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Recently an elderly Nigerian saint reminded us that the angel of the Lord greeted Gideon in Judges 6:12 as a "mighty man of valor," long before Gideon performed any extraordinary deeds. The Lord knew his potential, even as the youngest, fearful son of a smaller Israelite tribe. Against all odds, he became a national hero as he walked in complete obedience to the Lord. Gideon's faith in action is a challenge to us all. We keep principles from his life in mind as we train Ivorians to share the Gospel through Community Health Evangelism (CHE) and Disciple Making Movements (DMM). (More details online at

https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/04/imagine.html)

PUSH OUT

Many African Christians today live with the reality that the Enemy has spiritually overrun their nation and communities—wreaking havoc and stealing peace. Growing numbers of believers accept that God is calling them to **push out** the enemy and usher in the Kingdom of Light. Often they simply do not know HOW to do it, or find themselves in a predicament similar to Gideon's. They are common people of little renown, resources, or power. A majority of the colaborers we mentor have never been to college; many did not finish high school; some cannot read; few are rich or influential. Praise God, though, they accept the call of God and their hearts burn to make a difference. (https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/04/not-many-wise.html provides the fuller story).



We provided logistical support for a week of DMM training in April led by Jean Marc and Martine Fritsch from France. Around 80

people in two cities received hands-on help for how to be a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples. The three people we took were thrilled by the practical help. One pastor, who was searching how to evangelize a new village, crafted a specific plan with what he learned. Two laymen from Bondoukou felt confirmed that they need to work as a team to reach out in Discovery Bible Studies. All participants realized that the task of making disciples is for every believer, and not just church leaders. (We invite you to be more informed at https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/04/be-1-train-1.html)

PLUG IN

Before Gideon went into battle, the Lord told him to destroy the idols in his area. He had to overcome his fear and **plug in** to the Lord's power by faith to openly confront sin before he was sent to beat the Midianites.

One nearby village that is opening up to hear the Gospel is a stronghold for witchcraft in our region. We have an Ivorian partner who ministers there every



week. He says that, out of fear, his Christian siblings will not even step foot in the village, but he knows the blood of Christ covers his life. Other co-workers face similar challenges with corruption, twisted worldviews, and competing religions, and so they must depend on the Holy Spirit's courage and wisdom to go into battle. (The battle is more thoroughly related in the report at https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/04/free-at-last.html)

PRESS ON

Humanly speaking, the capacity of Gideon's 300 men to beat the massive Midian army of more than 135,000 was laughable. So when they won, the Lord received all the glory. Each week our co-workers reach out in places where there are only one or two believers to share the truth with hundreds or thousands of unsaved souls. Still, they and we see results using the tools of CHE and DMM. We believe the Lord will transform many enemies into brothers. One new couple called



Abraham and Sara (easy to remember!) moved to an unreached village recently to share the Gospel. They plan to use Discovery Bible Studies as a door into the community.

(https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/03/forbearing-nuts.html has more on this story).

As Gideon's troops chased the Midianites out of Israel, they met brothers who would not give them help. Ivorians who boldly share the Gospel encounter many obstacles, too. They have resistance from brothers who do not understand their zeal or method, but other hardships exist, as well. This past month the four men we mentor weekly have dealt with unidentified illness, theft, hospitalized family, threats to job security, a serious fall, and a serious motorcycle accident. They recognize these hindrances as Enemy efforts, but they **press on** in faith. (*Join those reading this war story* @ https://awaupdates.blogspot.com/2017/05/this-is-war.html)

PEACE ENVOYS

Before going into battle, Gideon built an altar to the Lord, and he called it *Jehovah Shalom*—The Lord is Peace. It seems ironic for a warrior to choose that name. Obviously he understood this principle: first the conflict, and then the peace. Through prayer and giving, you send us into enemy territory as **peace envoys**. For now it is war, but as more Ivorians come to Jesus, they experience rest and bring lasting change to their country. Thank you, thank you for the important role you play in this combat!



Our monthly support averages seem to be just enough to keep us on the field, but not enough to handle surprises, develop projects, or expand the number of training ministries as we had budgeted. We're grateful for two

new giving partners in the last couple of months and we continue to pray the Lord will call out additional ministry partners to join the faithful core in place.

PRAY ALWAYS

Ask for protection and wisdom for the believers in weekly DMM training with us. Pray for these men who work as an evangelist, a shepherd/farmer, a school teacher, and a day laborer. They have a great burden for Bondoukou and surrounding villages.

- Pray for Abraham and Sara in their new outreach in a nearby village. Pray for the Gospel to penetrate the village given over to witchcraft.
- Ask for strength for the national CHE trainers, including us, who are stretched to the limit and have people waiting for training. Pray for three pastors using CHE to evangelize new villages.
- Pray for the West African Regional CHE Meeting that will take place in Benin on July 10-14. Verlin will join CHE workers from French-speaking countries who meet to learn and to encourage one another.
- Lift up several new believers who came to Jesus from a religion that often persecutes Christians.

 One is a widow who needs regular income to care for her family.
- In January and mid-May, disgruntled soldiers caused unrest in several Ivorian cities, including Bondoukou. Things are calm now, but pray that this second agreement negotiated with the government will succeed. http://www.reuters.com/article/us-ivorycoast-military-agreement-idUSKCN18COZP
- Ask the Lord to provide the \$1,000 or more in monthly support needed for full funding.
- Thank the Lord with us that Corbin, our youngest, got the engineering internship he needed this summer, and that the work can continue through his senior year of college!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie

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Weekly posts are at www.awaupdates.blogspot.com.

