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It fascinates us to observe how the Lord uses life experience and resources to assist in ministry. Verlin spent half of the week in the central part of Cote d'Ivoire affirming preparations for the Million Village Challenge (MVC). With the conference just weeks away, he assisted by finalizing lodging and food issues, as well as recording a radio ad. Along the way, he stopped at the <u>remote village (shared in linked French newsletter)</u> that many conference attendees will visit. Things are progressing at this site where the CHE team that works in 17 villages has begun putting Community Health Evangelism (CHE) principles into practice. A church's literacy program has now begun, and they progress in building <u>latrines (design shared at link)</u>. Several are completed and many more are in progress. They chose to use a latrine model provided by Kenyan CHE programs with an interesting feature that traps flies.

At their request, Verlin delivered the CHE team a product to treat the wood for their church roof construction so that it will resist termite infestation. Having used it on various projects, Verlin taught them how to dilute it with used oil and mix in some other plant products to increase its efficacy. He also gave an impromptu practical lesson on breastfeeding to some nursing mothers from a <u>CHE-based manual (HEPFDC)</u>.



old Pinkerton dryer

Before traveling, he taught a young African man how to repair an American clothes dryer by cannibalizing a slightly stretched yet shorter belt from a non-operational dryer that we keep for parts. That same day, he corresponded by email with <u>CHSC missionaries in the Congo</u> where an Ebola outbreak is being contained. Verlin shared information from the <u>Ebola training courses</u> he took a few years back and some <u>Global CHE Network resources</u>. What a privilege to know that everything we learn and experience is used by our Father's hands to help someone else on life's journey! Verlin's skills used were initiated by <u>his</u>

<u>parents</u> and honed by time in construction, retail, lodging and medical industries as well as in organizations like churches and the Red Cross before we ever became missionaries. And yes, our Lord uses Debbie's knowledge, too, but not as evidently this week!

Prayer and Praise

- Ask that the <u>reportedly contained Ebola outbreak</u> in the east African nation of DRC (Congo) prove a new vaccine that is being tested. Pray for protection and wisdom of the medical staff.
- The first of three Sunday morning trainings went well at the local church in Bondoukou where we introduced Discovery Bible Studies. Thirty-three people have signed up to be trained so far. Pray that they effectively learn how to lead these Bible studies.
- Thank the Lord that Debbie's bout with malaria this week quickly responded to medication. We had lived a rupture of our <u>papaya leaf tea concoction (see these ECHO notes)</u> during travels.

Your partners in the Gospel, *Verlin and Debbie Anderson*

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