



# Ministry Updates

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One of the challenges at times of working in this culture is the significant number of people who cannot read. Occasionally, more educated believers question the capacity of a non-literate person to make disciples or be a spiritual leader. Although we constantly encourage friends to learn to read and avail themselves of other educational opportunities, the Holy Spirit is not limited by this disadvantage.



During a recent training, Debbie was with several women in a small group as they practiced how to lead a Discovery Bible study, the core of any Disciple Making Movement (DMM) *[we are integrating DMM into Community Health Evangelism (CHE) programs that we mentor]*. One woman felt intimidated because she could not read. Debbie and others assured her that she could fully participate because one or two ladies would read the Bible passage aloud twice, and then each person could share what the Lord showed her. Whether or not she could read was less important. As it turned out, the non-literate lady gave an impacting testimony. The passage was of Jesus healing the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath despite disapproving Pharisees and their efforts to destroy Him ([Mt.12:9-13](#)). This humble believer applied for herself that we must not be afraid or silenced by our enemies as we walk with Jesus. She shared that as she witnessed in the local market recently, some people threatened her and told her to stop. Her patient and unafraid response gave her occasion to completely share the gospel with someone who observed her behavior. The Bible account reminded her that she must continue to boldly share her faith, just as Jesus did not let the Pharisees sway Him from His mission. The Holy Spirit uses obedient and persistent servants, not necessarily those who are the most educated ([1Cor.1:26-31](#)).

## Prayer and Praise

- 🙏 Thank the Lord with us for easing our path during the last ten days as we traveled over 1,000 miles and jumped through hoops for a visa and yearly vehicle papers. Unexpectedly, the embassy of Ghana gave Verlin a two-year rather than the one-year visa expected. Next, a vehicle paper that took five months to get last year was provided in two hours on Wednesday.
- 🙏 Pray for a Disciple Making Movement Bible study leader who has a serious discord with a work partner that may result in the rupture of their relationship and his employment. He cares more for his reputation than whether this job continues, but the situation is complex and stressful. A second CHE partner faces a job crisis because several co-workers regularly refuse to work and resist his efforts to economize and provide financial transparency. Ask the Lord to give these men guidance and strength to continue standing firm in integrity.

Your partners in the gospel,  
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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