

GIVING THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for us, and for praying for the evaluation and planning meetings that we had through the first half of November. We praise God for how we see His hand at work, and for the privilege of being part of what he is doing here! **Please see the other side of this page for Operation Transit's 2018 report of stories and statistics.**

While some people value books or watch DVDs, others are more open to electronic media. So we are very thankful that we can offer them the digital versions of the material in our Gospel packets! *Please pray that the Lord would provide people to help us develop this new technology, including our website and social media presence, so that it can be even more effective as part of our outreach.*

We are thankful for everyone who accepted traditional or digital materials at the ports, and for the 21 people we know of who also accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. *Please pray that God would use this year's evangelism and distribution work to bring entire families to know Him and to experience His love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.*

Thank you for praying for our kids! Phoebe and Thomas are working hard in their Senior year, and waiting to hear back from universities before applying for scholarships. We also stay in touch with Josiah, and he requests that you pray for him: That his first semester at Calvin College ends on a high note; and to thank God he is healthy and please pray that he remains so. *Pray they would succeed in all their studies, and for God to guide and provide for them!*

Thank you again for your prayers, partnership, and encouragement, which help make all of our work possible! Without you, we could not be here, working to see God's Word go out to North African travelers.

Together we serve, Allen and Deedee

Thankful for NetSuite

We are grateful that the Lord has led many people like you to be partners with us in this ministry, and we are also thankful for the tools that help us to be better stewards of all the resources that God has provided. God has answered your prayers for us, blessing our international ministries with growth in our own North Africa/Middle East area and throughout the world! This growth has been straining our international financial management systems, which have in turn required increasing manpower to maintain and manage. I am happy to report that this fall, I have started helping our Area Office to implement NetSuite, our international ministries' new overall financial system. This new system promises to be much more efficient and reliable, and ultimately require less dedicated manpower. I'm helping get the new system started in our area, and I'm also helping train our staff in its use. I am thankful to help usher in the new system because I know how cumbersome our current ways of doing things can be! I am also really excited about the positive changes that using NetSuite will bring. We always want to be sure that we wisely use and account for the money that you and our other ministry partners invest in us; I am excited we can now more easily track and report every detail with the greatest accuracy. *Please pray the move to the new system will go smoothly, and that all our staff would become excited about it as they start to use it. Pray that all of us would be patient during the challenges and adjustments that always come with such significant change.*

P.S. In the past, we may have sent you our organization's magazine, **Worldwide Challenge**. That publication has been replaced with a digital one: **Cru Storylines**, sent out by email every two months. It's free, so if you want to read more about God's work around the world, we encourage you to sign up for it at www.cru.org/storylines/subscribe.

John 4:34-36 (NIV)

"My food," said Jesus, **"is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'?** I tell you, open your eyes and look

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REJOICING IN RESULTS

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The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls. -Proverbs 11:30 (NASB)

A North African man shook hands with a distributor, explaining he had gotten the New Testament already, and thanking him for continuing to distribute the materials there!

2018

New Testaments	54,491
JESUS Film items [inc. Marhaban USBs]	95,707
Josh McDowell items	43,689
Items for Children	44,538
Total	238,425

Another North African man, after initially refusing the packet, changed his attitude and admitted, "you guys are making an impact. There are North Africans converting because of you."

A North African businessman said he had no time to read the packet. However, he decided to take the **More than a Carpenter** book, after opening it and reading a few lines.

A Middle Eastern Christian shared the gospel with a lady sitting on a bench by the beach. The two met several times more. Before the Middle Easterner went back home, her new friend declared on her own, "Now I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior."

1993—2018

New Testaments	2,704,373
JESUS Film items	3,849,733
Josh McDowell items	1,216,095
Items for Children	3,546,274
Other items	1,065,505
Total	12,381,980

A despairing North African girl responded to the gospel message, understanding that God loves her. She decided to follow Jesus.

A distributor offered a packet to a traveler in his car, who said that he had gotten the materials before. One packet he had given to his upstairs neighbor, and another he gave to his downstairs neighbor!

One young man came up and asked what was being given out. He said he not only wanted the gospel packet for himself, he also wanted to share the material with his countrymen at all levels of society.

A young man accepted a USB with thanks, left the port, and parked nearby. A half-hour later, he called out to the distributors as they left the port. He was listening to the USB in his car, and said, "I want you to know that I plan to listen to this the entire trip, and I want 5 more USBs to give away."

A young man walked by the evangelists three nights in a row, always declining the packet. Then he saw one someone left behind, so he picked it up, wondering why the distributors were so persistent. He was amazed at what he read! He returned another night to talk with an evangelist, and he placed his trust in the Lord!

A North African in a large European city is now telling others about Jesus. She got training after responding to a Christian satellite program. Before that, though, she first read and understood the gospel message in a **Wonder Book** from the Operation Transit materials her husband had brought home.

A Christian stepped into a barber shop in a remote North African village to get his hair cut. As the barber clipped his hair, he noticed a picture of Jesus on the wall. The barber explained that he had received the Operation Transit materials at a port in Spain and, having come to Christ, put the picture on the wall so that customers would ask him about it.

Some Christian North African university students participated in a program in how to share their faith and train others. As a part of this, they visited Europe to work with Operation Transit in 2016. After returning home, they witnessed more assertively: and in 9 months they saw more than 150 people pray to receive Christ. Several of these students also saw people who they led to Jesus lead others to Christ, who led others, who in turn led still others to follow Jesus. For two years, they have continued to come work with Operation Transit as part of their Christian discipleship training process. Today, some of those original students disciple other students in a neighboring country as well as in their own.