



Dear friends and family, we pray that your Springtime has started well!

Last month we traveled quite a bit, participating in a regional conference only a few days after we arrived back in France from the USA. We had an inspirational time and very useful meetings with coworkers and partners from throughout the region we serve. It was quite a diverse group, including many nationals who are leading work in their own countries, as well as others who (like us) serve in nations besides their own.

This is answered prayer: You have prayed with us that people would come to know Jesus in places where many do not yet know Him; that they would find fellowship both in small groups and in churches; and that they would mature spiritually, so that they would grow to serve God however He calls them, including becoming leaders or pastors in their own countries or serving elsewhere. It is so exciting to see this happening! Thank you for joining with us in supporting our work and praying for these goals.

Deedee and I also appreciate your ongoing prayers as we both continue to adjust to expanded responsibilities.

Deedee has been doing a lot of work in crisis management and in prayer. Our region is never free of incident! She has been helping our colleagues to address difficulties and to prepare for (or prevent) problems. She also leads our team in times of worship and intercession, and is helping get things ready for our next Worldwide Day of Prayer.

At the end of the month, I spent two weeks in special meetings with our Finance team, which is a merger of two earlier teams. We worked together in the office here, as well as in Brittany (both photos). I was very pleased with how we fulfilled our objectives: developing our new organization and strategy; training; and team building.

Meanwhile, my preparations, recruiting and logistics work for this summer's port projects has already begun. We do not yet have leaders for all the planned outreach locations. Please pray that the Lord provides leaders and volunteers everywhere they are needed. Also, pray for me as I write some job descriptions this week, to recruit staff and interns to come and help with everything we do behind the scenes.



Deedee and I are excited to continue to be a part of what God is doing to share His Good News throughout the region stretching from North Africa to Central Asia, and among the people in Europe from those countries.

**Thank you so much** for partnering with us in our work, and helping make it all possible! *Serving with you,*

*Allen and Deedee*