

Happy Thanksgiving from Allen and Deedee



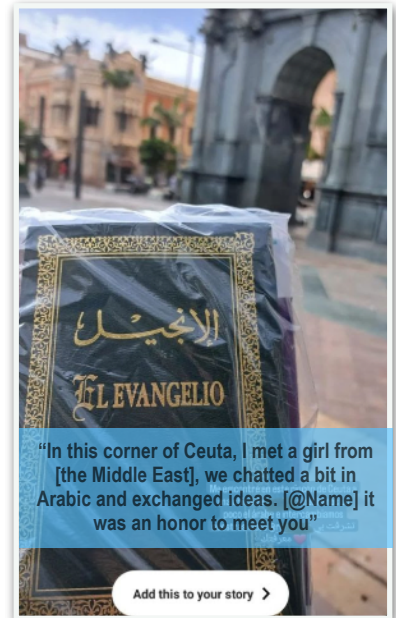
Dear beloved partners: Happy Thanksgiving!

This time of year, when someone asks me “What are you praising God for?” or “What are you thankful for?” I know immediately! I am so thankful for the team whom the Lord has brought together to pray for us, encourage us in His service, and support our ministry. THAT’S YOU! It amazes me to think that it has now been 31 years for Deedee and nearly 33 years for me, since we began serving with Campus Crusade for Christ International. Many, many of you have stood with us since the beginning, and God has never ceased to guide and provide for us. That is amazing!

We also are very thankful to God that we can be a part of many efforts to see the gospel brought to the people of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, especially while they are living in or visiting Europe. Even while facing many challenges doing this, we have been blessed to experience the Lord’s faithfulness and to see His hand at work here.

Last month, a group our national staff from a middle eastern country came to Spain to share the good news of Jesus Christ with North Africans. They gave away hundreds of Arabic New Testaments, movies on the life of Christ, books for children and books that help explain the Christian faith. While in Spain, the team got to talk with 800 people, sharing the gospel with over 400 of them; they saw 7 people pray to receive Christ as their personal Savior!

One of our campus ministry staff met a young woman from North Africa; she gave her a packet, and they talked together about Jesus. Before parting, they exchanged contact information, and the North African promised to read her new Bible. Afterwards she posted its picture (see photo) and shared how joyful she was to have had that conversation and to have heard about Jesus for the first time. She even shared with her many followers the location of the distribution site, and encouraged others to go talk with our staff and to get a New Testament of their own! *Please join us in thanking the Lord for this outreach: and pray for our colleagues in Spain as they follow up with the people they’ve met.*



Recently, as last month ended, our organization’s former president Steve Douglass passed away. I remember the first time I met him; he visited my college campus twice when I was still a student. He came to share the gospel through his presentation, *How to Get Better Grades and Have More Fun* (also the title of a book he wrote). Steve had gotten an advanced degree in Engineering from MIT: I remember him helping me and a friend—both of us engineering students—design and build paper airplanes to see who could fly it closest to a target in the room, while we waited for a meeting to start! He really was fun as well as smart, and he was an inspirational leader in our organization. *Please join us in praying for his wife, Judy, and for their children and grandchildren, as our staff worldwide bids Steve goodbye and celebrates his lifetime of service.*

Thank you again for helping make all our work here possible, through your prayers, support, and encouragement! May the Lord bless you in every way,

Allen and Deedee

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