

Dear Friends and partners,

You are such an encouragement to Deedee and me, and we deeply appreciate your taking part with us in ministry. We hope that your autumn has been going well, and we pray that you are encountering the Lord and experiencing His grace and encouragement throughout each day.

We have had a full schedule serving the outreaches to people from North Africa and the Middle East traveling in Europe. There are so many stories of our staff and students sharing the gospel and seeing people visit their church and coming to know Jesus, it's hard to keep up! **Thank you for supporting and praying for this work: each story is an answer to prayer (see green box below).**

A dear friend from the Middle East told us about the people she met while leading an evangelism team for our port city outreach in Ceuta (Spain): *We met S during a particularly difficult time in her life. We shared how Jesus provides hope and peace, especially during tough times. Another North African lady nearby overheard our conversation and decided to join in. We shared the gospel with both women: S listened intently and agreed with everything we said. While neither yet indicated a decision about Jesus, both of them accepted Bibles from us, and S began reading hers right away. She admitted that she couldn't understand everything, but we encouraged her to ask any questions she might have, assuring her that it was okay to seek understanding. S was surprised by this, and happy to hear it. Despite another friend advising her not to take the Bible, she chose to keep it. She wanted to know more.*

At the end of the summer, Deedee traveled to a training conference to help prepare more than 50 recent college graduates to serve in 8 different countries throughout North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia for at least a year. The time went well, and she was also able to train a new national crisis manager to serve in one of those countries.

Right after her return, I went to Serbia to do an internal financial audit for our national ministry there. As I read them my final report, I was so encouraged to see their expressions change from nervousness to excitement, as I was providing solutions for some things that they had been struggling with. I was glad to be able to help them move forward, and see them become enthusiastic about next steps which will enable them to better reach the lovely people of their country.

A local believer that Jannie trained to help with the outreach in Cape Town shared the following story: *When I offered a packet of Christian materials to a North African at the airport, he told me he had received one the year before, and that he had given it to his daughter. He said **"It was so good. Please don't stop. Please don't ever stop doing what you are doing."***



October started with our organization's WorldWide Day of Prayer, which Deedee leads twice a year for our office and for our Network team. The theme this year has been "God will make a Way," and it is true. God continues to make a way for more people to hear the good news: that He has made the way ready for them to know Him for themselves: and that the Way is Jesus. Please join us in praying that God will also make a way through all the different crisis situations in our region and restore peace.

Also pray for us, as Deedee and I travel again (together this time) for back-to-back conferences. The first is a week-long gathering of all the Operations staff in our region. Pray for me as I co-lead the team in charge of this conference. The following week is the annual meeting of our Global Finance Team, during which Deedee is in charge of our prayer and worship times which start each day.

Thank you so much. We deeply appreciate all your taking part with us in ministry here.

Together we serve, *Allen and Deedee*

Our friend and colleague Jannie recently passed away, after more than a year of devastating illness. He and his wife Ronel



worked with us when we all lived in Spain, and Ronel has continued to assist me in the accounting work. After Jannie and Ronel moved back to their home country of South Africa to be closer to family (and grandchildren!) they developed the outreach to the increasing North African population there in Cape Town. Jannie was also an active prayer champion for our region, traveling to pray on-site in difficult places. He is with the Lord now, and we all miss him greatly. Please join us in praying for God's comfort for Ronel, and for all their family and friends.