

SERVING IN SPAIN WITH OPERATION TRANSIT

Dear Friends,

I recently attended our North Africa/Middle East Area Leadership Conference, along with the rest of our ministry's leadership team and several hundred other full-time Christian workers serving 19 countries in our region. For the first time, our entire Area Finance Team also had special meetings there. The overall



Deedee was at the same conference center a few days before me, to meet with the other Area Prayer Coordinators for encouragement, inspiration, brainstorming, and prayer before the rest of the conference began. During the one day we were both there, our three teenagers did a great job taking care of themselves (and of our turtle) back home in Spain!



conference theme was "Transform Toward the Goal." We talked about working toward fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and about changing to do this better. We discussed partnership, discipleship, working and growing together, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in each of us rather than depending on ourselves. I got home with quite a long to-do list from the conference, including preparing for more evangelism teams from the Middle East than we originally expected! (Please pray they all get their needed travel visas).

Meanwhile, Operation Transit's outreach has been going well, with volunteers coming from near and far to help reach North African travelers with the Gospel. This past month some of our team-members began a training program for local congregations getting involved in our work. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for all of these people, and for this opportunity to work together. We've been excited to see some local churches regularly ministering on the ports in their cities. Please pray that this would happen more, specifically in Motril, Alicante, Tarifa, and Valencia.

Earlier this month, some North African Christian leaders travelled from their own country to Marseille, France, to meet with new believers there. In addition to following up with their fellow countrymen and encouraging them in the Lord, they made arrangements to return this summer with an evangelism team. This team of Christian students will get both training and practice in ministry, with freedom to talk about Jesus with people in the city and on the port. **Thank you for helping make all this exciting work possible through your prayers and support!**

*Together we serve,* Allen and Deedee

Happy Easter!

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure."

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:1-3, 16-18 (NIV)

