

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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We hope you had a wonderful Easter! April has been a fun, full, and fascinating month for



us so far. We met with some of you who have been praying for us for many years, and we met new friends whenever we spoke at a new church, including throughout the week we spent visiting family in Pennsylvania. While we were back East we also saw: historic downtown Bethlehem (originally the American headquarters of Moravian Christian Missions); Philadelphia (including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell); Valley Forge; and Gettysburg. I



(Allen) showed the kids where the Iobst family used to live in Emmaus, and the church where my parents were married 50 years ago. After our tour through family and American history, we arrived home to help our niece celebrate her birthday... and we got snowed on! Yes, here in southeastern Michigan, right in the middle of spring, we broke our all-time record for annual snowfall! Then we enjoyed the Easter week services and fellowship with our church and family here.

Now we are getting ready to return to Spain. People keep asking us: How long will we be overseas? Short answer: we expect to come back to visit the USA again within two or three years. Long answer: we will continue serving with Operation Transit in Europe until the Lord calls us elsewhere. Our organization's international workers seek to train local people to take over their work. Any outreach that begins as cross-cultural missions work should (before long) become ongoing ministry for a growing local church. Even though our work has always been more cross-cultural than most, we are praying for something similar to happen. We bring international teams to Europe to share Jesus with North Africans, with local follow-up wherever possible. Now more local European churches are helping with the Bible distribution outreach, and more North African Christians are helping with evangelism and follow-up.

Our evangelism teams often talk with North African travelers who have gotten our materials in the past. When they see someone make a decision for Christ, they try to follow up with them right away. When new North African Christians get involved with a follow-up program or church, we often hear about how they are telling their family and friends about Jesus:

Years ago, a man got one of our packets and shared it with his nephew. The nephew used the information insert to contact one of our Communication Centers for follow-up. After he became a Christian, he participated in our port outreach, went to seminary, and is now one of the Arabic-speaking correspondents at our World Headquarters, responding to inquiries on evangelistic web sites. More recently, a North African man decided to accept Jesus after he got a packet and read its New Testament and its Josh McDowell Book "More Than a Carpenter." He joined a church, and last summer he participated in our port outreach.

PLEASE PRAY for each of these people, and pray that there would be many hundreds more like them: North African Christians who would grow in their faith, share the Good News, and even help other Christians tell more people about Jesus. Please pray for our ongoing distribution, evangelism, and follow-up. Pray that God would bring more North African Christians to work with us in every phase of Operation Transit's outreach. Praise God for the people ministering through our Correspondence Centers: pray that the Lord would provide more workers, and give them wisdom, grace, and insight in their responses.

We trust God will use His Word for His purposes, both in the lives of those who receive it and in the lives of those who help give it away (Isaiah 55). Thank you for your prayers and your help in bringing this about! We look forward to the day when "...the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:9) We hope you had a wonderful Easter! God bless you!

Serving our Risen Lord together with you,

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