

News from Allen and Deedee March/April 2025

Dear friends and family, We pray this finds you well!

Back in **January**, Deedee and the prayer leaders from throughout our region met together to discuss different ways to inspire, facilitate, model, and mobilize Kingdom-focused prayer. Everyone was encouraged and brought back ideas which they are now using to prepare for our next **World Day of Prayer**, coming up on **22 April**. *Please pray the Day of Prayer is very encouraging, as we all "Fix our Eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

Thank you for supporting us in our calling, praying for us, and partnering with us in the incredible privilege of helping bring the good news of Jesus Christ to people from North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. The Lord has been answering your prayers! We thank God for protecting us in our travels, guiding our plans and work, and blessing His Word as it goes forth.



In **February**, Deedee went to her annual in-person Global Crisis Management meeting, in Colombia (see photos). They discussed crisis management's role helping each different region's ministry goals, and helping our teams care for people and serve the Lord even in difficult times. At the end of **April**, Deedee and our other two Regional Crisis Managers will build on those topics, when their team meets together in person for the first time. They will also plan updated training for new and current national crisis managers. *Please pray that the Lord blesses their time together and directs all their discussion and decision-making, and that He gives them good health and safe travels.*

We thank the Lord for guiding our NAMESTAN Europe Network's reorganization and strategic planning meetings in **mid-March**. Some of our colleagues have officially become part of their local French or Spanish teams, while continuing to network with us with their same focus and ministry. We are now also working together with more staff and ministries based in other parts of Europe, including Portugal, Albania, Germany, Romania, Austria, and the U.K. Deedee is leading prayer and crisis management for the Network "core" team. Meanwhile I continue to provide financial accounting and logistical support for Network strategies, like getting distribution materials together and shipped to Operation Transit's various outreach locations. *Please pray specifically for the Lord to bless preparations for all our different summer outreaches and strategies, especially Operation Transit, whose first summer distribution session starts in Spain right before Easter. I plan to join them for part of that time.*

Starting in **April**, my (Allen) primary team is the Global Finance Group, where I help provide accounting and financial leadership for countries whose national ministry teams are too small to have that capacity themselves. This includes quite a few national ministries in our region of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. I still have several annual audit trips as well: at the **end of April**, I travel to Central Asia to help two of my Global Finance colleagues provide internal audits for three of our national ministries at the same time. *Please pray for everything to go well!*

Thank you for helping make all our work possible! We deeply appreciate you!

Love, from *Allen and Deedee*



Our Network director and Regional VP came to lead our Network reorganization and thank those changing primary teams.

Insight from our church Bible study this week:

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" He replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

[Jesus then told the story of the Good Samaritan, and ended with a question:]

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

—Luke 10:25-29, 36-37 (NIV)

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." —Fred Rogers

Please pray that in good times and bad, God empowers you, and us, and all who love Him, to help those in need.

