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Alpha

In Honor of St. Valentine's Day... Please share God's love through Alpha.

Dear reader,

I know you believe in Alpha and how it has been such an incredible tool to introduce people to Jesus or to revitalize their faith. Our country is in crisis now. Young people are leaving the church by millions and recent research by the Barna Group reveals that even evangelical millennial Christians say they do not believe they should share their faith with others, even though it has changed their lives!

As you know, one of my strongest projects in Alpha South Carolina is to help high schools and campuses offer Alpha courses. Your financial contribution will bring many more people into a faith relationship with Jesus, like these two students:



"When I first arrived at The Citadel I decided to begin attending the Alpha study in addition to our weekly worship gathering. When I heard Nicky Gumbel's rational, down to earth, heartfelt lessons I was hooked. Alpha provides everything from historical evidence of Jesus' life to the most intimate personal testimonies. This year I returned as a table leader and I am proud to bring my freshmen to Alpha every Thursday knowing that they will be receiving a good meal, and a great message."

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"Alpha overall has helped me and my relationship with God so much. I feel like every time I got to sit down and discuss with the group there was an undeniable presence that filled the room. I loved getting to further my relationship and continue working on it now. My favorite topic we have discussed/watched has for sure been the Holy Spirit. The way the video explains things really helped me fully grasp the ideas. The discussions we had from those lessons really made me feel the closest to God than I had in a while."

Grace M., ninth grade student

Of course, I also work with prisons, churches and other organizations. But I need your help. We cannot continue this ministry without funding. Our needs are urgent.

Recently one of our supporters wrote a letter to her contacts and has asked me to send it to you as well. We hope that her words will encourage you to help support the ministry.

"I am writing to you on behalf of a ministry which I have supported for many years and one which I believe is truly worthy of your support as well, Alpha in South Carolina."

Margaret Cotton is our local missionary in this ministry. Over the past 10 years, she has developed the use of Alpha in about 5 churches when she started, to nearly 200, today! Additionally, she has developed Alpha courses at The Citadel, Coastal Carolina, USC Aiken, College of Charleston and Clemson, to name a few. She has also brought in national youth speakers yearly to inform and inspire youth pastors and leaders.

All of these projects require funding and also to give her an income on which to live. Many of you know her story – that she first participated not long after the death of her beloved husband, and how Jesus, through Alpha, transformed her life. She has a passion for this ministry.

I, too, have an Alpha story. After the death of my husband, I was surrounded by love and support at my church. I attended Alpha and it was transforming for me as well. When I eventually started to date again, I told my potential husband that he needed to take Alpha as well! He did, and this year we celebrated seven years of marriage!

I am prayerfully asking you to make a contribution to the Alpha ministry. I realize there are many charities that are worthy of support, but Alpha is one which has the power, through Jesus, to transform people's lives and thus, has eternal benefits. If you have given before, I encourage you to make an additional donation to support Margaret's work. If you have never given, will you please find it in your heart to support this worthy ministry? All contributions are tax deductible and I hope you will be generous!"

If you feel led to contribute, you may send your contribution to Alpha South Carolina, 1928 Davant Circle, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 or you may use PayPal or a credit card by going to the website: www.alphasc.org and clicking on the donate button."



Sincerely,
Nancy Barker

I pray you enjoyed what others have said and will prayerfully consider giving a financial gift to Alpha South Carolina.

Margaret Cotton, Missionary
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