



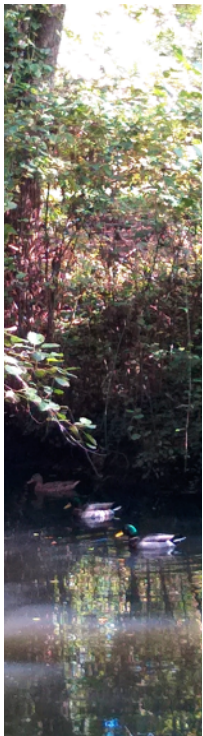
## News from Allen and Deedee Iobst

### October 18th, 2020

Dear friends and family, Deedee and I deeply appreciate your continued partnership in our ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support, which make our work here possible. Thank you, also, for praying for our whole family during all of this year's challenges, especially the recent loss of Deedee's father. Thank you for your thoughts and encouraging words!

October began with our ministry's biannual Worldwide Day of Prayer. Deedee was active in helping prepare our area's involvement in it. Our day started with her leading our team through several hours of prayer, a devotional, and sharing; the day culminated in an afternoon Zoom meeting, praying together with about 200 participants from throughout our region. Our theme was Renewal: "Behold! I am doing a new thing" (from Isaiah 43:18-20).

We have indeed been trusting the Lord for new things this year. Since the pandemic cancelled international travel and closed ports, our team has focused much more on digital outreach and training opportunities. The same has been true for ministry throughout our region of North Africa and the Middle East, and God is blessing the work. Nearly a million people have heard the gospel through our colleagues' online outreach this year! Please pray for effective follow-up with the hundreds of respondents getting in contact with our team and volunteers. Pray especially for new followers of Jesus, that they can find Christian fellowship and continued spiritual growth. Praise the Lord for on-line church meetings!



Please pray for the Lord to continue to guide everyone on our team in learning and using our available information technology, to help us be as effective as possible in all our work. Especially pray for a breakthrough in our team's online outreach to North African students in Spain and in France.

Pray that the Lord would continue to bless our team's ongoing training for Spanish-speaking Christians in Latin America and in Spain. Pray that many of the people being trained now would be able to come and join us here to participate in mission projects, outreaches, or internships in 2021. Please pray that the Lord would provide us with enough workers and volunteers exactly when and where they will be needed in the coming year.

Thank you for praying for my work, specifically! I am (as always) busy with our ministry's accounting, and I am happy to report that everything is currently up-to-date. We now also have all the countries in our area up and running on our new financial system. I feel blessed that I was able to use the skills and training the Lord provided to help convert our books, customize this new system, and train accounting staff for five different countries. I continue to problem-solve and answer lots of questions. Thanks again for all you do to help us serve the Lord here!

*Together we serve,* Allen and Deedee