



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We thank God for so many blessings: for God's love and grace and work in our lives; for family, friends, and ministry. We are thankful to be part of the work here! We also thank the Lord for you; for everything you are doing where you are; and for your part in helping us to be here. We hope you are enjoying God and His blessings in your life as well.

Last month we told you about what God has been doing at the different port cities during this past year. This month we want to share with you some long-term results, which are also answers to your prayers!

Two years ago we told you about a lady who accepted a New Testament at the port and took it home with her to North Africa. When her brother visited her, he started reading it with great interest and wanted to borrow it when he left. But she wouldn't part with her New Testament, so her brother photocopied every page! When we asked you to pray for her, she was not yet a Christian, but she did continue to meet with local believers for follow-up. I just heard a few weeks ago that this same lady is now committed to following Jesus and is growing in her faith. She recently told a taxi driver in her country, "I am a Christian," and she often tells others about Jesus.

Another North African lady received a packet three years ago. She has remained in touch with Christian workers, and just recently she has decided to fully trust and follow Christ for herself.

A North African man who lives in Europe accepted a gospel packet while traveling to visit his home country. When he arrived, he asked his neighbor to help him unload his car, and then gave him the packet to thank him for his help. This neighbor watched the JESUS film over and over again that night. He trusted in Jesus to be his Lord and Savior, and so did his daughter and his son! Now this helpful neighbor is a leader in a Christian house church in North Africa.

More and more, people see the materials Operation Transit gives away in homes or elsewhere, in various places throughout North Africa. Recently a North African Christian noticed three young businessmen outside their small shop studying and discussing a New Testament. After a while, they carefully hid the book away again.

Please pray that wherever Operation Transit materials may end up, they do not just stay shelved, but that God keeps using them to change people's lives.

Years ago, a Berber man who works in his country's government found a copy of Josh McDowell's book *More Than a Carpenter*. He read the book and entrusted his heart to Jesus Christ. Years went by without him meeting another Christian. This did not stop him from telling other people about Jesus: he counselled a younger friend, who also trusted in Christ. The younger man went away to university in the north of his country, and joined a Christian church where many people speak his native Berber language. Now they also have regular church meetings back in their hometown.

We have many teams giving Bible packets to travelers, but we don't usually hear what happens afterwards. It has been a great blessing to hear more of how God has continued to work in people's lives. We hope these stories encourage you, as they have us, to keep trusting the Lord and persevering in the work He has for us. ***Praise God for the travelers who receive God's Word, and for all who are deciding to follow Jesus. Pray for the Lord's protection, blessings, and grace for North African Christians, wherever they may live and work. Finally, please pray for the American distribution team coming to help in the port outreach during the Christmas holidays!*** Thank you! Serving Jesus with you,

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The kids spend a fair amount of every day doing homework.



They are enjoying our new pet turtle!



Now that the rainy season is here, we are glad we have a fireplace.



**Resting on the Roman Road.** Earlier this fall we went hiking in the mountains in the north of Cádiz province. What remains of Roman roads still link some of the villages there.



During the Columbus Day weekend, we visited the mountains again, to go riding. Many of the roads were much better suited for horses than for cars!



Earlier this month our local church had an outreach, distributing literature and inviting people to visit. Almost the entire church youth group participated, including our kids.

*Please pray the Lord would help the churches in our city to grow both spiritually and in numbers.*