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Surviving or thriving in Christian ministry? So much depends on the mindset we use. If we are distraught or angry when our carefully crafted plans for the day (or year) do not come true, have we not substituted our desires for God's will? How much better to think of ministry as overflow: Jesus blesses us to be a blessing, in the ways and places HE chooses. So, if renewing your driver's licenses takes 8 ½ hours on two days (as it did Monday and Tuesday), encourage a navy man to trust the Lord and pray with a government worker who seeks your time. And if getting the three car papers and insurance turns into a three-day marathon to various offices across town, proclaim the Savior's kingdom values to the five Muslim men involved. Our desired check-off lists may have looked woefully small, but the lives impacted were on Jesus' agenda for the week!

Verlin was able to share this perspective with the pastor who called to cancel next week's CHE training in



Abidjan. His hosting team did not have enough time to coordinate everything so quickly. He had been advised April 9th that the timeline looked very pressed, but they thought it could be done. He was relieved that we were not upset, as Verlin explained that the delay actually blessed us. We did arrive safely to Bondoukou late Wednesday night to a house, veranda, and store room full of boxes, barrels, and broken furniture. Three days later, it is *beginning* to feel like home. Thank you for praying, giving,

and sending us to this place to overflow the Lord's truth and blessings to people who need Him.

Prayer and Praise:

- After his bout with a kidney stone last week, Verlin has had no more pain or other side effects!
- The road from Abidjan to Bondoukou is much improved. The trip that used to take 10+ hours by public transport, 7+ hours by private vehicle, took us 5 ¼ hours this week. It felt like dream to Debbie.
- There are water shortages all over the eastern side of Cote d'Ivoire, including Bondoukou. Our neighborhood receives water two times a week, on Wednesday and then Saturday night through Sunday morning. People often stay up all night to collect enough to last a few days. We are extremely thankful for a 3000 liter plastic cistern and pump that provide water to our house. Still, the laundry is piled feet high on a spare bed, since most of our linens have not been washed or used in three years. Pray that recently constructed wells will be functional soon to relieve this hardship for many people.

Your partners in the gospel,

Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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