

Autumn News from Allen and Deedee



Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV):
...Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

October 3 **WORLDWIDE Day of Prayer**

Today our office and Network team met and prayed for one another and for God's work around the world. Our preparation included a week of short morning devotions, and encouraging videos from our organization's leaders in different regions. It is an honor and blessing to help lead our colleagues through these prayer times! — Deedee

OCTOBER 12 ALBANIA: Global Conference for Operations and Fund Capacity Leaders

Dear Friends and Family: I am amazed to be writing to you from Albania! It doesn't seem that long ago that this was considered to be one of the most "closed" countries in the world. Its government had declared itself the first completely atheist country, and it cut itself off from the rest of the world, even from other communist countries. But now: not only am I attending a Christian conference here, but this last Sunday, I attended an Albanian church service! While here, I learned that our ministry here has 100 full time Albanian staff, and 15 teams throughout the country. The Kingdom of God is growing!

The conference has been amazing: 200 Operations and Fund Capacity leaders are here from 80 different nationalities. It has been invaluable to meet with key colleagues I work with but seldom get to see in person, and to network with others I will be working more closely with in the future. And the sessions have been full of so much wonderful teaching and encouragement, including from Ephesians, reminding us we all have our roles that fit and work together according to God's will, and that we are to lead from the heart, with our hearts right with God. Ministry starts in the heart and flows from the heart. — Allen



Allen received a service award from our VP for Ops and Fund Capacity

As Allen saw in Albania, nothing is impossible with the Lord! Please keep praying, with us, that the Lord would likewise work in the nations of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, so that they too would be open to the good news of Jesus. **Thank you for partnering with us and praying for us as we serve this challenging region!**



Josiah helped prepare this season's firewood

October 30 **FRANCE**

This month has been quite eventful for me as part of our region's crisis management team, as we help our friends in the Middle East during the ongoing conflict, and also monitor threats of regional escalation. I have had more than I can do every day with various different situations happening at the same time. Please pray for all of us helping advise ministry leaders on crisis preparedness, risk assessment, and travel and ministry decisions. Most importantly, please pray for peace, and for God's grace and mercy. — Deedee



Fall's first fire: a rare rest for Deedee

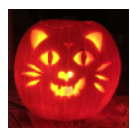
Allen's next travel is to Malaga, Spain, for the annual Operation Transit Steering Committee meeting, at the beginning of November. Please pray that the Lord blesses their time there, and provides great wisdom and direction for next summer's outreach and beyond.

Deedee's next trip is to Singapore, for her annual in-person Global Crisis Management conference. (Last year it was in Malaga!) She will be leaving right after Allen gets back. Please pray that God provides everyone with good health and safe travel.

Thank you for your prayers and support, which help make all our work possible!



Phoebe carved a pumpkin welcoming the neighbor kids



Serving with you,

Allen and Deedee

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