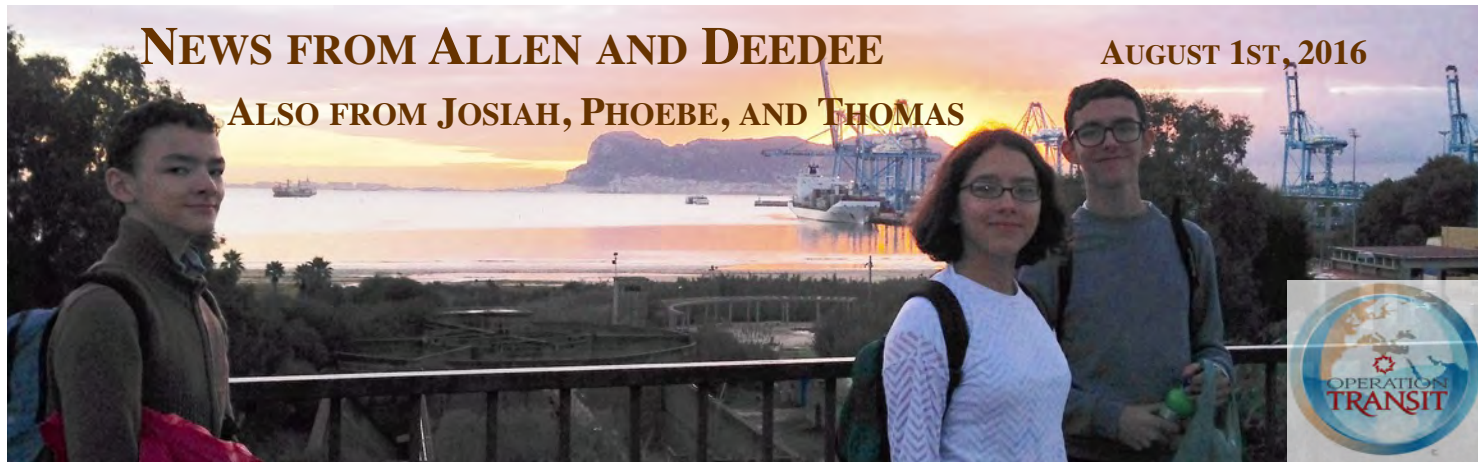


# NEWS FROM ALLEN AND DEEDEE

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ALSO FROM JOSIAH, PHOEBE, AND THOMAS



Dear partners, friends, and family,

It is still our busiest time of year! Thank you for praying for us!

Right now, our kids are in the middle of their short-term mission project, in South Africa with MK2MK. Check out their project blog online at: <https://travelliteblog.wordpress.com/> The kids only get internet access for a short time once a week, so we will have to wait for their return to hear all the details about their experiences. Meanwhile, here's some of what they have told us so far:

## NOTES FROM SOUTH AFRICA:

**Josiah:** "It's been wonderful getting to know the rest of the group and having fun and time with God with them. There are some other siblings as well! We got to meet Zulu (and maybe Xhosa) kids and teenagers. We are spending a good amount of time getting to know the local teens, and we also talked with patients at the Genesis Care Centre and helped out there a bit. This week and next week we are visiting high schools and teaching some of the students about HIV/AIDS and how to lead better lives."

**Phoebe:** "This first week has been awesome! All the people here are really nice, and I'm having a great time. Last week was very relaxed, with mostly briefing and getting a feel for things. These next two weeks we're going to be working at 2 schools (1 each week) and doing ministry there... Tomorrow I'll have to help with the teaching, and I'm a bit nervous, but I'm sure I'll do fine. Please continue praying for us, though! I've only been here a week, and it's already had a big impact on me. I'm working on my testimony, and I'm growing closer to God (and all the MKs here) every day. It's just wonderful. I also can't wait to go on safari the last week here (which will be mostly debrief)." UPDATE: "This week we're teaching at an Afrikaans school... And this weekend we're going to camp with kids from the Zulu school and Youth Alive (a local youth group), so that'll be interesting! Yesterday I shared my testimony during chapel at the Genesis Care Centre, and it went well."

**Thomas:** "Every day DOES seem like a week, we are doing so many things! In the mornings we go to school to teach... and then we would usually go to the Genesis Care Centre (Last time I peeled things at the kitchen for an hour and a half, time flew by very fast). Yesterday we went to Khula to do a sort of VBS, I was with games... We are having a wonderful time here."

Thank you for praying for our kids as they see so many different opportunities for ministry, as they grow in their faith, and as they develop life-long skills. Please continue to pray for each of them: that God would make each of them a blessing to others, and give them good health and safe travel!

Meanwhile, Deedee and I are still here in Spain, helping Operation Transit's short-term mission teams reach port cities with the Gospel. We have had to re-route some groups because of changing rules and port conditions. I am keeping up with the resulting extra logistics and finances required, but it is always a challenge! A highlight is getting to meet with the volunteers.

It is so encouraging to see their enthusiasm, even when they are travel-weary; to pray with them; and then to see what happens as they trust the Lord. One participant here in Algeciras had taken in part in many short-term mission trips before: in fact, he had finished another just before starting ours. During his time here, he shared that he had never before seen so much emphasis on prayer along with actual outreach; nor had he

ever before received such training focused on participants' growth. We thank God for all these team members: please pray with us that God would greatly bless their work both here and wherever they return home.

**Thank you** for being a part of God's work all around the globe! Serving Jesus with you,

*Allen and Deedee*

*p.s. Please pray for Deedee's left foot to heal from a stress fracture she's had since June.*



In **Motril, Tarifa, Malaga**, and other port cities, travelers have been very happy to accept our USB (a digital version of the materials we give away, including the New Testament and film of the life of Jesus). **Please pray** that people would actually use them, hear the Gospel, and get connected with a Christian community.

**Praise God** for the teams arriving in **Melilla**. **Please pray** that they would have a very fruitful ministry, leading to and helping to build a North African church there.

**Please pray** for the Lord to use all of Operation Transit's work: to reach many travelers with the Gospel; to help them to know and follow Jesus Christ; and to help them tell others about Jesus.