



Happy Thanksgiving

from Allen and Deedee

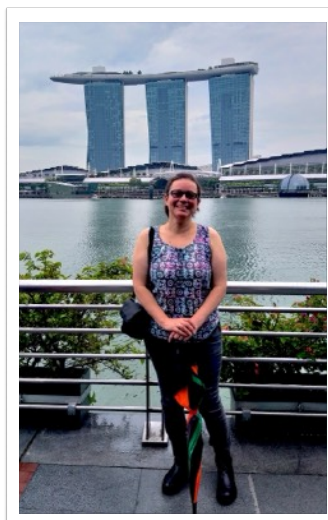
Dear Friends and Family,

Join us in giving praise and Thanksgiving to our Lord, for all He has done this past year!

Earlier this month I (Allen) traveled to Spain for a wonderful meeting of our Operation Transit Steering Committee. Through our outreach this year, our teams distributed over 96,000 New Testaments, Jesus Film media, and other evangelistic items. Also our team in one North African country welcomed 3 new indigenous staff and 7 new interns, most of whom cite gospel materials from port outreach as being influential in their journey to Christ! **Please see the back page for more stats and stories.**

As you may know, many of our outreaches include giving or showing the movie *Jesus*. The Jesus Film ministry, also part of Campus Crisade for Christ International, is currently working on an animated feature film version. There is a great, short video about this here: <https://vimeo.com/844634593/56a31731cf>. The film *Jesus* has now been translated into 2,100 languages, and continues to be the most translated film ever. We rejoice in the new ways the Lord is providing, to bring His Good News to multitudes of people!

After returning to France from Spain, I had a short time to greet the family and get a few hours of sleep before driving Deedee to the airport for her trip to Singapore (*see photo*). She had an excellent week of meetings with the Global Crisis Management Team, including her counterparts, Regional Crisis Managers from all around the world. Throughout various wars, natural disasters, and other crisis events, this team has been incredibly busy trying to protect our colleagues and their families and work; including helping to determine how, when and where to evacuate people from danger zones, and when to allow return.



Please continue to pray:

- Pray for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.
- Pray for God to demonstrate His care, love and mercy to the people of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia: Pray that each one would seek God's face, and that they would experience His presence and grace.
- Pray for the Christians in this region, that God will protect and sustain them, and especially that He would give them the capacity and ability to listen to and minister to the people around them, as well as to share the Good News of God's grace and love through Jesus Christ.



Thank you for partnering with us and praying for us!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Allen and Deedee



Operation Transit 2023

www.optransit.net

ports@pobox.com

Psalm 1:3 : “He will be like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in its season...”

2023 Verbally sharing the Gospel

Heard about Jesus	at least	456
Indicated decisions for Christ		4
On-site follow-up lessons		1
Continuing digitally		3

2023 Distribution

New Testaments	35,389
JESUS Film items	27,695
Josh McDowell items	17,363
Items for Children	15,600
Total	96,047

1993—2023

New Testaments	2,841,076
JESUS Film items	4,038,170
Josh McDowell items	1,302,411
Items for Children	3,664,540
Other items	1,065,505
Total	12,911,702

Seeds

One of two men in the cab of a van hesitated, but the other eagerly accepted the gift. It turned out there were two more rows of seats, each with two men, all unrelated. Each one accepted a packet.

In Ceuta, a driver was listening to a Quranic text, which just as a distributor approached, mentioned "the word of God." "And here it is!" announced the distributor. The driver readily accepted the entire packet.

In Tarifa, a driver exclaimed how long he had been waiting to get a Bible!

A family accepted when a 7-year old girl said, "I want to know Jesus."

A North African father traveling with his two adult sons rejected the materials in every form, but one of the sons accepted a USB.

A blind man wanted a New Testament despite the driver having politely refused. (As a positive aside, someone would need to read it to him.)

A young man living in France coming through a Spanish port was amazed and grateful to receive a New Testament in both French and Arabic.

A distributor shared his own life-changing experience with Jesus to a busload of people who had all refused the materials. A young man then accepted the gift despite the crowd. He later asked for a USB as well.

Two people passed the distributors before realizing what they were offering. They drove around the traffic circle and requested two packets.

When a distributor gave the materials to a North African man, he said "Wow, and it's my birthday!"

A young lady heading to North Africa refused the packet, but returned later saying, "I have changed my mind. I want the New Testament"

A traveler said, "Everything about Jesus is good."

A Christian leader was offering Christian materials to North Africans in Madrid. He gave a man the Gospel of John and asked if he knew about Jesus. He had, explaining he had gotten a packet while traveling through a port on his way to North Africa. He had been reading the books.

Sprouts & Trees

A traveling North African told a distributor "I have Jesus in my heart!" But he did not have time to stop and talk more.

Evangelists gave a divorced mother of 3 little children a New Testament they had prepared with sticky notes. Touched, she turned to Jesus putting her trust in Him. At yet another meeting she was given more spiritual grounding and continues to be followed-up digitally.

A North African woman was glad to talk about Jesus and decided Jesus was her solution. She eagerly prayed to receive Jesus. She wanted to attend church and continues to interact digitally.

A North African woman had known about Jesus, but had never taken a step to follow Him. She decided to follow Christ as they spoke together with the project participants. She was happy to receive a Bible adding that she would teach it to her children. She lives in a very secure country, but is also interacting regularly by digital means.

A couple of years ago a house church leader in North Africa shared how he and his brother had come to Christ through a New Testament his brother had picked up at a Spanish port. This same pastor more recently shared how, after the Bible, God used Josh McDowell's More than a Carpenter to give him a firm foundation and to help him grow in his new Christian faith.

Another Christian worker shared how, after she had become a Christian, the first Bible she had access to was a New Testament distributed at the ports. She is very appreciative.

A young person in a Spanish church was using Operation Transit materials to share the gospel with some of her North African friends. She has met with a distribution leader to get more materials, encouragement, and further training in evangelism.

A healthy stride was taken this summer toward seeing the port projects used to build local believers to learn to witness with their North African neighbors. At least 16 Christian leaders participated in an event to challenge others to accept this pursuit full-time.