



Dear friends and ministry partners, we pray this finds you well!

Summer always seems to arrive sooner than expected. Our tomato plants are quickly growing tall, and hopefully they will have a large harvest—but I have to keep vigilant against the stealthy swarms of slugs and snails which want to eat everything in our small garden. I understand now why the French are famous for escargot, at least on the supply side (not so much the demand).

We are also hoping for a great spiritual harvest from this summer's port city outreach. Passenger ferry service is gradually being restored between North Africa and Europe. So far, normal travel has resumed for French ports like Marseille and Sète, but not yet for Spanish ports. Two of our colleagues are in Marseille right now, working with a partnering ministry to offer Bibles and other Christian materials to the North African travelers. **Please pray** for the work to be fruitful there all summer! And pray that the distribution would not be opposed or disrupted, so that everyone who wants a Bible can get one.

**Thank you for praying** for me (Allen) and for the Area Finance Conference I was responsible for in early June. I thought it went really well! (Thankfully, our small glitches with simultaneous interpretation and media sharing were quickly resolved.) Afterwards, participants gave us really encouraging feedback. This was my favorite note: *"Being in the Finance ministry makes me happy to be part of this family, It's an honor to serve with you. Thank you all for your efforts to make this wonderful conference, it literally touched my heart. Praying for each one of you, may the Lord give you joy and peace. Nice to meet you all."* That was from a Middle-Eastern colleague I met during my last (pre-pandemic) trip into the region. I will never forget her boss showing me a photo of an unexploded bomb that had fallen through their office's roof and lodged into their floorboards! We had all traveled to meet in a nearby country, but they still serve with us in that same office.

**Thank you** for partnering with us as we work to see North Africans receive the Word of God into their hands (or phones or computers) and into their hearts! Thank you for your encouragement, support, and prayers; thank you for helping us to help our colleagues reach North African and Middle Eastern communities with the gospel, sharing God's love and hope, despite ongoing difficulties and danger. God bless you!

Together we serve, *Allen and Deedee*

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**We thank the Lord for...**

Good physical and spiritual health, as well as vaccinations, for us and for our team

Allen hosting a successful NAME Area Finance conference online at the beginning of June

Our team's online ministry opportunities, and our week of strategic planning for the coming year

A good start for outreach in Marseille and Sète

Josiah and Phoebe's French class here

Thomas visiting for a month later this summer

**Please pray with us for...**

Allen's fiscal year-end closing and reporting

Financial system updates and changes required for our global ministries' new structure

Deedee's crisis management task force creating helpful new protocols and contingency plans

Effective and fruitful ongoing online ministry, especially to people in North Africa and the Middle East who may fear meeting in person

Our colleagues coming to Spain from Latin America and the Caribbean in July and August, to work with our team in several outreach projects

A group of US interns preparing to serve in our Area for one year. Our team will host them in Marseille and help train them, before they each travel to their own country/ministry assignment