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Isn't it amazing the energy expended and time devoted to find the perfect gift, or prepare a feast, or attend all the gatherings during the Christmas season? Do you ever wonder what would happen if hordes of people exerted the same zeal to faithfully share the Prince of Peace? Hmmm.

One of the men we have mentored to lead Disciple Making Movement (DMM) Bible studies, and who made available the land for the agricultural project, had a rough week. While we were in Ghana, he was in a motorcyle accident that left him a bit hobbled. That has not diminished his zeal to enact his step plan to see 5,000 people come to Christ in our region, though. While Verlin visited him this week at his home, he shared that he had recently made contact with over 150 friends and former co-workers that he knows nationwide to encourage them to use DMM and Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in ministry. Enough people expressed interest that he has now added plans to create an NGO.

We have been asked to share during the Sunday School hours of a local church after the holidays. The desire of the pastor is that we show and train the various groups of the church how to lead a DMM Bible study. It is our prayer that this will grow the faith of believers there and that some of those trained will set themselves apart to host Bible studies in their homes for people around them who would never attend church. Also, Debbie was happy to learn earlier this month that one of the ladies in her Bible study is gathering a group of ladies in her neighborhood to begin a DMM Bible study. Debbie will mentor her for about two months. Praise the Lord with us for these people who are zealous for things that will have eternal impact!

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for M.s complete healing from his motorcycle accident. Also lift him up as he coordinates with friends and fellow-workers in several different places to get DMM Bible studies and CHE ministry going.
- This week the Department of Pharmacy prepared the permission letter for Debbie to receive her medicine by UPS! Ask for grace as we travel to Abidjan on Monday to handle residence paper issues, get Debbie's medicine, and meet with co-workers about CHE ministries. Abidjan's day-long traffic jams are notorious around Christmas, so pray for an extra measure of patience, too!
- One of our prayers for you, and for ourselves, is that we will show unflagging zeal all our lives for the Kingdom of God. May His zeal be our zeal. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders...of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end...the zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (taken from Isaiah 9:6-7)

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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