



THE *Able* LIFE

Stories of ordinary people in the Carmel family cultivating lives which abide in Christ to build relationships and live the Gospel with everything.

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TAKING THE LEAP

Be encouraged and challenged - in the midst of a season of disruption, men and women of God are walking in obedience through the doors God is opening for them, even when that means moving to another continent!

Meet Carmel's latest missionary partner, A & A*, who will move to the Middle East in late summer or early fall to work with nationals in a local church, focusing on building and growing a healthy disciple-making youth ministry. Both A & A grew up in Christian homes and came to faith in Jesus in high school. Each felt led toward ministry, served as interns at their home church and have a heart for the impact possible through the local church.

A & A have always had a passion for missions but never knew what missions could look like for them. Carmel often works in partnership with other Charlotte-area churches, including A & A's home church in Union County. After their home church visited another Carmel partner in the Middle East in February 2019, the Middle Eastern church requested that a young couple be sent to support their youth ministry program. *"As the church staff was flying home, the Lord brought our names to mind. Shortly after, we met with the staff and they shared with us*



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Matthew 28:19-20

*Due to security concerns in the area in which they will be serving, only initials will be used.



the opportunity to work with our Middle Eastern partner church in their youth ministry program. For about a month, we prayed and sought the Lord's guidance, determining that He did indeed call us to do ministry cross-culturally." From that point, a deep passion for students in the Middle East was ignited in them both. In their own words, "Our story isn't some amazing calling from heaven, but simply answering a call as we felt the Spirit lead."



A & A plan to take the leap to the Middle East at the end of August. Their first year will be spent beginning to learn Middle Eastern culture and language. While their "official" move is up in the air due to COVID restrictions, they are most excited about beginning to work with the students at their partner church. Even now, they have been able to have a few Zoom meetings with them, and are eager to jump into in-person ministry.

Join the Nations team in praying for A & A as they launch into international ministry. A few of A & A's key prayer requests are:

- Pray for their full funding to come in so they will be cleared to leave as soon as they are able in August.
- Pray for their families who are sending them out, pray for peace for their family members, as well as A & A as they go.
- Pray for ears to hear, tongues to speak the language and hearts to understand as they step into language and culture study this Fall.
- Pray for their ministry opportunities - both through online technology in their season here and after their arrival in the Middle East.
- Pray for traveling mercies for A & A - pray for peace in the process and simply that all that is going on in the world right now would not delay their departure.

If you would like to stay up-to-date with A & A as they prepare to move, email [Dawn Morton](mailto:Dawn.Morton@nations.org), Missional Outreach Ministry Assistant (Nations).



Carmel is committed to making disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations.

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