

## Ministry Updates

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." Matthew 13: 31-32 NASV

Debbie and I have come to understand that our actual spiritual impact upon others is not measured by the number who hear our voices, or who we touch with our hands, but by those who live (i.e. nest) with us in the shelter that develops as disciples separately act on God's commands together. While taking measures like counting professions and baptisms may help, some, specifying within Discovery Groups the acts of obedience that each believer feels initiated of the Lord to do in response to His Word, then following up on the resulting good works they plan, yields much more. This is the kind of sharing that better tracks for all who are involved the Holy Spirit power that influences people who use Community Health Evangelism (CHE) and/or Disciple Making Movement (DMM) strategies. Believers become disciples who live to walk in Jesus' steps (1 Peter 2:21; Charles Sheldon book) and begin to see mustard seed-like results.



This week Deb traveled a different 500 miles with Corbin and my mom in the U.S. than the greater than 1000 I traveled with <u>Joel White</u> in W. Africa. However, each of us was helping others learn to walk obediently with God. In Cote d'Ivoire, I took three disciples to make connections so they can begin formal training to use and teach <u>Farming God's Way</u>. This, along with other technologically appropriate farming methods taught in CHE, allows them yet

other tools to sow "mustard seeds", use Discovery Studies, and make more disciples. Joel heard more results to potentiate during three more visits, phone calls, and during travels we had with ministry partners. Deb invested time to help Corbin find a place to make a home in Missouri. It appears he will soon have an engineering job that will make use of <a href="https://discourse.com/hisstudies">his studies</a>! We praise the Lord for answered prayers and keep on keepin' on while thanking you for walking along with us.

## **Prayer and Praise**

- A University village CHE effort where <u>Romeo</u> provides on-the-ground demonstration of CHE processes was to select those who visit homes or courtyards (*i.e.* CHEs) today. Pray for his wisdom as training begins in what is needed to integrate spiritual and physical health there.
- Three pastors using different CHE approaches have accepted to prepare abstracts of what they could share at a Community Health Scientific Congress. Pray for wisdom to abound and be evident to others as Verlin assists them prepare 500-word summaries for consideration.
- Praise the Lord that three adult <u>Discovery Bible Studies</u> (DBS) which either Verlin or Debbie began among FWB in Bondoukou have become six in the last month. (This number does not include the six of another church mentioned in <u>She's Alive</u> or those I've STILL not visited to count with!)

Your partners in the Gospel – and wishing all 'moms' a Happy Mother's Day, Verlin and Debbie Anderson



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