

News from Allen and Deedee

20 January 2020

Dear Friends,

We hope and pray you had wonderful Christmas and New Years celebrations, and that 2020 has started out well for you!

December was a busy month, as always! Ours began with Deedee and me driving a ministry van down to Spain, meeting and working with our colleagues there, and picking up our new EU residency cards. We flew back to France just before the (not yet resolved) national strikes began limiting transportation. Then Lori, one of our former colleagues, came for two weeks to help me with our NetSuite Financial implementation project. With her help, we also made great strides catching up with the accounting. We thank God for her service!

In mid-December, our son Thomas visited us for three weeks, having completed a good first semester at Michigan State. We enjoyed spending time all together as a family, showing him around the area, and celebrating Christmas! It was difficult taking Thomas back to the airport on New Year's morning, but Epiphany was his first day of classes. *Please pray for him to do well, to thrive, and to build relationships as he begins his second semester at MSU. Keep praying for Josiah and for Phoebe here with us, also; and pray we all improve our French.*

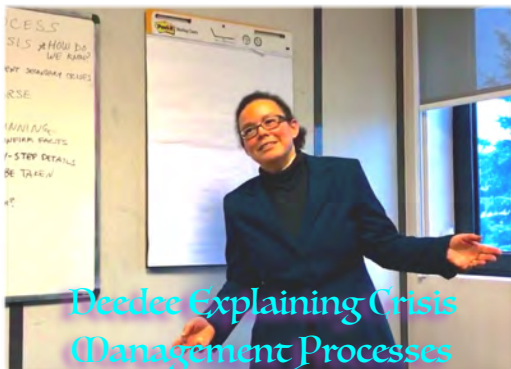
Right after Three Kings' Day, we hosted our entire Port Cities staff team here at the Area Office. Deedee led the first two days of our meeting, which were focused on identifying possible crisis situations, making risk assessments for each one, and thinking through prevention steps and contingency plans. She did an excellent job, and it was so nice to have the whole team together! On our last day we had a regular team meeting, including more NetSuite training. *Please continue to pray for our ministry team's work and growth in this new year, and for all of Operation Transit.*

personal library. *Please pray that we would get completely unpacked and settled into our new home, quickly.*

Please accept our warmest wishes for your new year 2020; we pray that it would be filled with love, peace, and blessings.

Serving Jesus, with you,

Allen and Deedee



Just last week, our household goods and belongings **finally** arrived from Spain! We thank God for His many blessings, including our extensive

