



Good day, family and friends! We pray this finds you well.

Happy news: In just a few days, our son Thomas is finishing his bachelor's degree in Linguistics, and the four of us in France are heading to the USA to attend his graduation from Michigan State.

This will be the beginning of nearly three months of *Home Assignment* for us, which is a time for us to visit with ministry partners and partnering churches, as well as time to catch up with extended family. We also hope to meet new partners to join our team in praying for and supporting our work over here. *Please pray for us as we travel and share with partners, churches, mission boards, Sunday school classes, and other groups.*

April has already been quite busy for both of us. Just last week, Deedee traveled to Northern Cyprus to represent our organization at the annual conference of a partnership which helps Christians in the Middle East and North Africa. She reports that the meetings were very productive, the networking was encouraging, and the sunsets were lovely (photo above).

At the beginning of the month, Allen went to Spain for the annual meeting of our team's association which allows us to do official business there (such as banking and visa invitations).

At that meeting, our colleagues shared about how they have seen the Lord answer prayer for our team:

Our student ministry leader rejoiced to see someone she has been mentoring for years recently lead an outreach project in Barcelona. (When they met, the young lady was a North African student in Spain).

Our colleagues reported that the Lord is raising up more local Christians to participate in our two distribution strategies: Operation Transit is developing more leaders from Spanish churches; and more Arabic-speaking Christians in Germany are helping with our Gulf Partnership Outreach.

Our team's church-equipping work has seen many people come to Jesus, both through online outreach and in person through an Arabic-speaking church in Malaga. They saw a new Arabic-speaking church start up in another Spanish city. They are also excited to be able to bring along some of the Christians they are mentoring, to do short term ministry in North Africa.

Thank you for your encouragement, support, and prayers, which help make all our work possible! **Please contact us while we are in the USA if you'd like us to come and speak, or if you just want to meet up!** We'd love to see you! Together we serve,

*Allen and Deedee*

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