

Dear praying friends, family, and ministry partners, **Thank you** for all your love, prayers, support, and encouragement! You are a great blessing to us, and you make our work here possible.

Autumn is progressing quickly. The kids are immersed in their studies, and Deedee and I are keeping up with all our ministry responsibilities as the new annual cycle begins.

Unlike their Spanish classmates, who can't consider any university until they successfully complete all their baccalaureate work, Phoebe and Thomas have been quite busy with U.S. college applications right along with their heavy load of senior year classes. Their October began with FAFSAs and SATs, and it continues with university entry forms and essays.

Please pray for them to successfully submit all of their applications before the end of the month, and for us to get their high school transcripts sent with translation and without problems!



October also opened with our organization's Worldwide Day of Prayer; an event which Deedee gets to lead our team through every April and October. This time our logistics were more challenging because our regular participants were scattered between five cities in three different continents. So Deedee set up a "prayer chain" for our team, with each couple or individual taking a turn to pray for two hours, covering the entire working day. She provided us with a two-hour-plus prayer guide of scriptures, meditation, and requests for our area and for our ministry; our theme was "We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19)."

Prayer really does make a difference for our ministry! We cannot know everything that has happened over the years as a result of North African travelers accepting more than 12 million Bibles and other materials; but the few stories we do hear give us a motivating glimpse of how God is working in people's lives. A house church leader in one North African country reported that for 70% of the new believers in his country, their stories of coming to Christ begin with them accepting Christian material from a port city outreach.

Church groups and other volunteers who come to help give away Bibles also report answered prayer: One team this summer noticed that whenever one volunteer prayed for specific cars, the travelers in those same cars accepted Gospel packets. A traveler at another port said, "I have always wanted my own Injil [New Testament]," and kissed his new Bible!

Please keep praying for everyone who has heard God's Word through this outreach: Pray that entire families would experience God's truth, grace, love, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ; and pray that they would grow in their faith.

Please pray for two important meetings I have coming up in November. The first will evaluate and improve the way we use digital tools—including the USB version of the Gospel packet, our on-line presence, and our social media outreach. The second one, on November 13, is Operation Transit's annual Steering Committee meeting, when leaders from the different partnering ministries and organizations get together to make important decisions for next year's outreach. **Please pray for the Lord to guide and direct these meetings, as well as all our ministry in the coming year!**

Finally, please pray for our implementation of NetSuite, the new financial management system for all our international ministries. Our Area Office has already changed to the new system, which I get to help train our staff to use! I am really excited about this, and look forward to telling you more about it soon. **Please pray that the transition and training would go smoothly and well, and that everyone would be patient during the changes.**

Thank you again for all your prayers and support!

Serving with you, *Allen and Deedee*