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Sometimes there are just weeks when almost nothing goes as hoped. One of our closest ministry partners and we have had such a week. Even though there has been careful and long-term planning over months, blockades have occurred on many fronts. Thankfully, the Lord knew the curveballs headed our way long before we did. Despite cancellations, health issues, and a failing computer and cell-phone, there is some progress. Pray for grace to accept the upcoming limitations we face. We need wisdom for a challenging situation.



Several positive things have happened, too, helping offset the frustrations. Verlin held excellent meetings in preparation for the Community Health Engagement trainings coming up on September 11-16 at the university. He is particularly focused on helping prepare three members of the university team who will each teach more than six lessons during the week. Their growth in becoming trainers themselves is very encouraging. We also were able to find a reasonably priced service to print our color CHE brochures here in Abidjan, and the printer actually delivered the 500 copies two days early! We are thankful for the language "check" offered before printing by our French CHE friends at RESCOF.

Even better news is that this past Sunday, as Verlin spoke, another person from a different faith decided to become a follower of Jesus. While we and the angels rejoice, it is already known that this lady's decision will affect her marriage. Her change of allegiance will be an unwelcomed curveball to her husband.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise the Lord for this new sister in Christ! Pray for the certain difficulties she will face at home.
- Ask the Lord to guide the Million Village Challenge meeting here in Abidjan this upcoming week, September 5-7. This gathering has the potential to connect believers with collaborators and effective tools to enter unreached villages in a powerful way. However, unexpected adjustments this week in who will jointly lead the seminar has caused great stress on the Ivorian side.
- Pray for continued blessing on the planning of the university training the following week.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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