

News from Allen and Deedee 26 July 2020

Hello!

We pray that summer finds you well, and that you are persevering in the Lord through all difficulties.

As I write this, I (Allen) am in Marseille (see photo), helping with outreach there, as some ferry traffic has resumed between North Africa and France. So far Marseille's boats only go to one North African country, but hopeful travelers from a second destination also frequent this port to see if and when their country's ferries will start again (not yet!). Tomorrow I am traveling to Sete, the only port in Europe with ferries currently going to a third North African nation.

The outreach here is inspiring us to pray more. People here have been accepting our offered gift (packets with New Testaments and other items in their languages); but the overall response is not as positive as what I was used to seeing in Spain. The main problem here in Marseille is that there are two



guys here daily, N and L, who claim to be raising money for a local mosque. Not only do they demand cash from travelers; they also discourage people from accepting packets, even reaching into people's cars to take away Bible packets and throw them out. Please pray that the Lord would cause this interference to cease. Pray that everyone who really wants Bibles and other items would get them, keep them, and gain from them. And pray for N and L, who believe they are being zealous for God, to come to truly know God's love and grace for themselves. And keep praying for all the outreach! Pray especially that the Lord would provide enough workers exactly where and when they are needed.

One funny thing happened when I first got to Marseille last week. While I was walking briskly and offering packets to drivers near the port gate, my feet suddenly hit a patch of loose gravel. I slipped but didn't fall, trying to regain my footing, while the driver I had been speaking to drove on. I was still trying to regain my balance as the next car passed; that driver reached out and took the packet right out of my flailing hand, while he kept driving forward!

The rest of the family is doing well. Next week Deedee has a global prayer conference originally planned to happen in central Africa, but now taking place over Zoom. Please pray that it goes well, benefits all participants, and has no technical problems.

THANK YOU for your investment in helping North Africans to hear the gospel and grow in their love for Jesus. You are an important part of everything we do; thanks again for praying for us!

Together we serve. *Allen and Deedee*

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