



BREAKING THROUGH: A CALL TO LOUISIANA MISSIONS

A Two-Person Worship Reading for the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering

READER 1: Jesus was there.

READER 2: The room was full.

READER 1: The doors were blocked. Their paralyzed friend had no way to reach Jesus.

READER 1: But they refused to be stopped by what seemed impossible.

READER 2: They climbed to the roof, broke through the ceiling, and lowered their friend to the feet of Jesus.

READER 1: And in that moment of determination and faith, a life was transformed.

READER 2: Today across Louisiana, people wait to encounter Jesus.

READER 1: Around bayous and rivers

READER 2: In neighborhoods devastated by hurricanes and floods...

READER 1: In colleges where international students search for meaning...

READER 2: In cities where poverty creates walls of separation...

READER 1: Jesus' words echo across centuries: "We must go to the nearby towns, so that I can tell the good news to those people."

READER 2: "This is why I have come."

READER 1: This is why we come together today – to continue Christ's mission in Louisiana.

READER 2: Like those four faithful friends, we are called to break through barriers that separate people from Jesus.

READER 1: Some barriers are physical – disaster, poverty, lack of access.

READER 2: Some barriers are social – cultural differences, language, misunderstanding.

READER 1: Some barriers are spiritual – doubt, disillusionment, indifference.

READER 2: Through the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering, we become like those determined friends.

READER 1: We create pathways where there seem to be none.

READER 2: We lower people to the feet of Jesus where transformation happens.

READER 1: Our gifts fund disaster relief teams who respond when storms devastate communities.

READER 2: Our gifts plant churches in areas where the gospel light has dimmed.

READER 1: Our gifts train ministers who share hope in ways that bridge cultural divides.

READER 2: Our gifts support compassion ministries that meet tangible needs with Christ's love.

READER 1: This is why we give.

READER 2: This is why we go.

READER 1: Because the mission Jesus declared is now our mission.

READER 2: "We must go to the nearby towns, so that we can tell the good news to those people."

READER 1: Across Louisiana, communities wait for breakthrough moments.

READER 2: Moments when barriers fall and people encounter the living Christ.

READER 1: Moments of healing, restoration, and transformation.



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READER 2: Moments that will cause others to say, "We have never seen anything like this!"

READER 1: Today, we have the opportunity to be like those four friends on the roof.

READER 2: Determined. Resourceful. Faithful. United in purpose.

READER 1: What barriers will we break through together?
Reader 2: What lives will be transformed because we refused to let obstacles stand in the way?

READER 1: As we consider our gifts to the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering...

READER 2: Let us remember the lessons of those who broke through the roof.

READER 1: May our giving reflect their determination.

READER 2: May our prayers echo their faith.

READER 1: May our hearts share their compassion.

READER 2: And may communities across Louisiana experience the breakthrough power of Christ's love through our unified mission.

READER 1: This is why we have come.

TOGETHER: This is why we give.