

# MISSION FRIENDS



April 2020

Ministry in North  
Africa and Middle East

Mrs. Mary Alan and her husband, Don, help people in North Africa and the Middle East.

The Alans have four children—Sam, Alice, Tom, and Molly, who all live in the United States now.

Mrs. Alan grew up in another country, where her parents were missionaries. The Alans serve as leaders who encourage

other special workers in the region. They help people in need find medical care, housing and food.

Pray for the Alans, as they miss their children who live far from them and as they encourage others, help the people and tell them about Jesus' love.

Pray for the many people in North Africa and the Middle East who do not know Jesus.









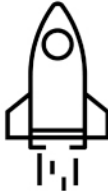

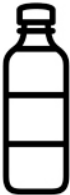



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April Families on Mission Calendar  
 Special Workers: Don and Mary Alan\*  
 Missions Area: North Africa and Middle East  
 Concept Area: Bible

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Find Things the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Has Provided</b>            Look at the pictures. Money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps Special Workers like Don and Mary Alan get the things they need. Can you find some of those items ?</p>			<p><b>1</b>            Mary and Don Alan give Bibles to people, so they can learn about Jesus. <b>Open the Bible and read:</b> The Bible tells us about Jesus (see 2 Tim. 3:15)</p>	<p><b>2</b>            Do an Easter craft with your child. Mrs. Alan and her daughters enjoy doing crafts.</p>	<p><b>3</b>            Pray for Mrs. Mary Alan, her husband Don, and their children. The children are grown-ups and live far from their parents.</p>	<p><b>4</b>            Roll or kick a soccer ball with your child. Say: Boys in North Africa and the Middle East like to play soccer.</p>
<p><b>5</b>            Invite a neighbor to attend church with you on Easter Sunday.</p>	<p><b>6</b>              Bibles</p>	<p><b>7</b>            Let your child help you cook, clean, or help with other chores at. Girls in North Africa and the Middle East start helping at home when they are young.</p>	<p><b>8</b>              medicine</p>	<p><b>9</b>            Sing songs about the Bible, such as "The B-I-B-L-E," or make up your own. For example, sing "The Bible is a special book, special book, special book; the Bible is a special book, it tells that God loves me" to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."</p>	<p><b>10</b>              butterfly</p>	<p><b>11</b>            Download and read <i>Thank You, God, for My Bible/Gracias, Dios, por mi Biblia.</i></p>
<p><b>12</b>            Serve dinner like some do in North Africa and the Middle East. Put a platter of chicken and rice in the center of the table. Let everyone eat from the platter.</p>	<p><b>13</b>              transportation</p>	<p><b>14</b>            Do something kind for an international family in your church or community.</p>	<p><b>15</b>              cat</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Open the Bible and read:</b> Help one another (see Gal. 5:13).</p>	<p><b>17</b>            Practice saying "God loves you" in the language where Mrs. Alan lives. (Allah ya HABak)</p>	<p><b>18</b>              food</p>
<p><b>19</b>              flower</p>	<p><b>20</b>            Show your child your Bible. Talk about what a special book the Bible is. Let your child show you his Bible and choose stories for you to read.</p>	<p><b>21</b>              housing</p>	<p><b>22</b>            Play a game with your child. When the Alans held meetings in their home, their children played games with their guests' children.</p>	<p><b>23</b>              rocket ship</p>	<p><b>24</b>            Have a picnic. Spread a blanket, and eat yogurt and pita bread. Tell the children that these are foods eaten in North Africa and the Middle East.</p>	<p><b>25</b>            Look online at pictures of keffiyehs and hijabs. Mrs. Alan sees men and women wearing scarves like these.</p>
<p><b>26</b>            Go on a walk or hike with your child. The Alan family likes to go hiking in the mountains.</p>	<p><b>27</b>              school supplies</p>	<p><b>28</b>            Let your preschooler smell turmeric. When Mrs. Alan cooks rice, she likes to put turmeric in it to make it yellow.</p>	<p><b>29</b>              clean water</p>	<p><b>30</b>            Pray that people in North Africa and Middle East will want to learn about Jesus.</p>	<p>  <b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b></p>	

\*Borrow from your child's Mission Friends class or church library; or order from [wmustore.com](http://wmustore.com).