

# News from Allen and Deedee

## 30 August 2021



Our first day on the Camino de Santiago, in Spain



**Thank you for praying for us!** We had an unforgettable journey together on our family trip this summer, persevering through the last 114 kilometers of the “French Route” of the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage. After six days of hiking and contemplation, we rejoiced to finally reach the Santiago Cathedral’s Obradoiro Plaza, welcomed by a traditional Galician bagpiper. I (Deedee) treasured a quiet time of reflection and prayer inside the cathedral, especially remembering my Dad, who finished his Christian pilgrimage on this earth one year ago.

On our return to France, while the rest of us unpacked and recuperated, Allen traveled to Marseille. There he finalized setup and logistics for the briefing conference our team hosted, to train about fifty new short-term Christian workers preparing to serve throughout our region. God provided for every detail, including health passes, transportation, meeting rooms, and trainers. Key among the trainers were our Arabic-speaking colleagues, who came alongside the group for local outreach to the 200,000 North Africans in the city. Once the program was well underway, Allen and I traded places. He came home, and I went down to help give the Safety and Security presentation. As the conference’s Crisis Manager, I also worked to help keep everyone safe from getting or spreading COVID.



- Praise the Lord for the full recovery of the only person who fell ill. We are thankful for how his team was able to encourage him, despite his being isolated all 10 days of the conference.
- Praise God for all the new workers now serving in our region!
- Pray the Lord blesses them and watches over them as they adjust to their new countries.
- Pray that God is glorified through them and through their work, wherever they go.
- Praise the Lord for everyone who heard the gospel or who got New Testaments this summer; please pray that they would each experience God’s love and grace in their lives.

Thank you again for being part of our work and for supporting us here! We appreciate you!

*Serving with you, Allen and Deedee*