

The Iobst Messenger

Serving Jesus with Campus Crusade for Christ International
Reaching out to North Africans



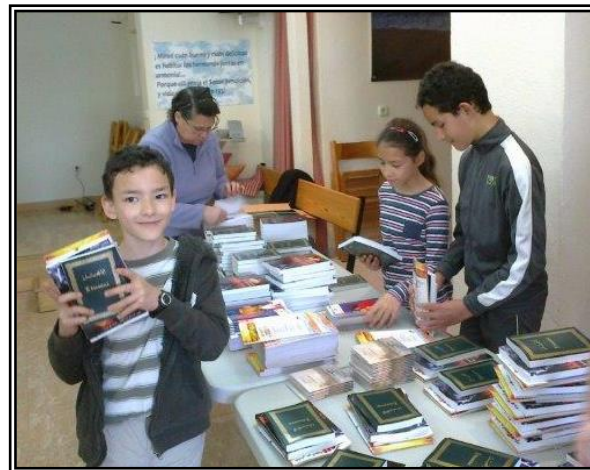
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We are truly grateful for all God is doing here and how He has blessed us to be a part of Operation Transit.

Last Tuesday was Campus Crusade for Christ International's "World Wide Day of Prayer." Deedee did a great job of organizing our team's participation! It was a great blessing to learn about and pray for God's work in every part of the world.



In just one morning, with help from our kids and from local Spanish church volunteers, our team prepared nearly three thousand packets for summer distribution.



Deedee led our team's prayer time in Malaga while I joined in from home via Skype.

For example, we were amazed to learn that a nation which was officially

"atheist" and "closed to the Gospel" 30 years ago now has scores of nationals on staff with us, and is even sending out missionaries to other countries! God is truly at work everywhere!

The Saturday before that, we had a "packet preparation day," getting Bibles and DVDs ready to be given away to travelers at several ports.

Speaking of packing, we are now filling dozens of those empty Bible boxes with our own belongings and putting them into storage while we prepare to go to the USA on furlough. This will be our first furlough since we moved to Spain in May, 2003! This trip is required, overdue, and much needed. We are looking forward to spending about one year in the USA starting this coming July. A lot of our port outreach will be in June rather than later; and because we have a larger staff team, there are now people to take over some of our responsibilities before we go. There are some Financial Management tasks that I will need to continue, but they are things I can do from the USA. Once there, one of the first things we must do is to go to our US Staff Conference in Colorado - our first time attending with children! Most importantly we are looking forward to reconnecting with family, friends, and churches, and with everyone who has been praying for us and supporting our work bringing God's Word to North Africans. Hopefully we can see YOU! And then we do plan to return here and carry on!

Thank you for praying for us! Please continue to pray for our ongoing outreach on the port; preparing for the summer outreach; training colleagues in new tasks; and preparing to leave. God bless you!

Serving Jesus with you,

Allen and Deedee