



Ministry Updates

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Imagine over 1,000 of your family members descending on your city, and you needing to make sure they all have places to stay and food to eat. The two Free Will Baptist (FWB) churches in Bondoukou, and church members from nearby towns, did a great job receiving a record-number of believers from all over the country for the FWB General Assembly. Robert Bryan's encouraging sermon series on the theme, "The Church, a Family," fed hungry hearts, and the new national leaders were installed. One of the highlights of the week was the early morning march/parade from the center of town out to the assembly location, about 2 miles. Several hundred children, youth, women, and men walked with banners announcing the convention, singing praises to the Lord along the way. Verlin took this video clip in town as the march began and the women merged onto the main road.



We appreciated having no leadership responsibilities at the assembly, but enjoyed welcoming five Ivorians into our home during the week and catching up with many friends in between meetings. Also, men from four different locations approached us about coming to train their local churches to use Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in outreach.

Every year, September is one of our most scheduled months of training and meetings. We will likely spend a month or more in Abidjan for various events and follow-up. For several weeks, Verlin will go from 5 in the morning until past midnight as he organizes and coordinates with others for ministry. This will be Debbie's first year participating at the university, observing and sharing and serving with CHE trainers. Please, please pray regularly for extra strength and wisdom during this time.

Prayer and Praise

- 🕊 Continue to pray for the Million Village Challenge conference upcoming on September 5-7. We will travel to Abidjan on Monday to help with preparations for both it and the four concomitant university trainings.
- 🕊 Ask for the Lord to give the new national FWB leaders wisdom and grace as they assume their responsibilities.
- 🕊 Pray for a full measure of strength, clear thinking, and great coordination among believers. Ask that CHE trainers be Spirit-filled and stay healthy as they teach. Pray that medical professionals and university students trained will put into practice the information shared and modeled to usher in a new level of wellness and effective care nation-wide while opening a huge door for the Gospel.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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