



ANDERSON REPORT



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While outside is an icy winter wonderland with the coldest temperatures of the year, inside our apartment and our hearts, there is warmth. Warmth remembering the Lord’s grace and goodness to us in 2014; warmth reviewing the mighty ways He is transforming lives through Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in West Africa; warmth recalling He chooses to use redeemed sinners like all of us in His Kingdom; warmth rejoicing in people who are faithful to encourage, pray, and give.

Tune Ups

Since our last update, both of us have been jumping through medical hoops associated with living in bodies that have passed the 50-year milestone. Verlin was diagnosed with severe sleep apnea and fitted with a CPAP machine, along with all the follow-up appointments and adjustments. What a relief to see him slowly becoming more rested after five years of sleep deprivation! He also had to deal with an inner ear problem. Otherwise, several “oscopy” tests have shown that he is in good health except for a kidney stone. Debbie had surgery and physical therapy to repair a meniscus tear, eliminating one of two problems she had with her right knee. After she completes some routine tests in upcoming weeks, we should be physically ready to return to the rigorous African environment for four years.

Training

Verlin’s training by the CDC in January to work with Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) was very useful. As he and more than fifty other people from various medical backgrounds learned together, it was encouraging that numerous participants were Christians seeking ways to make a difference in



Jesus’ name. This specialized training opens many doors to help prevent Ebola in West Africa, both through CHE and in the public health sector. Verlin has offered to serve in areas using ETU starting in mid-June, if help is still needed at that time.

Recent communications with CHE partners in Cote d’Ivoire indicate a growing, pent-up need for training of trainers that will surpass our available time when



we return, hopefully in summer, dependent on funding. CHE trainings for the fall are scheduled, expecting our return and full participation. Other training will be

delayed by perhaps a year. A spring training of evangelical pastors nation-wide is scheduled with a CHE trainer of associates who have not lived in Cote d’Ivoire during crisis. This training occasion was initiated last year before and while Verlin was there in October. We had expected to be on-the-ground facilitators. Our flesh cries out against the delays and potential setbacks, since missed training sessions means missed converts. Still, there is peace when we remember that our Lord only allows what turns out for the best. Our extended absence allows for further pruning, maturing, and measuring of team strengths.

Timing

January afforded us the time to look at 2014 donations and evaluate where we stand in monthly support. Praise the Lord, almost \$14,000 was given to our account in December alone. Our cash base requirement of \$25,000 is in. That allowed us to begin drawing salary just above the U.S. Federal Poverty Level (FPL) during November. During 2014,



we chose not to be reimbursed for gas, travel expense, or insurance so that the balance would grow. We still need some cash for tickets, a vehicle, and house set-up, but primarily we concentrate on growing the remaining \$4,000 needed monthly. That could be 40 x \$100. God could use 40 churches, groups of people, or individuals to give \$100 monthly. If you refer to the 'If God lived in my Village?' pamphlet which we use as we visited churches to report, that \$4,000 means we still need financial partners of

1 donor at \$500 per month (of 2 sought)
5 donors x \$300 per month (of 10 sought)
6 donors x \$200 per month (of 10 sought)
5 donors x \$50 per month (of 10 sought)
17 donors x \$25 per month (of 20 sought)

10 donors x \$100 per month have already committed, so it seems many find that an easier amount to give. That's why we've refocused to '40 x \$100'. Finding 40 x \$100 partners will prevent our having to interrupt ministry to return to the U.S. for fund raising. Reaching this goal is all that keeps us from returning to Cote d'Ivoire for a 4-year term tomorrow. If individuals or churches were to prayerfully resume or start monthly, quarterly, or annual financial support all would participate in this West African church planting movement. We expect to find additional

funding for Ivorian projects within the support networks of each group participating in CHE.

When we began visiting churches last March it was primarily to say "thank you" to people who had been ministry partners for 16 years and to share some of the marvelous ways the Lord is at work in Cote d'Ivoire using our partnership group. Many of you have continued support as we transition to CHE missionaries through Christian Health Service Corps. From now until mid-summer, when we hope to return, most of our time will be devoted to seeking the support partners still needed. Thank you for your part in speeding us back to the field. We are "chompin' at the bit" to return.

Thanksgiving

Rejoice with us! Our son Cason and his wife Suzanne are in the beginning steps to adopt a foster child in Nashville. Tennessee law requires that potential adoptive parents receive the child for six months before an adoption is finalized, in addition to the adoption classes and state inspections. They anticipate this precious two-year-old will begin living with them in late April. We were able to meet her on Valentine's Day—what a present! Details and photos cannot be shared now.

Gratefully His and yours in service,
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

We'd appreciate your prayers for . . .

- 🍀 **Adoption.** That the process goes smoothly for Cason and Suzanne.
- 🍀 **Opened doors.** Ease in making contacts to raise the remaining 45-50% of monthly support prior to June. To multiply witness through CHE in the region, Verlin has offered to work Ebola Treatment Units beginning June 8, which can demonstrate the usefulness of CHE in other West African public health programs.
- 🍀 **Revival.** An Ivorian FWB church will receive a medical team in March from a Colorado church committed to helping people with dignity through CHE. The visit of this team gives a chance to kick start their revived efforts among people who often choose to be dependent rather than interdependent.
- 🍀 **Dry ground.** We develop by God's grace a permanent address in Tennessee to meet insurance, tax, and college residency requirements for ourselves and Corbin. With help of family and friends, a trailer is being placed on family land that needs some clearing. Delays related to utilities, TVA power lines, and bids were overcome by prayer within 30 hours of initially making this request. We need dry ground for clearing and ditch digging. Last week we shared that even if our financial pledges were fulfilled tomorrow, we would still have to find a way to complete this job. We are thankful for two who have responded to this potential need and are willing to step-in should we be able to depart before this is completed. Once done, though, we will be able to move back and forth from Africa with little time lost setting up home base.



