



We pray you had a blessed Christmas and New Year! It was wonderful to spend Christmastime with our children: Thomas, visiting from Michigan, joining Phoebe and Josiah, who live here. We didn't travel for the holidays this year, but we enjoyed one another's company and made day trips to local museums and a chateau. We also visited the newly reopened Notre Dame Cathedral, and attended some special holiday services with our church. *Please pray for our children this year: that the Lord would help them each to gain new skills and training, and that He would guide them each forward in their career paths.*



Psalm 71:15-16: *“My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.”*

Dear friends and partners, we love sharing with you stories of what Jesus Christ is doing! Psalm 71 is about God's greatness and about hope in God. Many people are without hope, but many are finding hope in Jesus. Here are a few of the stories I heard at our annual Operation Transit Steering Committee meeting:

In a North African city a young religious leader found a packet of the Christian materials we give away, being sold in the outdoor market. He bought it, and that is how he was introduced to the Lord! A Christian leader visiting that city said, “No words can describe the experience, nor how the church was impacted by the distribution. The numbers we see understate what God is actually doing.”

In North Africa, a man found one of the plastic cards that we distribute, with a QR code for the online version of the materials. He thought he had found someone's lost residency card: so he wrote to the email on it, starting many weeks of online communication. As a result, this man accepted Jesus as his Savior, is continuing in follow-up, and is becoming part of the online church.

After a team took part in the Melilla outreach, they returned and told their sending churches all they saw God do at the port and in their personal lives. Their pastors reported much spiritual growth in these congregations. One volunteer observed, “In church you hear about Spiritual Battle. At the ports you experience it!” A ministry leader, reflecting on this, said, “Some volunteers come expecting the ministry and experience to be easy, just offering packets to people. They soon learn they are entering a war for people's souls! They grow tremendously in their faith and ability to really trust Jesus.”

People are hungry for God's Word! This is just a small glimpse of God's mighty deeds in people's lives. On page two of this letter is an overview of how God has been using our Operation Transit strategy through the years. We are so excited to be seeing this happen, and to be a part of what God is doing in the nations.

Thank you so much for sending us, and for being a part of this work through your prayers and support. Thank you for investing in us, and in everything the Lord is doing here. *Please keep praying for us to walk ever more closely with Jesus, and for God's “righteous acts and deeds of salvation” to be known everywhere, especially among the diaspora of people in Europe from North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. Thank you!*

Serving with you, *Allen and Deedee*



OPERATION TRANSIT

A Historic Legacy



1993

In 1993 at least fifteen organizations began distributing New Testaments, JESUS Film items, and children's books in Algeciras. The next year, a traveler said, "Thank you. I got one last year. Because of you my whole family has trusted in Jesus." Later, a North African who had just received Christ answered if he had a Bible saying, "Yes, I have a green one which my friend gave me. We also share a video on the life of Jesus in Tarifit (a Berber language)."



1994



In 1994 North Africans began to participate to learn to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. One commented, "We have learned to share our faith. We can now introduce the gospel, follow up new believers, and lead Bible studies." The biggest impact was trainees boldly witnessing as they found ways to talk about Jesus in their context. Many became leaders in churches and Christian organizations. Some churches grew and house churches multiplied.

1997

After fifteen North Africans indicated receiving Christ with non-Arabic speaking participants in 1997, teams from the Middle East began to participate in 1998 to prioritize evangelism. Around 220 people indicated decisions for Christ. One old lady, upon receiving Christ, stood up in a crowded terminal, raised her hands, and repeatedly exclaimed, "My burdens have left." The majority of the 220 had previously received the distributed materials.



2005



In the mid 2000's pastors in a North African country observed at least 40% of newly baptized believers referred to an Operation Transit item as influencing their coming to Christ. In another country, missionaries mentioned over 50% of the students with whom they spoke had access to a New Testament distributed through Operation Transit. In 2024 two who had come to Christ due partly to these materials' influence joined the national staff of a participating organization.

2009

In 2009 Operation Transit expanded to cities of Europe where large numbers of North Africans live. At the ports, people began to say they had already received the items near their homes. One man heard the gospel in 2009. "By chance" the man and the distributor saw each other again in 2013. The North African related, "My wife, daughter, and I were just baptized. It all began with you." In 2020 a young man in northern France came to Christ. At his baptism he said it all began when he was a child, when his parents let him read a children's book which they had just received at a port.



2016



In 2016 a group of young believers from a North African country participated in outreach at a European port. They saw about 20 North Africans decide to receive Christ and thought, Why not in their home country? A few months later they had seen more than 70 indicate decisions to receive Christ where they lived and studied. A disciple-making movement began, expanding to different cities in their country and impacting two other countries.

2024



27,784 New Testaments Distributed
21,566 JESUS Film Materials Distributed
48,779 Other evangelistic items distributed

7 Prayed to accept Jesus

11 Ministry Locations

