



Our Summer started with Phoebe and Thomas's graduation on the last day of May

Dear friends and family, June is a busy month for everyone, and we hope yours has been going very well!

We certainly have a lot going on over here, and a lot to pray about. Summer volunteers have already been arriving, and we are also still preparing for other teams to come help in the work later in the summer. Unfortunately, a lot of our evangelism team members have had their travel visa requests refused. Ten were denied visas coming from a country where we normally don't have any problem. I found this out yesterday; now I have to scramble to move some of the people who *are* coming to slightly different dates and, in some cases, to different ports. There are a lot of moving parts, and we really need your prayers! *Please pray that we will be able to have evangelists placed where and when they will be most needed.*

There have also been some hiccups with the delivery of materials to the distribution cities. Some of our materials haven't even arrived yet: specifically, our "digital packets" (USBs containing the same items as the regular packets, but with more languages, our website, and other links so that recipients can easily contact us). *Please pray for all the details to come together.* God, who calls us, is always faithful. *Please pray for the Lord to do great things in the lives of the travelers whom we and our teams meet, and in the lives of our volunteers as well!*

You may recall how, because of our legal status (working and residing in Spain but being paid in the US), every 5 years we are required to leave Spain for at least 6 months. That time is upon us again! So while we are striving to keep up with all the ministry needs, we are also busy sorting and packing up our household. Thomas and Phoebe, now that they are out of school, have been a huge help! We are scheduled to be out of our house and en-route to Michigan in mid-July. At the end of July, all our kids have special conferences for youth who grew up overseas and are transitioning to life in the USA. *Please pray that each of them adjust well to their new circumstances and to adulthood!* Then, in August, we help move Phoebe and Thomas in to their dorm rooms at Michigan State University.



Deedee boxing up all our books for storage and for our move to France



The Mayor and the Councilor of Education honored Phoebe along with all the city's top students

In mid-October, Deedee and I (and Josiah) will return to Europe, but to France instead of Spain. We will continue our ministry with Operation Transit from there, as well as our work with our Area Office. This is strategic for us, as Operation Transit activities are no longer limited to ports: we are also active in other European cities with North African population centers. **Recently, I heard from an Operation Transit partner who distributes Bibles and our other Christian materials from a marketplace booth in Paris. God used that as an opportunity to lead two North Africans to believe in Jesus as their savior!**

Being at the Area Office will help me to be more effective and efficient in my work with the financial side of our ministry, focusing on making wise use of the funds entrusted to us by our donors. It will also make it easier for me as I continue to train colleagues and help convert our accounting system to NetSuite.

Matthew 9:38 says: "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." The Lord knows the people He has prepared to hear and to receive His word. *Join us in praying that many workers come to help share His word, and that many people receive it!* There are other opportunities for people to get involved with the ministry: this weekend, for example, some of the youth and adults from our church here will help us prepare the gospel packets for distribution. Isaiah 40:31 says: "Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary."

Thank you so very much for participating with us in ministry through your help, prayers, and encouragement! Our work is possible because of you, and your prayers help give us new strength.

Together we serve, *Allen and Deedee*