

AWA Ministry Updates

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What do Burger King, data storage, and dog waste have in common? Not much (we hope!-), but for us, they represent 3 recent conversations in 3 different places with 3 different men during the past week. In each case, these leaders were struck with the reality that a **lack of knowledge** born from a lack of accurate or true faith brings distress, disharmony, and even death in situations. When Verlin asked to speak to a Burger King manager because of a cashier's problem with change, the exchange turned into a later meeting opportunity to discuss a problem on the manager's heart. He feels led by the Lord to start a ministry in Abidjan intended to warn and save teen girls. A terrible trend growing in Cote d'Ivoire is that young girls roam malls and streets seeking older boys and men as "boyfriends" because they want status, pretty clothes, jewelry, and electronic gadgets. They see these lifestyles promoted on television, or by older sisters and friends, and **do not know** the devastating risks of abuse and sexually transmitted diseases to which they expose themselves until it is too late. He plans to participate in a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) Training of Trainers 1 (TOT1) to plan some local solutions.

In the next situation, a local pastor had his computer stolen at a bus stop. There were years of sermons, conference materials, church treasury records, and crucial documents concerning a Bible translation project among his files. He had the documents backed up to a USB key, but that, too, was in the stolen computer bag. He **did not know** about redundant, off-site, or remote storage like Dropbox that could have diminished his stress. Now he does! In the third situation, we heard of joyous changes happening as a Christian couple is read several health lessons weekly by a local teacher. This is one of two test projects we are encouraging which hopefully will multiply (links @[HEPFDC](#)). The young wife who struggles to read, and never finished high school, **did not know** many principles of nutrition and hygiene, including that dog excrement carries diseases. After some of the sessions, when she saw a man letting dogs defecate in the neighborhood, she took action to address the situation. Also, their four-year-old son now always washes his hands after playing and before eating. The things they learn, they share with their neighbors. The husband is ecstatic because these are principles he had unsuccessfully tried to ingrain into family habits for years but were rejected. He is learning many new things, too.



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Followers of Jesus **know so much**. Gladly, we have "[a Savior to share with the nations](#)," but it goes even further than that. Our connection to Him let us grow into all the knowledge and truth ([2 Peter 1:1-9](#)). As the Christian astronomer [Johannes Kepler](#) reportedly said many times, "O God, I am thinking Thy thoughts after Thee." We know something today that can bring transformation in someone's life.

Prayer and Praise

- 👉 Pray for the three upcoming weeks of Discovery Bible Study training we will hold at a local church here in Bondoukou in October.
- 👉 The Million Village Challenge conference is about a month away. Over a year of planning is coming together well, but there are many details to finalize. Ask for wisdom and resources.
- 👉 Pray for the planning and placement of the CHE trainer in the village of Kodiokro (see [look and listen](#)).

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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