

News from Allen and Deedee

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Serving with Operation Transit in Spain

Dear friends and family, Happy **Summer!**

It is hard to believe that it is July already; this year is going by so quickly! I have been traveling a great deal for my financial work for our Area Office; meanwhile, also wrapping up work here for the close of fiscal year, and finalizing logistics in preparation for all our summer outreach.



Last week the kids finished the school year; this week we got their grades and turned in their books. They all did well, and Josiah was promoted to the bachillerato program (the equivalent of 11th and 12th grade, at a different school). We enjoyed the graduation celebration (see photo), and started thinking about when we should take the kids to look at universities... soon!

Now it is only two weeks before the kids' month-long mission trip to South Africa. They were very excited to see the Lord bring in all their financial support! I had just mailed out their latest batch of thank-you cards and worked out how much more they needed to raise, when they received an email from one of my friends from college. He asked how they were doing and how much they still needed; they told him, and he and his wife pledged the entire remaining amount! Josiah, Phoebe and Thomas have their plane tickets and are starting to pack their winter clothes for the trip. **Thank you for praying for them! We are trusting God to keep them safe, to teach them a lot, and to bless many other people through their work.**

Operation Transit's summer outreach has already begun at several different ports. Recruiting from outside of Europe was really difficult this year, but we are very encouraged by local church participation. In Alicante, two of our colleagues just trained 57 local Christians to help with the port outreach there! We also praise God for our current staff team and the arrival of a new member. We are glad she is here, and the Lord has already been blessing her work with our team in Malaga this summer. We also thank the Lord for all the other Christian workers and long-term volunteers who are helping throughout the summer. **Please pray** that the Lord would give all our teams both the freedom and the resources to reach the thousands of North Africans traveling through port cities in Spain, France, and Italy. **Please continue to pray for us as we each do our part in this work!** Please pray for the South Africans helping with our distribution in Tarifa, and for the team of North African Christians ministering in Genoa. Pray also for the Arabic-speaking evangelism team and the North American distribution team, both working in Marseille. Please pray for God to bless all of Operation Transit's work this summer! **Thank you** again for your prayers, encouragement, and help, which make such a difference here! God bless you!



The kids gave me a lawn chair for Father's Day.

Serving Jesus with you,

Allen and Deedee