



Ministry Updates

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Have you ever sat down to a meal with a family who left an empty place for a yet-to-be-seen guest? [A place setting for Jesus](#)? While some think it a bit odd, it is a precious reminder that the Lord is present and active. He brings people and circumstances into our daily routines that

advance His Kingdom on earth, if the eyes of our hearts open to see Him at work. During the [CMDE medical conference](#) that finished Thursday, He did just that for us and for others. We could fill pages describing connections that the Lord gave us "randomly" with people who did, and may yet, benefit Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in Cote d'Ivoire. There are others for whom we were, and may yet be, a blessing ourselves.



- We met a missionary laboring in Gabon who wants to begin a CHE outreach in her clinic setting. The ministry is located a short distance across the Ivorian border from where a new CHE team was trained last year. The relative proximity of the groups will make it fairly easy to assist them occasionally as efforts get under way on both sides of that border.
- Of all weeks, a complete stranger who has served with [Mercy Ships International](#) contacted us by email. She has a burning desire to start a CHE ministry in Cameroon. Because of the conference, Verlin was able to connect her with other people serving there that he met at the conference and assure her connection to CHE mobilizers elsewhere.
- Another day we "happened" to eat lunch with a doctor and his wife serving in Kenya. He came seeking practical ways to integrate community health lessons into training at their Bible Institute for pastors and medical workers. He felt the CHE model, as it influences public health approaches like what we share at the university in Cote d'Ivoire, might be a way for their ministry to make greater inroads in transforming lives. In that way, others still impoverished can find the true wealth revealed in Christ that is both tangible and spiritual.
- One of the community health track lecturers was a well-placed teacher of doctors whose experiences may meet our felt need for the university program to have someone of greater teaching experience help us at that level. We have been praying that someone come to help us develop and see implemented a university curriculum that is based on the CHE trainings that we've done there every year since 2013. Even if she is not the person the Lord has called at this time to help us to connect the developing distance-learning, class room study, and seminar training for accredited university diplomas, she has connections with others who may prove to be that person.

On this joyous Easter weekend, we rejoice that our unseen Guest and Savior participates in our conversations and lectures, boards each airplane flight with us, and joins us as we sit down for meals. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus soon after Jesus' resurrection, sometimes we do not understand until afterwards why our "hearts burn within us." Still, we rest in the truth that He is constantly weaving our lives together with others so that His glory can be seen here on earth! *(over – Prayer requests are on a second page this time due to editing time constraints)*

Prayer and Praise

- ✿ Join us in praying for church outreaches and services that seek to share the Gospel in an intentional way this Easter weekend.
- ✿ Friends in both Michigan and Tennessee are celebrating the lives of their dearly departed-for-heaven loved ones this weekend. Pray for family tears to be comforted.
- ✿ Ask for a special measure of grace for a CHE training that begins here in Abidjan on Monday. Our preparation time was very limited because of our time in Europe and other trainers have been or are occupied elsewhere. Pray for physical strength and clear thinking for the 35 hours of training Monday through Friday.
- ✿ Pray that nothing hinders our united praise to the One who conquered the fear of death and makes available to all an unfailing hope of transformational life. He is risen indeed!

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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