

Dear friends and family, we pray you are well and enjoying a beautiful springtime.

We thank the Lord for giving our team ever-strengthening partnerships with our colleagues in Latin American countries, as well as with Destino, our Latin American ministry in the United States. Earlier this year, a small group from Destino came to see and experience the port outreach for themselves before they send us a group of students to help in July. Linda, who took part in that visit, shared the following story:

"I was on a vision trip to Spain where we got to share the gospel with men and women from North Africa traveling through Spanish ports. As we waited at a crosswalk with our gospel materials to hand out, a woman to my left engaged me in conversation in Arabic, assuming I too spoke it. I proceeded to offer the materials using the four Arabic phrases I had learned. She smiled and stretched her arms out to receive them, until her son halted her. He said they already read those materials and did not need them. I could tell his mom was sad, and she explained to me that she cannot read nor write and she could only accept the items if it was okay with her son. Unbeknownst to her son, we had the JESUS Film in Arabic on a USB that was easy to hand out. 'I bet you don't have one of these!' came out of my mouth in a tone and playful manner which I would use around my family members. Almost immediately, I could see the son's guard come down with curiosity, and he looked at me like my little brother would. I had not realized how much in common our relational cultures had 'til that moment. I let them know that even if they cannot read, the film's audio is in their language. The mom, with a huge relief, said thank you and excitedly repeated, 'Even if I cannot read, I can hear. I will listen to this.'"



This Destino group will be joining us in Spain when we go help with the work there this summer.

I have been busy making arrangements preparing for this team— and many others like them— getting ready to participate in outreach throughout Europe to people from North Africa and the Middle East.

This Thursday, for example, I'll drive a ministry van up to Paris for Deedee and I to meet with some of our colleagues visiting from several countries, and to get 42 boxes of Arabic-French New Testaments from them. We'll bring the books back here to our Operations office. From here, another colleague will transport them to Germany and Switzerland in readiness for summer mission projects there.

Thank you for praying for us and for the different strategies which are still being organized together within our new NAMESTAN Europe Network. Please pray for local church involvement in each type of outreach, as well as for the ability for teams to come help from around the world. Please keep praying for the results: that more people will hear about Jesus in their own language, and experience His love and grace! We thank the Lord for you. Thank you again for your help, encouragement, and prayers, which are making a great difference here!

Serving with you,

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