

ANDERSON EOY FLASH UPDATE : **GIVING TO FORGE PEACE TOGETHER**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. (Isaiah 9:6, KJV, accent is writer's)*

Yesterday our family celebrated Christ's birth in the peace, security and comfort of the home where Verlin grew up. Many friends similarly celebrated forgiveness from sin in the name of Christ, reading the Christmas story and sharing the blessings of our liberties with one another. Many prayed with concerns of holiday schedules, family finance and the futures of their children.

Yesterday, many Christian families celebrated Christ's birth surrounded by threats of violence against their lives while in cold and/or barren places, forced out from where they grew up. Evicted by ISIS, or abducted into slavery by Boko Haram, they prayed for deliverance and that all oppression cease in the name of Jesus. Others limited contact for fear of spreading and suffering the effects of Ebola. These prayed with concerns of fear for their lives and futures, awaiting deliverance rather than experiencing it.

Today, Islamicists and One-World Government Christians falsely continue to press a legalistic submission and expand by force what they fervently believe to be God's governance worldwide. They claim salvation by union, yet extinguish life and incite tyrannical divisions. The only hope to effectively resist such aspiration with endurance and diversity is what we proclaim: Jesus, Lord at His birth. His governing shows through the heart of every believer joined voluntarily in society. This hope overcomes.

While corresponding and talking with Nigerian and Ivorian Christians this week, Verlin exchanged with believers who also celebrate Jesus' birth like Simeon of the Christmas story. They know violence against them needs overcoming, not simple accommodation, to renew and guard the hope of seeing Jesus alone recognized as Lord of all. They know no one can struggle for them, even as no other could decide or act on-the-ground for Israel to have their freedom. However, each can seek to be used to prepare the way for others by teaching and living belief that supports freedom. Each can struggle to join so that others understand how God leads through organized exodus to eventually overcome tyranny and to enjoy the fruits of liberty. Some communicated shared disappointment that we are not there to celebrate Christmas with them and to assist their search with faith-filled knowledge. That said, their hope was renewed because it is not in us. Their faith is in our common Lord. They wait on others of similar conviction to send us back to equip their organized obedience in sharing Community Health Evangelism.

To further fuel and equip West African CHE teams who strive to multiply hope in their neighborhoods, their country, and their continent, please help us help you be represented. Contributions can be sent by writing a check to the CHSC with Verlin & Debbie Anderson #0118 on the memo line and mailing it here:

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May ours be a blessed New Year of working together to overcome much sin and its damage by living the forgiveness defined in our world by Christ.

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