

Alpha South Carolina

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I pray you are staying well and safe during this challenging time.

Not only have we dealt with Covid-19, but now aside from the peaceful and important demonstrations, we see horrendous rioting and looting after the incredible tragedy of the death of George Floyd.

We are in an unprecedented time but **in the midst of it all, Jesus prevails! His love is the only thing that can truly bring peace in these confusing times.** Right now we need Jesus more than anything and many folks are searching for meaning and are hungry for community.



Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director

You have an opportunity to see so many more people come into a relationship with Jesus. We are told to go and make disciples! This world, our country and our own areas are ripe for evangelization.

***“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”***

Romans 10:14

Alpha Online

We are seeing amazing results worldwide with Alpha Online. Currently 156 countries are running online and in such diverse areas as Asia and the Middle East as well as Europe. Some are areas where running an Alpha or even having church services is restricted. With people able to participate in the comfort of their homes or anywhere, thousands of people are learning about Jesus through Alpha.

In the US we have some incredible statistics as well.

Comparing March through May, 2019 with that same period this year, we see:

- A 17% increase in courses registered
- An 11% increase in churches
- Of those churches, 41% are new to Alpha!

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Alpha Online (*continued*)

Friends, we have an incredible opportunity right now. Alpha Online is easy to run and there is plenty of training. Materials are all at no cost to you and once you register online at www.alphausa.org you will have access to tons of information. You can still show the videos, break into small groups and even have a prayer room. You can run Alpha Online at your church, in your home or wherever you want! Initially, many of us thought Alpha Online would not work as well as an Alpha in person.

Click here to see what Alpha developer, Nicky Gumbel, had to say:

[Message from Nicky Gumbel](#)

Many of you are running your church services online, but here is another way to engage your congregation and their friends and family, some of whom do not know Jesus. People are hungry for community and open to having conversations about faith. **Do not let this opportunity go by! If you have never run Alpha, now is the time!**

Please contact me and I will help you get started.

The Evangelism Gathering update

We made the very difficult decision to cancel our gathering in October.

With so much still unknown about where things will be with Covid-19 in relation to travel and to large gatherings, we felt we needed to cancel. There were many great topics and speakers lined up and we are all disappointed as I know many of you are as well. Once we get into next year, we will revisit the possibilities.

Prayer

On the first of each month we hold a prayer call on which all are welcome to join. Please consider joining us or sending in prayer requests. Also, please know that if you want to contact me directly with specific prayer requests, I will personally pray for you, as I have been doing with the 100 or so pastors with whom I often work. I am happy to pray for healing, for work situations or decisions you are trying to make. Just shoot me an email.

Our call in number is 605-313-5107 Access code 656709#.

Help our ministry grow

We do not receive funding from Alpha USA or Alpha International. All contributions given here are used here. Please consider helping us to continue this important work. As many of our campuses will be starting back this fall, we are continuing our commitment to help them financially, so your generosity will help us in that as well. We would be honored to count you among our champions.

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