News from Allen and Deedee 30 January 2024



a road trip together during the holidays.

Dear friends and family, we pray your New Year has started well!

We thank God for you, and for all your encouragement, support, and prayers, which make our work here possible.

Praise the Lord with us, for all the great things He is doing!

At the end of 2023, I (Allen) had an eye-opening trip to Armenia. As part of Campus Crusade for Christ's global audit team, I make several such trips every year, to provide internal financial audits for our different National ministries. I love training and coaching the accounting staff, and I especially enjoy learning about the different countries and how their local ministries are seeing God

work. This time, I got to meet and work with many of our Armenian colleagues, and to attend church with one couple. I saw how, despite the ongoing stress and recurring hardships their country has endured, our colleagues there have been having a really significant ministry: Especially through providing refugees with humanitarian aid, as well as sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Back in France, Deedee and I continue to be blessed to work with our Network Team, which seeks to reach a potential audience of **50 million people** from North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, who live, work, study or travel in Europe. Here are stories from 2 of our Network team's **8 different ministry strategies**:



Strategy: Gulf Partnership Outreach (GPO): A Christian colleague took part in the **GPO project in Munich**, where he met "J". "J" had left his entire family (including his 5 children) behind in his home country, to look for work in

Germany. The Christian told "J" about God's love, and offered him a New Testament in his language. They met together two days later to talk more. When asked if he had opened the Bible yet, the man



We celebrated Allen's birthday and welcomed in the New Year from Hernnhut, Germany. This historic center of the Moravian church prayed non-stop around the clock for over 100 years, and sent Christian missions worldwide.

confirmed that he had read the introductory pages. He added that his nine (9!) flatmates had started reading it as well, because he had left the book out on his desk. Our colleague was excited that so many people had started to read the Bible, and he encouraged them to read more!

Strategy: Global Church Movements: Some of our Network teammates who focus on helping train and equip local churches saw a second Arabic-speaking church planted in Spain last summer. They now have a large vehicle to help take people to gatherings, and to transport church members who are learning how to train others, so that they can meet with new believers for follow-up.

Thank you again for being a part of all we do! Serving with you,

Allen & Deedee Iobst · iobstsinspain@gmail.com · https://give.cru.org/0360087 42 rue Jean-Baptiste Clément, 91130 Ris-Orangis, France

and Deedee