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As you receive this, we will be on a flight to Nashville. Four basic reasons take us to the USA this summer, along with many fringe benefits. 1) Our youngest son, Corbin, graduates from college in May! Many years ago our family decided that graduations were to be family events. 2) Debbie will have a right knee replacement while in the States, a surgery she has needed for several years. Our insurer will cover it without a problem in 2018, but it is likely our policy will change next year, so she chooses to take care of it now. 3) Our return to the USA for a month every year to validate Tennessee residence allows us to keep our health insurance premiums low, saving our mission account over \$10,000 a year in premiums. 4) In a recent policy made during a Board meeting, our mission, Christian Health Service Corps, highly suggests all missionaries to spend one month a year away from ministry location for physical and mental well-being and contact with supporters. They require a return to the States at least once every 2 or 3 years.

While Verlin spends next week in Phoenix at the [\*International Wholistic Missions Conference\*](#), Debbie will have a CT scan in Nashville so that the surgery implant will be customized to her knee ([\*ConforMIS technology\*](#)). Six weeks later she can have the surgery, and then of course, there will be the weeks of physical therapy afterwards. At her firm insistence, Verlin will return to Cote d'Ivoire on May 28 to continue ministry. He will work through the summer, especially helping the Ivorian brothers prepare for a large conference that the Ivorian CHE network will host in November. He probably will return for a short period later in the summer to check on Debbie and attend the FWB National Association. Debbie hopes to return to Cote d'Ivoire in early September before the CHE university training.

Thursday through Saturday we stayed extremely busy in Abidjan, making contacts about the Million Village Challenge conference in November and working with the CHE university planning team. We also caught up with a missionary friend, Laurel, who labors with SIL in Bible translation. She lived upstairs from us in Brussels, Belgium when Verlin studied tropical medicine in French. The picture shows Ivorian languages, including those targeted or in process of translation by SIL.



### **Prayer and Praise**

- 🦋 Pray for safe travels, an effective conference in Arizona, and a blessed time honoring a great servant of the Lord, Stan Rowland. His teaching and mentoring have influenced our entire ministry.
- 🦋 Ask for wisdom in all aspects of planning Debbie's knee replacement surgery.
- 🦋 Pray for SIL's important Bible translation work around the world.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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