



# Ministry Updates

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While Debbie shivered in the cold blast that hit Tennessee this week, Verlin reported 80 degrees F at midnight on Friday! The hot, arid air in Bondoukou does make drying clothes a speedier process.

Although separated in space, each of us seizes opportunities to share the Good News as we go about daily life. Verlin spoke of “Jesus in the holy-day” with several people as he applied to add classes to his Ivorian driver’s license. The process requires follow-up, so on-going witness is now planned and topics beyond driving will be shared after two responded positively to join in separate efforts of the [Disciple Making Movement](#) here. The prior day, Francois, a young father who did excellent translation work for us in the past, made a visit wondering if there was more work. Unexpectedly, a believer working in public education to whom Verlin had loaned a book “just happened” to drop by while Francois learned of a new literacy program. The Lord used the impossibly timed ‘coincidence’ of both visiting in the same thirty minutes to bless Francois with increased opportunity for income, meet the objectives of the African brother in education, and [facilitate CHE](#). These are simple examples, among thousands, that God makes our ways by His providence rather than our perceived coincidence as each believer informs others how to find Emmanuel, God’s Grace.

We hope and pray that you have a very blessed Christmas, rejoicing in Jesus who gives us “power to be called sons of God” as we believe on His name ([John 1:12](#)). We will be doing exactly that as we shiver and sweat on two different continents. Next weekend we will not send a ministry update like this.

**[Prayer and Praise](#)** (*links are to international presentations of prayer and praise in Handel’s Messiah via YouTube*):

- Just as in the States, churches in Africa craft special Christmas services knowing that unsaved and unchurched people will come. The Goumere FWB Church will witness the entire week before Christmas by providing an evangelistic campaign Dec. 20-24 in town. Services will be from 7 to 10 p.m. each night. Verlin expects to participate two nights as they share the Good News. Pray for the Lord to touch many in this effort, while asking Him to bless the outreach of other churches, too.
- Some of you remember that in 2015, the home we’d rented for years was sold by the owner though we were still in contract to use it for several more years. As is typical for missionaries in the States on furlough, we had left money with the electric company to continue service. It has taken months, but Verlin recently received the funds by check to shift them to our new account. Thank the Lord with us!
- While many of you travel this season, please add Debbie and family to your requests for safety as they drive to Michigan to spend Christmas with Verlin’s mom.

Your partners in the gospel,

*Verlin and Debbie Anderson*

Last written: Unblocked Witness [Anderson WEEKLY 161210](#)

Last video: [DMM \(YouTube\)](#) - [Anderson WEEKLY 160611](#)

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