

NEWS FROM ALLEN AND DEEDEE

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Dear partners, family and friends, we pray you are well!

Colleagues in our region recently shared this prayer request:

As we embark on a new year of ministry, please pray for the Lord to help us to:

- *Look Up: Be Attentive to His Presence*
- *Lean In: Be Dependent on His Strength*
- *Listen Well: Be Responsive to His Spirit*
- *Live Boldly: Be Expectant of His Moving*

I thought, Oh Wow! These are priceless challenges, and reminders, for each of us! As we each pursue growth in our relationship with God, we need to trust that He is with us and that He is working. We need to notice *where* He is working, and respond faithfully, depending on His strength and not on our own. Finally, we should expect God to work, trusting that He will fulfil His promises and accomplish His will to expand His kingdom. It reminds me of a Bible verse that my mother would quote daily to my sister and me as we were eating our breakfast cereal: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)



Allen, Deedee, Phoebe & Thomas at Algonac



With Family in Michigan

We thank the Lord for answering prayer and for directing our paths this summer! Deedee and Phoebe traveled to Michigan with me for a short visit, while Josiah stayed in France this time. Thomas took some time off from work to join us for a couple of weeks, including camping together with my dad at Algonac State Park, near Lake Saint Clair. We enjoyed seeing friends and family, including Deedee's mom and brother (photo left). After too short a time, Deedee and Phoebe rejoined Josiah in France, and Deedee immediately traveled again to Central Asia to help prepare this year's batch of interns for international service in our region. She reports that the training went well. And, with more than 130 people there

that week, including interns, international leaders and support staff, plus small children, they only had three medical incidents and two cases of delayed luggage. Thankfully each problem was resolved

before everyone traveled onward to serve at different destinations. ***Please join us in praying that these interns learn and grow greatly in the Lord, are a blessing to their hosts, and have a very fruitful year of ministry!***



Deedee in Central Asia

Thank you for praying for our teams' summer outreaches to people traveling through Europe from North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. The Lord has been working greatly! Here is just one story, from Marseille: An Operation Transit volunteer prayed that God would have him cross paths with someone with an open heart. Soon he met a North African we'll call "Jones." Jones was a former gang member who had rejected the religion of his childhood. He was very open to talk. They read John 3 together, talking about God's love, and then they prayed together. Deeply moved, Jones remarked, "This is what I love about you Christians: you're so sincere!" The two men exchanged emails to continue the conversation. ***Please pray for the Lord to continue to work greatly in the lives of "Jones" and of everyone who heard about Jesus through this summer's outreach projects.***

I am already starting to make plans for this year's post-summer Operation Transit Steering Committee meeting in Spain. ***Please pray the arrangements come together quickly; it can be difficult to find dates when everyone is available.***

Meanwhile I am still in Michigan, visiting our local friends, family, and partners, and seeking new partners for our work. ***Please pray that this time goes very well.*** Deedee and I really want to be an encouragement to all of you, who are such a vital part of everything we do to help reach the unreached with the Gospel. **Thank you** for your prayers and support!

Together we serve, *Allen and Deedee*



Josiah and Phoebe back in France