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"The bow cannot be always bent without fear of breaking. Repose is as needful to the mind as sleep to the body... **Rest** time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength." Charles Spurgeon



The Lord gave us a wonderful setting this week—isolated, serene, and beautiful to reconnect. Rest was a part of it, but also much discussion and planning. Along the way, we found the Lord gave us numerous opportunities to encourage and share His truth. One expatriate came to the hotel traumatized on Tuesday, trying to recover from being robbed at gunpoint Monday night. She heard her assistant being gun-whipped and pleading for his life as the thieves stole everything of value. She sought out counseling. The owner of the hotel proudly showed us the

moringa plant she found on Friday, after watching us drink moringa tea every morning at breakfast and learning from Verlin a multitude of the plant's nutritional benefits. A French professional translator enjoyed entering into a lengthy and deep conversation about American politics in which it was possible to share a Christian worldview. A worker who wants to reach out to her neighbors of the 5 pillar faith was glad to be informed of a Disciple Making Movement approach to sharing the Word with them in a non-threatening way.

Negotiations with the disgruntled soldiers did not go especially well during the week; they blocked roads in a few large cities again. A government agreement was supposedly reached on Friday. No one is holding their breath, since political history suggests that it may take more rounds sitting at the table to really reach a solution. It's a sign of the changed nation that none of this seems to have stopped everyday life from what we've been able to observe. People we know seem to simply readjust their plans and try to not let memories of what 'was' dominate in what 'is' now.

Prayer and Praise

- We praise the Lord for several answers to prayer this week. Chelsea's surgery went well, and she is now recovering at home. The surgery requires she be observed for possible complications that could occur this week.
- Cason and Suzanne received what they feel was a good settlement on their totaled vehicle. We now pray for reimbursement sufficient for other expenses like the rental car, a new child car seat, etc.
- Debbie arrived safely back to Verlin in Cote d'Ivoire, with no bags lost or delays.
- Solution between the government and disenfranchised soldiers.

Your partners in the gospel, Verlín and Debbíe Anderson

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