives serve three purposes:

- Engage in evangelism and discipleship
- Equip, mobilize, and cast vision among believers
- Connect missional partners with churches and church members to help grow their support networks

In 2024, we had two major outreach experience opportunities.

Serve Tour

In partnership with the North American Mission Board, we hosted a group of about 20 volunteers to partner with a recently planted Arabic-speaking congregation to prepare and give gift baskets to refugee families in Dallas.

2024 City Mission Excursion

We welcomed a group of 12 from Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Huntsville, AL) to join us for a week of training, outreach, and fellowship. We partnered with several local organizations and missional partners for the purpose of serving and learning.

This was the fourth year our team hosted a church outside of Dallas to explore missional opportunities right here in the United States and also to connect the body of Christ. Favorite moments from these experiences include mosque visits, eating ethnic Arab and Afghan food, and joining with a local church or organization to help facilitate an outreach event.





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Our Finances

Fundraising for this type of ministry is a challenge. At times, we've struggled to articulate what exactly we do because of the broad range of care we provide that is uniquely personal to each missional partner. We are also hesitant to make asks because we don't want to compete with the donations that go to our missional partners or their sending organizations. In 2024, we expect to receive over \$115,000 in total gifts. The bulk of that is designated for accounts of our missionary partners, and very little is available for our administration and operations such as our gatherings, care trips, and other care-related services.

Innovation

For these reasons and out of our desire to be good stewards, we are diligent in pursuing creative fundraising opportunities such as utilizing an ebay store and yard sales to resell donated items, recycling ink cartridges, and benefiting from online donation programs like Give with Bing that allow friends to support our ministry without giving cash.

Stewardship

Whether it's taking advantage of high yield savings and CD accounts for funds in holding or using tax exemptions and discounts to stretch the dollar, we work hard to manage everything we have been entrusted with well. We are also blessed to have been donated a custom accounting and database system from a dear brother which eliminates the need to pay for expensive software tailored to charity organizations.

Generosity

Despite those efforts mentioned, the biggest source of funding for all of our ministry initiatives is the generosity of believers who agree with this ministry work.

Get Involved

If you like what you see and want to grow the emphasis of love between believers starting with encouraging missionaries, we would love to get your help! Here are a few practical ways you can support our ministry:

1

Pray. We believe prayer isn't just a substitute for "greater" forms of involvement. Prayer is central to this ministry which was birthed out of prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit. We cannot exist separated from the Lord's discernment, and we implore you to pray for our planning, our activities, our missional partners, and also for the strength of our own spiritual walks and physical needs.

2

Give time. We are a fledgling organization, and we need help with just about every aspect of our ministry. If you live in the Dallas area, you can assist with our local initiatives. If you are anywhere else, there are ways to get involved virtually, such as helping us redesign our website, proofreading emails, or just jumping on video calls to pray and give counsel. To start, just reach out to us at office@alliance436.org.

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Give financially. The services we provide to missional partners would not be possible without the gifts to our general fund or Annual Campaign. Not only do these gifts "keep the lights on," they help to support the vision of providing unexpected but much needed care: trips to visit partners, opportunities to share our new Afghan dictionary nationally, care packages, meals, benevolence donations, and more! Right now, we have a large need for monthly or quarterly gifts, even if small, to help us have consistent income throughout the year.

FAQ: Do you have a fundraising goal?

Yes! In addition to receiving generous gifts for our missional partners, our goal is **raising \$20k for our 2025 Annual Campaign** which supports all of our operations. If you would like to contribute, please visit www.alliance436.org/donate. There are options for online giving as well as by check. There are also ways to give without giving money such as by using **Give with Bing** and promoting our ebay store. For any giving questions, reach out to giving@alliance436.org.

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*We look
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FAQ: Ministry to refugees is mentioned a lot. Who are refugees and what is the connection to a ministry of missionary care?

Refugees are people who have fled their country due to violence and persecution. Most refugees come from areas of the world where there is little gospel presence. Alliance 436 was started by folks who were already invested in ministry to refugees, and we continue to minister to them. We've found that supporting fellow missionaries and ethnic background believers has opened many doors, and the growing collaboration only increases opportunities to advance the gospel!