

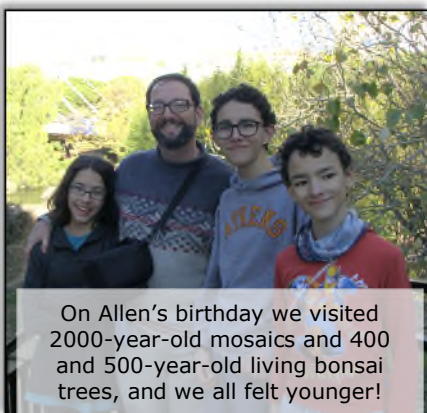
News from Allen and Deedee * Serving in Spain with Operation Transit * January 12, 2014

¡HAPPY NEW YEAR! ¡FELIZ AÑO!

We had a pleasant and busy Christmas season, and hope you did too! First, we welcomed a group from Youth With A Mission, who worked with us for about ten days leading up to Christmas. It was a true blessing to have them help us with port outreach, as there was an increase in traffic then and no way for us to reach all of the boats without their help. Here are a few things which the team saw God do:

- ✚ A North African traveler saw the team distributing the gospel packets, and came and asked what they were handing out. When he learned that it included the New Testament, he requested a packet.
- ✚ A lady team member helped a young mom with her crying baby as the mom was struggling to lift her belongings onto the bus. When the travelling mom was offered the packet, she accepted it eagerly with great joy.
- ✚ One traveler kept her car window closed at first and told the distributor to go away; but when she saw that the gift included the New Testament, she opened the window and, with a big smile, took one.
- ✚ The power of prayer: A guy from the bus on his way to North Africa was interested when he was offered a packet, but then he changed his mind and refused it. The distributor prayed for the man. A short time later, the same traveler turned around, came back, and asked if he could have two packets.

One person I (Allen) spoke with at the port took a packet, began to read it, and then came back to ask me some questions. He is from the country south of us, living part time in Spain in a city half way between us and Barcelona. He said he was disillusioned because the people of his religion were always lying, but the Christians he knew were different: he wanted whatever made them different. He eventually became too nervous to talk, as more people came near to wait for the bus and were watching us. I introduced him to a colleague who can communicate with him better, and they have stayed in contact. He also wants to talk with someone near where he lives. Please pray that I am able to find a church or some Christians there to whom I can refer him.



On Allen's birthday we visited 2000-year-old mosaics and 400 and 500-year-old living bonsai trees, and we all felt younger!

After spending Christmas Eve with the WYAM team, we had a quiet family Christmas reading new books and building new Legos. Then we went to the special evening service at our church, in which our kids always participate. There were lots of visitors for the program that night, especially neighborhood children! We spent my birthday touring Roman mosaics and ruins in Marbella, and New Year's Eve renewing Josiah's passport in Seville. We rang in the New Year at home, happily followed US College football via the internet, and wrapped up our holidays with Three Kings' Day on January 7th.



The kids sang "Silent Night" at our church Christmas program.

Now we are all getting busy with work and school again. I am also preparing to travel internationally to attend a training seminar in ministry financial system auditing. Thank you for praying for us, Thank you for your friendship, Thank you for your partnership! We hope you have a great 2015!

Serving Jesus with you,

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