# Dear Friends & Family ~

We hope your family is doing well and enjoying the colorful season of fall! We arrived back in North Africa at the beginning of September. However, it was a very busy month. One week after our arrival we signed a rental contract and moved to a new apartment. Then our girls started back to school, we hosted English conversation groups, and friends from Colorado visited.

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### $\sim$ SUMMER 2014 $\sim$

We really enjoyed our summer back in the states, mostly in Colorado and Minnesota. We were blessed to visit with many of you and share in other special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, and reunions! Other highlights were: swimming, hiking, biking, golfing, spending time in the beautiful Rocky Mountains and northern Minnesota. But most of all, we enjoyed seeing so many friends, family and ministry partners ... reconnecting and sharing our lives.

#### ~ NEW GROWTH ~

PTL! This summer two local men from our city made decisions, were ba\*ptiz\*ed and started to meet with other brothers. Then, just last week another man did the same. Now there are five brothers meeting together in our city. So in the past year we've seen this small group grow from one to five! And there are still some ladies meeting as well. A few of these ladies are the wives of the men we mentioned. Please continue to lift up these brothers and sisters. They are definitely in the minority in this culture and within their families and different levels of persecution can come at any time. \*\* PRAY that they will be bold and grow in their new faith.

## ~ NEW SCHOOL YEAR ~

In September we were blessed to reconnect with our students from last year. Many returned excited to see everyone and speak English again. One student said, "This school is my second home!" We have prayed for this - that God's presence would be felt at the school and that they would experience a sense of freedom, love, joy and hope. In addition to facilitating conversation groups, we also presented a slide show of photo highlights from our summer. They were very interested to hear what we did, how our families are doing, and if we travelled to a place they've heard of, etc. Then we began registration. Currently we have about 90 students registered and classes started last week. We are ready to see what the HE has planned for this school year. We plan to host conversation groups and meetings 1-on-1 with students. And we also hope to facilitate Thanksgiving and Christmas parties later in the fall. \*\* PRAY for all of our students (adults and children), that they will

sense the God's presence at our school and have open hearts and minds to the Lord and His truths.

#### ~ NEW TEACHERS ?? ~

To be honest, we were surprised to return this fall with no new teachers. There were many who were interested this summer but in the end, no one was able to commit to the fall. However, we are still hopeful that new teachers will come this next year. There are a few people who may possibly come to help teach next spring or summer, but what we really need now is ONE teacher for the winter session! \*\*\* January 26 - April 24 \*\*\*. if you or someone you know is interested in coming here in 2015, please let us know and we will communicate via skype. Thanks! \*\* PRAY that the Lord will direct just who HE wants to come here in the future.

Thank you for supporting our family over the past five plus+ years that we've lived and worked overseas. Know that the Lord is working through YOU, as a part of His work in the people of North Africa. There is a lot of negative news around the world, but God is at work around the globe for His purposes and He will be the Victorious One! Jesus Christ purchased us with His blood. He conquered death so that we might have life. Let us always remember that and filter everything we see, hear, and read through these eternal truths.

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves." 2 Peter 2:1 (NASB)