



# Ministry Updates

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Verlin just rejoined Debbie mid-afternoon today before we hobbled together this update. Our busy and separate travels and activities this week made it impossible to coordinate earlier. Thanks for understanding as we share in a prayer request format.

## Prayer and Praise

- ✿ Last weekend we focused on delivering invitations to permit 300 Ivorian leaders from student unions, denominational structures, and NGOs of medical or social focus to participate in the [Million Village Challenge](#) (MVC) for Cote d'Ivoire. To see the unreached and poorest peoples among the nations be saved physically and spiritually is at the heart of this initiative. The MVC encourages the use of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in national strategies to fulfill our Lord Jesus Christ's desire that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth ([1Ti.2:3-6](#); [2Pe.3:9](#); [Ez.18:23](#); [Mt.23:37](#))
- ✿ A collaborative effort between church members of the nation's third largest denomination, a Baptist medical center, the GBU (think of Intervarsity in the U.S.) and a local chapter of Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI) have begun planning a joint effort to begin a CHE ministry in Dabou, a coastal Ivorian town just west of Abidjan. This is where a beloved FWB minister friend initially prayed to host such an effort over five years ago.
- ✿ Praise the Lord that despite late flights, broken medical equipment, and delayed luggage, He brought us both safely to Nashville. Debbie also is thankful that a follow-up mammogram on Thursday revealed good news and that no biopsy is needed.
- ✿ Rejoice! Another two Discovery Bible Studies were reportedly started this week from those we have been training in Bondoukou. Pray that these separate meetings of military personnel and villagers serve to mature the trainers or continue the expansion of second generation Discovery Bible Studies into future generations.
- ✿ Witnesses at the West African Francophone CHE Conference held Cotonou has stimulated many in Benin to seek initial trainings, spurred others to good works, and fortified two Ivorians to renew and strengthen their existing efforts.
- ✿ Ask the Lord for Spirit-filled meetings and decisions in Louisville this upcoming week, as the Free Will Baptist National Association takes place Sunday through Wednesday
- ✿ Pray for Janie Aldridge, wife of Jimmy Aldridge who gained his heavenly home this week. They were pioneer missionaries in our very region of Bondoukou. Several of our closest Ivorian co-workers were saved or greatly impacted by their many years of service. Debbie remembers them as beloved Uncle Jim and Aunt Janie, and we both remember and honor their faithful work and godly examples.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

Last week: [Hungry - Anderson WEEKLY 170708.pdf](#)  
Last video: [Farming God's Way - Anderson WEEKLY 170610](#)  
2017 1Q Report: [Gideon's Gumption - 170520.pdf](#)  
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