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The African scourge of malaria hit us both earlier this week as we were busy with appointments and errands in Abidjan. By the Lord's grace, we treated ourselves promptly and were able to accomplish the urgent and most important tasks, arriving home in Bondoukou safely on Wednesday night.

Verlin's meeting with the university team champion and his coordinator about the September CHE trainings was positive and productive. Committee members of one CHE program started by their

team will participate this year. Verlin's visa for Benin was granted in one day, and we had a wonderful answer to prayer for help with an upcoming DMM training. On Thursday, Verlin and M. staked one more line segment of nineteen and planned the intended progress in the fields with village leaders; Debbie prepped and led the Discovery Bible Study for ladies. We are thankful for His strength to press on even when we do not feel our best physically.



On our trip home from Abidjan, we were blessed to hear the testimony of a CHE trainer that our family mentored in his life of faith with Jesus. Late last month, his backpack with his computer was stolen as he traveled. The Lord had prepared him so that he could replace the computer before his job performance was affected. He shared how such a loss would have overwhelmed him earlier in his Christian walk, causing him to wonder if God was punishing him. Now, although it was a frustrating burden, he recovered quickly and carried on calmly. He expressed great thanks for our financial counsel and example that helped him navigate this situation, choosing to be thankful for the Lord's provision and looking for lessons to improve his life. What a joy to see his maturing confidence in God and his growing capacity to witness to others the change that Jesus brings. A newly arrived missionary expressed that he really 'connected' with participants in a CHE training.

Prayer and Praise

- We thank the Lord for our two wonderful fathers, Earl Anderson (now in heaven) and Eddie Payne. The love, confidence in the Lord, and secure home environments they provided have fortified and stabilized every day of our lives. How blessed we are by their examples!
- Pray the Lord saves a neighbor who attends the Discovery Bible Study at our house. She lives in an abusive home environment due to alcohol and interventions to date have been ineffective.
- Ask the Lord to reveal the wisdom needed in the agricultural project we wrote about last week. There is much the local villagers have to process. Pray that their exposure to new foods that provide balanced nutrition, farming methods that increase sustainability and profitability, and crops for both local consumption and export continues to multiply witnessing opportunities. Already, one surrounding village wants to start a DMM study.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

Last week: <u>Dirty Hands</u> - <u>Anderson WEEKLY 170610.pdf</u>
Last video: <u>DMM (YouTube)</u> - <u>Anderson WEEKLY 160611</u>
2017 1Q Report: <u>Gideon's Gumption</u> - <u>170520.pdf</u>
2016 Budget: <u>CHSC-0118 ANDERSON-Budget 2017</u>

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