

NEWS FROM THE IOBST FAMILY

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Dear partners, friends, and family, **Thank you** for all your prayers and encouragement throughout our very busy summer! (Photo above by colleague Mirna G.) We were so happy to welcome our kids home again after their month in South Africa! We prayed that their trip would help prepare them for a lifetime of walking with God and helping others, however they may be called to serve. Since their return we have already seen each of them show more confidence to trust God in new ways. **Please pray for them to continue to trust the Lord and walk closely with Him as the new school year begins.**



We praise God for the kids' mission trip to South Africa, and for how the Lord worked in and through each of them there. Thank you for praying for them also! They each grew a lot as they: Shared their faith in several ways, at the beach and through skits; Taught in classrooms in several different schools; Met

patients at a health care/hospice center (and gave them teddy bears), and helped out with manual labor there; and Helped lead a camp and other programs for local youths. (Photos by Abi C., Reed S., and fellow participant Angela T.) **Question:** "What were your favorite memories from the trip?" **Answers:** Phoebe: "Connecting with the other MKs (missionary kids), especially in small group times." Thomas: "Working with the kids at camp." Josiah: "Seeing so many teens raise their hands to accept Christ, during our last day at Merlewood (their school)."



Right after the kids got home, we all went to

Ceuta—a Spanish enclave in North Africa—to help the team with Operation Transit's outreach there.



At this stoplight (photo by participant Michael J.) we offer Bible packets to travelers headed for Ceuta's port. In past years local taxi drivers have not been very happy to see us, but this year all our volunteers had positive interactions with them. Allen reports: "One day, despite a green light ahead and honking cars behind, a taxi driver with a passenger pulled up and stopped right next to me. I felt like he was going to knock me over! He yelled out the window at me: 'Aquí! Uno; Español' ('Here! One in Spanish!') so I quickly gave him an Arabic/Spanish packet!"

We are so thankful for your partnership with us in seeing the Word of God go into the hands and hearts of people in so many different places this summer! **Please pray for lasting results** in the lives of everyone who accepted New Testaments and other materials; and pray for lasting joy, strength, and growth in the lives of everyone who accepted Christ. **Also, please pray for Allen as he travels** to the Middle East from September 24-October 2 to help do a financial audit for a national office there. Thank you! *Serving Jesus with you,*

P.S. Thanks for praying for Deedee's fractured foot, which is slowly healing.

Allen and Deedee