Anderson Fourth Quarter 2014 Financial Report

Budget: The 2014 budget anticipated \$96,184 to permit U.S. report visits, visas, a set aside for a vehicle purchase, maintain our Ivorian housing with storage, maintenance and repair expenses during our absence. It was designed to leave us a net gross income for tax purposes of \$22,500 from which health insurance premiums were paid (\$22,500 is \$42,205 minus housing, est. Social Security, and retirement). 61.2% of the 2014 budget was received.

Donations to our CHSC account #0118 for the fourth quarter of 2014 are shown below. They are listed in the order received per our reports. For donor confidentiality purposes, we only show the sender's zip code. Senders from the same zip code are differentiated by the addition of letters. We can accommodate limitless donors this way and make it relatively easy for each to identify their separate gifts. Please contact us if you believe a donation made is missing. We can be reached by call or by text at (615) 477-1129. You may also contact the Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC) directly at info@healthservicecorps.org. The 2015 budget is at link <http://bit.ly/1LJHlhw>

CHSC Anderson Account #0118 Income : October 2014 through December 2014

Donor by ZIP code	Report Mo./Yr.	Amount	Donor by ZIP code	Report Mo./Yr.	Amount	Donor by ZIP code	Report Mo./Yr.	Amount
<u>OCTOBER 2014</u>			48073	11/14	\$314.60	48071	12/14	\$150.00
28705	10/14	\$30.00	28705	11/14	\$100.00	48073a	12/14	\$937.39
37743	10/14	\$100.00	24844	11/14	\$172.43	24844	12/14	\$159.50
48092	10/14	\$151.63	48017	11/14	\$20.00	24230	12/14	\$100.00
24230	10/14	\$100.00	37076	11/14	\$50.00	48066	12/14	\$50.00
24844	10/14	\$125.58	28714a	11/14	\$500.00	37076	12/14	\$50.00
48066	10/14	\$50.00	24230	11/14	\$100.00	48073	12/14	\$395.34
28705	10/14	\$100.00	37214a	11/14	\$400.00	35586	12/14	\$1,500.00
48017	10/14	\$20.00	38506	11/14	\$50.00	41129	12/14	\$200.00
48047	10/14	\$381.00	38506a	11/14	\$25.00	48092	12/14	\$500.00
37214	10/14	\$110.00	38506	11/14	\$100.00	37214	12/14	\$735.00
48134	10/14	\$40.00	83338	11/14	\$286.25	28705	12/14	\$50.00
25621	10/14	\$100.00	37601	11/14	\$200.00	83338	12/14	\$288.50
83338	10/14	\$256.00	37214	11/14	\$225.00	28527	12/14	\$50.00
48092	10/14	\$500.00	28705	11/14	\$30.00	80108	12/14	\$4,500.00
48314	10/14	\$2,212.80	28527	11/14	\$50.00	31216	12/14	\$50.00
48073	10/14	\$318.78	<u>DECEMBER 2014</u>			28714a	12/14	\$100.00
28527	10/14	\$50.00	37743	12/14	\$100.00	37743	12/14	\$100.00
27597	10/14	\$225.00	49090	12/14	\$150.00	38501	12/14	\$250.00
37743	10/14	\$100.00	28740	12/14	\$250.00	71910	12/14	\$1,000.00
27520	10/14	\$418.13	48092a	12/14	\$100.00	48111	12/14	\$150.00
48509	10/14	\$505.00	49090	12/14	\$150.00	48092	12/14	\$71.30
<u>NOVEMBER 2014</u>			48073a	12/14	\$235.10	48073a	12/14	\$216.76
48066	11/14	\$50.00	48017	12/14	\$20.00	48314	12/14	\$300.00
28705	11/14	\$30.00	28705	12/14	\$100.00	28705	12/14	\$100.00
25621	11/14	\$100.00	48096	12/14	\$200.00	28714	12/14	\$200.00
49048	11/14	\$191.50	25621	12/14	\$125.00	48197	12/14	\$14.00
						48197	12/14	\$100.00

CHSC 2014 Q3 Report - Account Balance	\$33,284.89
Donation Totals (October-December 2014):	\$22,636.59
Fees: Credit Card (\$7.50 paid separately) Admin (\$1,131.84)	(\$1,139.34)
Expenses for prayer cards paid from account by CHSC #0118	(\$350.00)
2014 Salary Payment accepted from CHSC #0118 to qualify for health insurance:	(\$22,200.00)
CHSC 2014 Dec cumulative Report Account Balance:	\$32,232.14
Personal: IRS Allowable Expenses incurred Jan-Mar 2014:	(\$3,687.57)
Personal: IRS Allowable Expenses incurred Apr-June 2014 (<i>travel for services, TN-FL-TX-NV-UT-MI</i>):	(\$5,532.55)
Personal: IRS Allowable Expenses incurred July-Sept (<i>African housing, salaries renewed >\$2800</i>):	(\$8,906.11)
Personal: IRS Allowable Expenses incurred Oct-Dec (<i>car repairs >\$3000; new computer, supplied >\$2900</i>):	(\$12,117.58)
Expense Reimbursements via CHSC #0118 thru Q4	\$0
Salary Payment accepted from CHSC #0118 thru Q4	\$22,200.00

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