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Dear friends and family,

Thank you for praying for all of our meetings last month! The leadership from our many outreach locations and from our partner agencies gathered to report the amazing things God has done through Operation Transit this past year. We prayed for the port cities, for the travelers and the communities, and for everyone involved with the ministry; and we brainstormed ideas for future outreach. Then the Operation Transit Steering Committee met to evaluate all the work and discuss plans for the coming year.

This past summer, the Lord sent more than two hundred messengers out to the ports of the western Mediterranean Sea, inviting North Africans to come into the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. Just during the summer, North African travelers accepted about 60,000 packets (including New Testaments, DVDs about the life of Jesus, Josh McDowell books, and children's books). Also, at least 30 people prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

One of the leaders at our Steering Committee meeting said that our outreach has had a noticeable impact on North African communities inside Europe: "They see the results of... the years of giving, coming, praying, distributing, as these neighborhoods have Bibles, JESUS films, other materials and

are familiar with them. The materials are in people's homes... in a community center... people are receiving them and talking about them. So it is important to get people in and actually witness in these neighborhoods."

The impact is not limited to the North African community: In Genoa this summer, soon after a Moroccan man put his faith in Jesus, he led two of his Italian friends to the Lord!

**Pray that more people who have recently started to follow Jesus Christ would tell others about Him. Pray for more follow-up, evangelism, and Church growth inside North African communities, including those here in Europe. Please pray also that more North Africans would participate in future Operation Transit outreach projects!**

Last summer, I enjoyed helping our outreach volunteers both behind the scenes and at the ports giving away packets. I got to visit Almeria, Motril, Ceuta, and Malaga, and of course continue to help here in Algeciras. In Motril, I was encouraged to see two evangelists from the Middle East sharing the Gospel with some North African travelers near where I was giving out gospel packets. At a stoplight in Ceuta, as I offered a packet to a driver, I looked up and saw one of our team offering the same materials to his wife, at the same time!



**We had fun at our team's end-of-summer picnic!**

They both accepted it, while the children in the back seat laughed. Later at the same spot I offered the gift to another driver, who wouldn't slow down. Then, as he understood what it was (the Bible!), the expression on his face changed from annoyance to interest. He slowed down just enough so that my colleague could put a packet into his outstretched hand--and he still made it through the light before it turned red.

**Praise God for what He has done!** See next page for annual results highlights from each of our outreach locations.

**Thank you** again for all your prayers, encouragement, and support!

*Serving Jesus with you,*

*Allen and Deedee*

## 2014 RESULTS

### Tarifa

**20,098 packets**

The ladies in one car began to clap for joy when they saw the packet we offered them.

Three different travelers asked for follow-up meetings! In one case, the man recognized our colleague from years before, when he used to meet with the traveler's father at the family's bazaar.

### Algeciras

**16,503 packets**

On the way to Morocco a lady put her trust in Christ as Savior and Lord. After she returned to Spain, she started reading the book of John.

Some distributors who have a deaf child were excited to meet and interact with a deaf Moroccan at the port. The couple said that this helped confirm a calling for them to become more involved in outreach with the Deaf community.

### Ceuta

**6,959 packets**

A person who gave us contact information two summers ago became a Christian this past Spring.

An illiterate lady understood and accepted the Gospel as soon as she heard it. Ever since then, she has been meeting with a local Christian lady to learn more about Jesus; and she is sharing Gospel materials with her family.

A woman traveling with her grown daughter said as she accepted a packet: "This is the best gift I could ever receive."

### Melilla

**4,031 packets southbound**

After two evangelists prayed they would meet someone who had already gotten a packet and who wanted to learn more, they saw a man with our materials spread out in front of him. After they talked with the man they prayed for him, which moved him greatly. He continues meeting with local Christians to learn more about Jesus.

## Operation Transit Port Cities Summer 2014



Since so many local people already have our materials, Church leaders here would like to see more people who know Spanish or Arabic come and help with community outreach.

### Malaga

**4,031 packets southbound**

Two new North African Christians were baptized at the Malaga International Arabic Church.

### Motril

**453 packets southbound**

Two women decided to follow Christ while talking with an evangelist from Jordan.

A North African prisoner on temporary parole heard the gospel and put his trust in Jesus.

### Almeria

**2,621 packets southbound**

A local mosque has organized opposition to our work here. Meanwhile, a local Spanish church is regularly helping us with the port outreach, and seeing positive response from travelers.

At least two men prayed to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.

### Marseille

**7,311 packets**

A Berber man insisted there was not much difference in religions, but after he heard more, he asked, "What must I do to have forgiveness?"

Some children read the Wonder Books while their father read the New Testament and their mother talked with our volunteers. After asking why Jesus would love her, the mother prayed to receive Jesus into her life as her Savior and Lord.

A lady took a packet despite her husband yelling. Later he was the one reading it.

### Genoa

**2,482 packets southbound**

Some North African travelers found out that one of our outreach volunteers was from Tunisia, and urged him to return to the religion of his upbringing. He responded, "Why go back? I want to go forward."

Two men were declining the packet, but the distributor explained how the New Testament had changed his life. When they saw he was serious, they said, "OK. We'll read it and see what it does."

***Thank You for Praying!***

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