



Ministry Updates

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Isn't it a joy to hear when a long-standing prayer is answered by the Lord? This week as we ran errands in town, we met an old friend unexpectedly at the bank whose boys used to play with Cason, our older son. Kevin, the young boy in white in the picture from 2001, was Cason's best Ivorian friend for years. They drifted apart, though, in their late teens as Cason realized that Kevin was living an unhealthy lifestyle. We counseled Kevin when he showed up on our doorstep drunk or high on drugs, and prayed with him and for him. He would admit that he needed to change, but for years did not escape the addictions. We rejoiced on Tuesday to hear that he has cleaned up his life with God's help and works for an NGO dealing

with AIDS in the area. We expect to see him in coming days and check on his spiritual walk. Hopefully this reminds us all that "we ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1), continuing to believe and pray for those "hopeless" cases!

This was an unusually slow week for us. Verlin held three Bible study teaching sessions, arranged to have some old washing machines and dryers examined for possible repair, spent hours preparing our financial records to submit taxes, worked to confirm a trainer and gather materials for a CHE training, investigated and purchased a resource for an Ivorian pastor and for CHE, received friends to read and borrow from our French library of Christian books, and counseled some others on spiritual and health issues. Debbie renewed her 6-month Residence Certificate at the police station, emptied belongings from storage, and almost filled two large filing cabinets with correctly sorted and cleaned papers. She estimates that about one-fourth of her office sorting is done, but the remainder should be a bit easier since the large categories are in place. Together we spent half of Tuesday waiting, getting photos, and filling out papers in town to get her name on two bank accounts. That was a necessary task we had put off for years, knowing it would take hours. Rare weeks like this allow us to catch our collective breaths and prepare for busier days.

Prayer and Praise

- 🦋 Pray for Kevin to "stay clean" and walk with the Lord. Let us all be faithful in praying for friends and family who have wandered far from Jesus, or do not know Him yet.
- 🦋 Our Ivorian worker Koffi's son, two years old, has been very ill from malaria this week. Ask for his healing and for the family to put in place at home preventative measures that will protect his health.
- 🦋 Pray for continued political peace. One town on the coast was held hostage for some hours by special forces making financial demands of the government.

Your partners in the gospel,

Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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