

Ministry Updates

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This was a "take a deep breath and get things done at home" week. In the picture you see Verlin and Koffi making a multi-layered screen that they placed in front of the Toyota truck's radiator to protect if from insects. The mechanic shop made a screen last year, but it only lasted about 16 months, so Verlin experiments to see if time will give his home-made version a **stamp** of approval. He also prepared our monthly financial report, among many other things. Debbie prepped for our Christmas mailing, thankful that Verlin's mom

kindly agreed to **stamp** and send it from Michigan since the Ivorian postal system is unreliable. Also, Deb spent a frustrating number of hours dealing with the Ivorian Department of Health's requirements to get permission for importing a medicine she takes daily. Her doctor misunderstood about a prescription renewal while she was stateside, and so, for the first time in 17 years, we are caught on a medical paperwork merry-go-round. We must have a special document from the USA pharmacy, and a **stamped** letter of approval from the Ivorian Health Department before we can receive a UPS package in Abidjan in December. Her blood pressure medication is not available here.

Our passports should get a workout with some **stamps** as we travel Monday through Thursday in Ghana. Christian Health Service Corps' (CHSC) director, Greg Seager, is visiting three missionary families at their places of service in Ghana. We plan to meet him in Accra for some conversation time together right before he flies out. He expects to visit Cote d'Ivoire at a later date. We thought we would not see him on this far-flung African tour, but when a planned December CHE training was delayed until early 2018, we found the window of time to travel "next door." Greg and his wife Candi are greatly gifted servant leaders of our mission and it is always a time of learning and blessing to interact with either of them. Hopefully we can accomplish some Community Health Evangelism (CHE) coordination while in Ghana, as well.

As rain season transitions into dry season, we have had an invasion of large red ants in our house. This usually happens once or twice a year, but it is worse this time and certainly has put a damper on our habit of walking with bare feet! Ant poison and white vinegar have helped a little, but the floor stays littered with the ant carcasses we have **stomped**. Maybe we could make a bundle with a spin-off country hit. Our version would be "These Shoes are Made for **Stompin**"!

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for the paperwork to be processed quickly so that Debbie can get her medication.
- Ask for safe travel to and from Accra next week and for our director's safe return to Texas. Pray that our time together will be fruitful and encouraging.
- Thank the Lord for regular opportunities to speak *shalom* into the lives of people around us. Pray that the special outreaches of many churches during the Christmas season will be effective in introducing people to Jesus.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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