

NEWS FROM ALLEN AND DEEDEE

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Hello, and Happy New Year 2019! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season, and that 2019 has started well for you! Thank you for praying for our family and for our Christmas outreaches and celebrations.

We had a Christmas brunch with our staff team (left), then a Christmas potluck at church (right), where we always bring a traditional turkey to share (which takes Deedee a couple of days to prepare).



A fun annual church outreach: caroling downtown!



The best thing about the holidays was getting to have Josiah here with us!



Josiah arrived from Michigan the Friday before Christmas! We went to our church's neighborhood outreach Christmas program Saturday, after helping wrap gifts and candy for all the children who would be there (mostly from local North African families). Phoebe and Thomas performed with the rest of the youth group in a choreographed skit they had rehearsed since October.

Please pray for the training conference our team is holding next week in Malaga for all of our port outreach leaders. Deedee and I are busy preparing our sessions now, and I am also taking care of logistics. Pray that the conference will be encouraging and helpful, and that nothing will be lost in translation: between us and our colleagues there, we will need Spanish, English, Arabic, Korean, and French!

Josiah's last day here was my birthday, which we celebrated with an early Kings' Cake (a traditional toroid cake with sugared fruit, hidden bean, and hidden King figurine). But first we took a few days off from all our ongoing work and studies for a family trip to Antequera, where we toured the ancient dolmens and medieval castle (below), museum, and rock formations (top of page). Before we knew it, it was already New Year's Eve and we were bidding Josiah farewell at the airport. Later on, we rang in the New Year from the city beach near our house. From there we heard all the ships in the bay sound their horns at midnight, and we had an excellent view of the fireworks going off all around the bay, from Gibraltar through La Linea, Palmones, and all through Algeciras.

Thank you for your prayers and for your partnership! Serving with you,

Allen and Deedee



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