



NEWS FROM ALLEN AND DEEDEE

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The Lord is Risen! He has risen indeed. Hallelujah!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter!

We were happy to have my (Allen's) Dad join us here during Holy Week. It was a nice and relaxing visit. He and I watched the traditional Semana Santa processions —> downtown every night, and we all had several daytime outings together, including a picnic on the Miel River hiking trail just north of the city.



We didn't travel far afield, though, since Phoebe and Thomas had so much schoolwork during their vacation— Phoebe's math teacher, wanting to cover everything in their remaining time, often emails additional homework during holidays and weekends! The kids spent much of their "week off" working hard to write (Thomas), proofread (Phoebe), and act in their group video project about the War of the Spanish Succession (1701-1714). In the photo on the right, Phoebe is in character as Louis XIV of France, while Thomas is playing Charles of Austria (a.k.a. Emperor Charles VI). As it happens, the Treaty of Utrecht which ended that particular war also made Gibraltar part of the United Kingdom.



Speaking of Gibraltar, that's where we usually celebrate Easter sunrise service. This year there was construction at Catalan Bay, so the congregation met near the Europa Point lighthouse. Afterwards we went over to the church for breakfast and stayed for the regular worship service in English. It was a beautiful and encouraging time of fellowship!



School resumed on Monday, and on Tuesday our staff team met together in Malaga for our semi-annual Day of Prayer. Our theme was "Firmly Rooted & Yielding Fruit" from Psalm 1:1-3. Everything went very well, as did Dad's flight back to Michigan the next day.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support, as we keep working to prepare for more volunteers and more ministry activity coming to the port cities for Operation Transit this summer. Meanwhile, the outreach is ongoing. *One day on the port here, I met a traveling North African family. The father gladly accepted a French/Arabic packet including a New Testament and a DVD about Jesus. He also took a Spanish/Arabic version for his teen daughter.*

This week, I'm teaching our team how to use NetSuite, our new financial system. Next week, Deedee travels out of the country for our area's Crisis Management training conference, to help our team be better prepared for any type of emergency. Pray that all goes well! Thank you!

Together we serve,

Allen and Deedee

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