

Allen's April Conferences Throughout much of the past two months, I have been traveling for meetings. So when I sat down to decide what to write to you this month, it was a bit of a struggle. After all, who wants to read about someone else's meetings? But I praise God how these meetings all reflected God being at work! The Lord is active, giving us more opportunity to reach North Africans at the ports: increasing the number and frequency of the boats going to ports in southern France, Italy, and eastern Spain; even dramatically increasing the size of some ports, like in Motril. God's hand has been in these changes. The Lord is also mobilizing local Christians and churches near these ports to reach out to the traveling, spiritually hungry North Africans. God is bringing together the resources, including the materials we give away, and sending them where they need to be. The Lord has even enabled us to help partners reach out to the refugees flooding into Europe from the Middle East. He is also raising up Arabic-speaking Christians to help us talk with the travelers on the ports and to help us follow up with contacts made there. **Thank you for praying** for all these things!

Please continue to pray:

*For recruitment of distribution teams and team leaders. We need many more participants to come and help!

*For timely arrival of the New Testaments for our packet preparation sessions throughout May.

*For recruitment and placement of evangelism teams, and for everyone to receive their travel visas.

*For wisdom and guidance as we sort through legal/financial details for our ministry: there are some new tax laws here, which we don't know apply to us or not; and we need to be able to open a ministry account at a new bank.



One Conference Story A Middle Eastern woman who has helped with Operation Transit here several times told us a story about her brother-in-law: *When he was 8, he saw a New Testament at his uncle's house. He asked his uncle where he had gotten it: "At the border with Spain." The boy then asked his uncle if he could have it. "Yes." He began reading it, liked it, and even told his father about what he was reading. His father became angry, took the New Testament and destroyed it. Years later, when he was 13, the same boy was walking through an open market with lots of tables with items for sale spread across them: he saw that same New Testament being sold! [This used to happen more often: people would get Bibles from us for free and then sell them in their own country for about two dollars.] He did not have any money, but he wanted it so much he sold his watch so that he could buy the New Testament. He read it and placed his trust in Jesus. He told his father, who said he would throw him out of the house if he stayed a Christian. The boy chose Jesus and ended up living under a bridge for 5 years. Some other Christians found him, somehow, and helped him go to university. He ended up in Bible school in Beirut [where he met his wife]. Now he serves the Lord in his own country with Child Evangelism Fellowship, a partnering agency in our work. Thank you for praying and for being part of the .1% of all Christian giving that goes directly to bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the least-reached in the world (<http://aboutmissions.org/statistics.html>).*

The Kids' MK2MK Summer Project

Josiah, Phoebe and Thomas have all been accepted to participate in Christian mission work in South Africa this coming summer! From mid-July to mid-August, our kids will join other high-school MKs (Missionary Kids) from around the world to partner with a local Zulu church, working together with that church's youth group in community outreach. They will also be mentored by college-age MKs as they learn to trust the Lord in new ways and see how God can use each of their unique gifts in His work. But first they are trusting the Lord for all their funds and paperwork! It will cost about \$4,000 for each of them to go, including airfare, and they have more than half of it left to raise by June. Please check out their webpage: give.cru.org/0870599 And please pray for our kids (and their parents!) as we trust the Lord together for this big step!



Deedee Leading Prayer

Deedee has been quite busy as Operation Transit's Prayer Coordinator!

We just had our Worldwide Day of Prayer, when our staff and volunteers everywhere take time together to praise God, to thank Him for His blessings and for His work, and to pray that His Kingdom would be built and His will be done here on Earth as it is in heaven. Deedee led that time for us here at a local church which overlooks the port. The group came from over a half dozen different countries, including Spain; it was so encouraging to spend the day meeting with the Lord together!

Right before the Day of Prayer, we had a leadership conference in Malaga. It went well, by the grace of God, despite less advance planning time than usual. The people we asked to lead devotions fit right into the needs and topics of each day. Deedee did a great job leading Saturday's seminar on how and why to train our volunteers in prayer, and also leading our concluding prayer time on Sunday.

