

News from Allen and Deedee

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This month I (Allen) spent a week in France, for meetings with the rest of the Area Financial Ministry Leadership Team, which I have been part of since 2015 (in addition to my work with Operation Transit). We were happy to welcome a new team member who is a Middle Eastern national, and who participated in Operation Transit when she was first getting involved with the ministry. Because our organization is well-known for its focus on evangelism and discipleship, people don't always realize they can serve with us in financial, technical, or logistical roles. ***Pray that more people who are gifted in these detailed operational areas would see that we need them in the mission field!***



Our group's meetings exceeded my expectations! We prayed for one another and for what God is doing in each of our countries. We also discussed many details about our ongoing transition to the new NetSuite financial system. Since November, we have been converting each ministry's books to this new system, country by country. It will be Operation Transit's turn to go live with NetSuite in June. ***Please pray that the changeover would be successful for all of us! Pray also that those of us who will be converting data and training others in using the new system will also be able to keep up with all of our usual work.***

While I was at our Area Office, I also got to meet with the people who have been working on the websites and digital media which are especially key for Operation Transit's follow-up efforts. ***Please pray that we can quickly finalize the digital materials we need for this year's USBs, including getting all needed permissions.***

Thank you for praying for the conference we had in Malaga during the last week of January. It was everything we hoped for, and we praise the Lord for how well it all came together. Everyone who participated has been active with our outreach, but several were surprised to learn of its true size and scope! They were also encouraged to learn more about evangelism teams from Arabic-speaking countries. We were blessed to be joined by three evangelism team leaders! Deedee led a session on how to train our volunteers in prayer, and I gave presentations on participant care, financial stewardship, and ethics. Everyone on our team helped lead sessions, and I think all of the presentations went really well! We concluded the conference with three days of training for our newer leaders, equipping them to train other participants and provide a good discipleship environment for their teams.

When my carload stopped for gas and coffee on the way back from the conference, we met a North African traveling from Northern Europe. Our multilingual group talked with him for a while, and I ran to the car to get him a Gospel packet out from underneath everyone's suitcases. He was really excited to get it! ***Please keep praying for our ongoing outreach. Your prayers do make a difference!***

Serving with you,

Allen and Deedee