



## Happy Holidays from the Lobst Family

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The busy time of year is upon us all. Deedee and I are planning to have a traditional Thanksgiving feast with our church home group. We are the only Americans in the group, so along with sharing our turkey, sides, and pies, we will share the story of the first American Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims can be an example to us of faithful living through both good and bad times. They trusted God despite their circumstances, they praised and thanked the Lord for His provision and for their physical and spiritual salvation, and they lived as witnesses to His name along the way.

By the time you read this, November 24<sup>th</sup> will have passed, and Christmas preparations are beginning in earnest. It's not an end to thanksgiving, though, but an extension, since Christmastime really does demonstrate how much we have to be thankful for: the sparkles in the eyes of little children; family, friends and colleagues whom God has put in our lives; the church; and each of our many other blessings.

We truly have a lot to be thankful for through Operation Transit. Though the busy summertime is over, we continue to minister on the port. Recently Abd, a man a little older than me, asked "How can I become a Christian?" My colleague, finding his question sincere, began to tell him about God's love and how he could accept Jesus. Abd interrupted "This is all in the DVD." He had already gotten a packet of Christian materials on a previous trip through the port! During the conversation, he said he had received Christ as a result of watching the film. When he is done with his traveling, later this month, we plan to have someone in his hometown in North Africa visit him to follow up, so that Abd can keep learning more about living the Christian life.

We are happy to be able to say that North African people ARE coming to Christ! Every single year we see hundreds accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior through Operation Transit's work, and we hear about thousands more professing Christ. It is true: Jesus did die for the whole world, and He defeated death. Even now, God's Word is being received by eager hands, and God is speaking today to hearts which the Holy Spirit has prepared to receive Him.

**For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" --Romans 10:13-15 (NIV)**

Mission project participants come and work with us to help in that first critical step of offering travelers the Word of God. This past year we distributed about 270,000 items, including New Testaments, DVDs on the life of Jesus, and books for children. We have now seen more than 10 million items distributed since Operation Transit began in 1993. We also bring Arabic speakers to come and help in the work. Because they know the language and culture, they speak with the travelers who are interested in talking about Jesus: watering the seed of the Word that has been planted. Seeing new life in Christ spring from this work is incredibly exciting. Thank you for helping to send us here, and helping make everything that has been happening through Operation Transit possible, through your sponsorship and your prayers.

Every day, we thank God for you, for your prayers, encouragement, and help. What we do here, we can do because of your generosity. When we see God work, we know it is in answer to your prayers. As 2011 draws to a close and we plan for next year, we are praying for extra financial help. As you think through your end of year giving, would you please consider sending a special gift to help provide the extra \$9000 that we need, to help us meet our expenses as we continue this important work of reaching North Africans like Abd and their families for the Lord? Your sponsorship makes a huge difference to us. The special gifts that we receive at the end of the year enable us to cover a significant part of our annual expenses. Thank you again for all of your gracious help throughout our years of service here. If you find that God is leading you to send a special end of year gift towards this work, please make your check payable to *Campus Crusade for Christ* and mail it in the enclosed envelope, along with the response slip. If you would prefer to give a gift online, go to <http://give.ccci.org/give/0360087> and follow the instructions. Also, we would like to know how we can pray for you more specifically; so please update us on your prayer requests.

Deedee and I are excited to be a part of this strategic outreach. God has been using Operation Transit to enable people to respond to Jesus Christ throughout North Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Thank you for partnering with us to bring God's message of hope, love, and forgiveness to Muslim North Africans. We feel extremely blessed to have you in our lives!

Serving Jesus with you,

Allen and Deedee

