

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Sometimes when people hear the term Community Health Evangelism (CHE), they think of numerous ministries they know which share the Good News and provide medical care. They wonder if and how CHE is different.

There are *Core Principles* that are non-negotiable in a CHE outreach. They are the reason that teams all over the world have seen dramatic community changes and tens of thousands of people saved. A friend with <u>Medical Ambassadors International</u> who recently visited flourishing CHE ministries in Asia reminded us of the core values being like a water tower with legs. Remove one or more legs, and you may have tottering results. These eight are sometimes reformulated to be fewer in number due to efforts of continuous improvement.

- 1. **Integration of spiritual and physical** (example: people will not use the lessons about cleaning their water if they do not believe God gave them the authority to manage the creation)
- 2. **Community ownership** (enduring change requires local people taking responsibility)
- 3. **Multiplication** (teach faithful workers who will teach others who will teach others...)
- 4. **Participatory learning** (people discover answers and solutions themselves while trainers focus on repeatable <u>teaching</u> by example, <u>not</u> just the <u>doing</u>)
- 5. **Focus on prevention** (i.e. prevent malaria using mosquito nets, removing standing water, etc., rather than obliging frequent malaria treatments)
- 6. **Mature Leadership** (people who know the Creator manage best his creation)
- 7. **Development not Relief** (people find successful, sustainable solutions and they find the credit together for managing their futures)
- 8. **Local resources** (use what the Lord has provided locally to bring transformation)

As you pray and give, remarkable growth in God's kingdom is happening around the world. We are so blessed to be your ambassadors in West Africa using the tool of CHE.

Your partners in the Gospel,

Verlin and Debbie

The <u>Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC)</u> is a mission of dedicated medical professionals who participate in the CHE Global Network. Together, in a loose affiliation of individuals, churches, denominational and nondenominational agencies, we share God's Light and Truth through Community Health Evangelism (CHE). Unless rescinded, the network includes FWBIM. See <u>Wholistic Missions</u> for timely and timeless missional topics to be addressed at this month's U.S. interagency conference. If you attend, you may find that God has ways you can do similar good works contextualized for the U.S.

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