

## News from Allen and Deedee 14 September 2022

Dear friends and family,

We pray your summer has gone well!

Last month we told you about our work with volunteers at our outreach to North Africans in Spain. Just after we sent you that letter, we traveled to Marseille, to help train the group of

interns gathered there preparing to go serve in countries throughout our region. It was a true blessing to help mentor them, as they began to work together in their teams, to plan and learn how to live and minister cross-culturally. I (Allen) also helped lead them in city outreach. They gained experience in prayer and evangelism, and they even got to see several people from the local North African community indicate decisons to follow Jesus.

After we got back home from the south of France, my Dad and his friend Karen came to see us on their way to <u>Oberammergau</u>. We enjoyed spending time with them, taking a day trip

into Paris (photo above), and joining them in their train ride to Holland. After we saw them off to join with their riverboat tour group, we spent a few more days in Amsterdam relaxing and exploring that beautiful and fascinating city (photo to right).

The French term we hear a lot right now is **rentrée**, which means **return**: specifically, going back to school or work after summer vacation. In our case it means re-focusing on our year-round responsibilities and re-starting French classes, after returning from our summer mission projects and all the special effort needed to make those happen. This summer the extra logistics required were more than we could really handle, and some details fell through. Praise God for protecting the ministry from serious negative consequences; but please pray that the Lord would send us more people to help in the work! Our team needs more people to help lead student ministry, as well as specialists to help work in finance, conference planning, and logistics.



Can you spot four lobsts at the MOCO modern art museum in Amsterdam?

Thank you for continuing to pray for our team, as we expand into a Network of ministry strategies, each of which seek to bring the gospel to people in Western Europe from throughout North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. We are still learning the details of everyone's current ministries, and getting organized into a structured Network. Please pray that the Lord guides this process, building this team into a community, so that we all work together well— better than we would work separately! Pray that all of us in the Network would communicate well and pray for one another also.

Please pray for Deedee's travels, as she has three different conferences coming up. The one for leading prayer starts Friday; then there are two in October, for crisis management.

Deedee and I are in awe of your continual support for our family and for our work of helping bring the good news of God's kingdom to the least-reached. It is an amazing journey, and we are so glad that you are a part of it. Thank you, and God bless you!

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