

News from Allen and Deedee, July 25, 2018

It's summertime, travelers are everywhere, and Operation Transit's port outreaches are now in full swing. Where we live, just about anywhere you go, you can see people headed towards North Africa, their cars stacked high with luggage on top. I imagine we'll look a lot like that when we take our kids to college (the first one just a month from now!).

Recently, when I pulled into a local gas station to get a new bottle of butane for our water heater, I met a North African traveler fueling up his heavily-laden car. As I put the big orange butane bottle in our trunk, I pulled out a New Testament packet and offered it to the man, explaining what it was. He accepted the gift gladly!

As times change and technology changes, we are grateful that the Lord gives us the wisdom to develop new tools to share His Word, which lasts forever! This is the second summer that all our teams are giving away a digital version of the New Testament and other materials on a USB thumb drive, along with the traditional packets. At several ports, we are also distributing a new book illustrating Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) with beautiful calligraphy.



On several occasions, travelers from different North African countries told distribution team members that they spoke a Berber dialect. When shown their own languages on the **Magdalena** DVD, each of these young men was glad to accept the entire Gospel packet.

Another North African traveler initially rejected the packet, but once he understood that it was a free gift, he went back and got one. He had genuine questions about the authenticity of the Bible, many of which the distributor was able to answer. The traveler was happy to read the chapter on this very subject in the Josh McDowell book **More Than a Carpenter**, and he said he was excited to read the New Testament for himself.

Thank you for praying for us and for the work here! Please keep praying for God to be glorified in our lives and ministry, especially in the details, as I (Allen) continue to organize logistics and finances. Every year brings its own particular challenges! At one port this summer, the housing we planned to use for the outreach team suddenly became unavailable right before the team arrived. At two other ports, local people who were leading the work had to decrease their involvement because of sudden changes in personal circumstances. The teams' working relationships with port officials have been excellent at some locations, and quite difficult in others. *Please pray that our teams would have access to all the travelers going through the ports.* Finally, every summer, some of our evangelism team volunteers have great difficulty getting their visas to travel here from their home countries in North Africa or the Middle East. *Please keep praying that our evangelists would get their visas!* We are thankful to have one Middle Eastern team here in Spain now, with another scheduled to arrive at the beginning of August. An evangelism team from North Africa is scheduled to arrive to work at a port city in France later this week. **Please pray for all the outreach in Tarifa, Ceuta, Algeciras, Malaga, Melilla, Motril, Almeria, Alicante, Barcelona, and Marseille, as well as for ongoing work in Lyon, Paris, Madrid, and Milan.**

Please keep praying for Deedee as she is quite busy writing and posting Operation Transit's various weekly and monthly prayer updates. And pray for Josiah, Phoebe, and Thomas, as they sort through their old things to decide what to give away, what to keep, and — in Josiah's case — what to bring to Michigan. It will be a big transition.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) assures us: "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Thank you so very much for your partnership with us. All your prayers, support, and encouragement help us to not grow weary! Together we serve,

Allen and Deedee

