

Ministry Updates

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As the rest of the CHE trainers were returning home from the week of university training, we remained at ARC-en-Christ for almost another full week to **prepare the way** for next year's outreach. Debbie labeled folders, printed the more than seventy lessons plus their handouts needed for 2018, and sorted through seven boxes of miscellaneous papers collected from previous years. Verlin did the follow-up meeting with the university team on Tuesday. Each year they discuss what went well, what needs improvement, suggestions from trainers and students, the following year's schedule, and step planning needed for the university to continue taking over leadership and growing the number who attend. Next, he

began the job of meticulously going over every lesson to address problems noted by trainers and us, adding needed material while deleting extraneous. Each day as we worked, people from various ministries touched the prior two weeks dropped in to chat about CHE and how they could use it to expand their witness. We are excited about several of those contacts that the Lord clearly orchestrated for His glory.

Other meetings happened throughout the week too. One was on Friday to reconnect with a friend of Corbin's. Brice came to our house several days of most weeks to hang out, watch a soccer game, or work on English. It is always good to see the African youth who were a regular part of our family's life for years. He just completed undergraduate veterinary studies and needs an internship for a few months before beginning the next four years of studies to become a vet. We took him by the office of a vet who has helped us with our dogs, and Brice will stay in contact with that doctor. Pray with us that the Lord will prepare the way for his internship and that he will continue to draw closer in relationship to Jesus.

Prayer and Praise

- Thank the Lord we both had uncomplicated recoveries from malaria this week, although our shared fatigue is not quite gone. Still, we were able to put in over 70 joint hours in preparation for the 2018 university training, keep all scheduled appointments, and even add in some extra meals and meetings with brother and sisters in the Lord. That is extraordinary, even without health issues!
- Pray for Brice to find a veterinary internship and to walk closely with Jesus. Ask for a similar spiritual intimacy for one of Cason's close teen friends who also stays in touch with us.
- After the Million Village Challenge gathering and the university training, AISEC (the national Ivorian CHE network) has a good number of people to follow up with who want to be trained in CHE. Pray that we can **prepare the way** well for them as we coordinate our calendars and try to schedule them all. These believers are convinced CHE can help them learn a new way to fish for men in places that need the Lord's touch. Ask for strength and excellent cooperation among the small number of Ivorian CHE trainers who all have regular, full-time jobs. The hundreds of hours they volunteer to train other Christians in ministry is a testimony to their servant hearts and how much they believe CHE is vital to help reach their nation for Christ.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

Last week: Salt Works - Anderson WEEKLY 170916.pdf
Last video: Farming God's Way - Anderson WEEKLY 170610

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