



Ministry Updates

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“This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long...” In Africa, one thing is sure. Not only do you need to be ready to witness, preach, and pray at the drop of a hat, but we now add singing to the list as well. Last Sunday we met with brothers and sisters in Bondoukou together for the first time in months. As is common, Debbie shared greetings from the States and Verlin gave a prayer and benediction, but unexpectedly, we were asked to sing during the worship time too. We took thirty seconds to decide on “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” by Fanny Crosby because it is also sung in French. The keyboardist found the key we were in after we had sung about two lines, and we led the congregation in French after one verse. Note to selves: always get the songbook out of the HiLux truck!

Just after the New Year, disenfranchised soldiers got to the political negotiating table by firing weapons into the air in various towns (including Bondoukou for about thirty minutes one day last week). Now government workers have joined the fray. It does not sit well with them that the “the squeaky wheels” carrying the guns had their demands met, while promises to other types of government workers have been ignored for years. Children have been out of school for about three weeks as teachers strike. Striking prison guards refuse families who bring meals to loved ones in prison, turning them away at the gate. Inmates depend on that food from family and friends because rations at the prison are horribly insufficient. We expect this will develop a crisis or a situation to illicitly supplement salaries.

Verlin met with a fourth person mid-week for a second time about beginning a DMM Bible study. It looks like that training will happen each Wednesday at our house when we are in town. Debbie busied herself most of the week



beginning the task of organizing our joint work space. Our ministry and personal files were invaded by mice, lizards, and cockroaches where they were stored. This was because the owner of the previous home we rented sold the house, and we could not supervise the move of our belongings to storage. She began the long task of opening each file, shaking out the mice pellets, dusting, and sorting 17 years of papers on our porch. It will be a relief to have those documents transferred indoors to our study in a format where we can easily find what we need.

Prayer and Praise

- 🦋 Pray for the people who lead DMM Bible studies, asking that the Spirit helps them share the gospel and train others effectively. We pray to see five groups regularly meeting and multiplying before mid-year.
- 🦋 Ask for a lasting resolution to the multiple strikes going on. Pray for the situation of prisoners who may not be getting enough to eat.

Your partners in the gospel,

Verlin and Debbie Anderson

Last: Come Apart [Anderson WEEKLY 170121](#) or [PDF](#)
Last video: [DMM \(YouTube\)](#) - [Anderson WEEKLY 160611](#)
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