We provided most of the links in this update to help you know "where-to-go" for our latest news that is published weekly. We hope more Americans begin to follow with us at this site. Currently more than 1100 visit it from France and Cote d'Ivoire every month, while less than 500 see it from the U.S. per Google statistics. Most North American readers link to read the updates from one of the above Facebook links.

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Financial Report Summary of the CHSC / Anderson Ministry during the First Quarter of 2017

Budget: This report is the record of donations received through March 2017. There remain Ivorian housing, storage, and communication expenses incurred during our absence that we've yet to reimburse for ministry's sake. We, and the partners in the Gospel here that we equip and encourage in our Lord, thank you for keeping us as witnesses here!

Donations to the CHSC #0118 account that funded us through the first quarter of 2017 are shown below. They are listed in the order received per our reports. For purposes of donor confidentiality, we only show the sender's ZIP code. Senders from the same ZIP code are differentiated by the addition of letters. Please contact us if you believe a donation that you made is missing. We can be reached by calling or texting (615) 477-1129. You may also contact the Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC) directly at info@healthservicecorps.org . For the 2017 budget , click here.

CHSC Anderson Account #0118 Income : January through March 2017

Donor by ZIP	Report Mo/Day	Amount	Donor by ZIP	Report Mo/Day	Amount	Donor by ZIP	Report Mo/Day	Amount	Donor by ZIP	Report Mo/Day	Amount
	January 2017		January 2017 (cont.)			February (cont.)			March 2017 (cont.)		
37076a	1/1	\$25.00	48529	1/26	\$100.00	24844	2/13	\$152.88	37659	3/13	\$60.00
48066	1/4	\$100.00	27597	1/26	\$375.00	48183	2/16	\$35.00	28705a	3/15	\$100.00
28705	1/5	\$50.00	83338	1/26	\$325.00	37076	2/17	\$50.00	48073b	3/15	\$50.00
48197	1/5	\$15.00	28527	1/27	\$50.00	37217	2/17	\$25.00	48017	3/15	\$20.00
48045	1/7	\$100.00	48092	1/28	\$203.88	48073b	2/17	\$50.00	37214a	3/15	\$30.00
25621	1/10	\$100.00	37650	1/31	\$100.00	37650	2/17	\$100.00	24230	3/15	\$100.00
24230	1/10	\$100.00	37743	1/31	\$100.00	37214	2/17	\$315.00	48529	3/15	\$100.00
48184	1/10	\$100.00	_	February 20.	17	83338	2/17	\$400.00	25621	3/15	\$140.00
37658	1/10	\$50.00	37076a	2/1	\$25.00	37013	2/19	\$24.25	48321	3/15	\$105.00
48073b	1/10	\$50.00	48066	2/4	\$100.00	48383	2/25	\$25.00	37214	3/15	\$395.00
33415	1/10	\$200.00	48197	2/5	\$15.00	62951	2/27	\$127.00	48073	3/15	\$650.10
37659	1/13	\$60.00	48045	2/7	\$100.00	48073	2/27	\$1,087.16	48183	3/16	\$35.00
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37217	1/17	\$25.00	48184	2/13	\$100.00	28714	2/28	\$100.00	37013	3/19	\$24.25
37013	1/19	\$25.00	48073b	2/13	\$100.00	48197	2/28	\$300.00	48314	3/22	\$300.00
37209	1/24	\$300.00	28705a	2/13	\$300.00	48092	2/28	\$203.88	37650	3/22	\$100.00
38506	1/24	\$200.00	37658	2/13	\$50.00	37209	2/28	\$300.00	48066	3/22	\$100.00
49048	1/24	\$150.00	48017	2/13	\$20.00		March 2017		48073a	3/22	\$318.50
27571	1/24	\$150.00	25621	2/13	\$130.00	37076a	3/1	\$25.00	48073a	3/22	\$179.07
28714	1/24	\$100.00	48066	2/13	\$100.00	48066	3/4	\$100.00	48073a	3/22	\$201.13
48017	1/24	\$20.00	37214a	2/13	\$30.00	48197	3/5	\$15.00	48383	3/25	\$25.00
37214	1/24	\$800.00	48073a	2/13	\$209.61	48184	3/6	\$100.00	28527	3/27	\$50.00
48073	1/24	\$580.36	48529	2/13	\$100.00	37743	3/6	\$100.00	48092	3/28	\$203.88
37214	1/24	\$735.00	24230	2/13	\$100.00	37658	3/6	\$50.00	48073b	3/29	\$100.00
74021	1/26	\$250.00	33415	2/13	\$460.00	62951	3/6	\$102.00	28714	3/29	\$100.00
62951	1/26	\$110.62	48321	2/13	\$15.00	28705	3/6	\$50.00	83338	3/29	\$402.00
48066	1/26	\$100.00	48030	2/13	\$50.50	24844	3/6	\$151.93	28705a	3/31	\$100.00
41102	1/26	\$300.00	28705	2/13	\$50.00	48045	3/7	\$100.00	33823	3/31	\$26.50

CHSC 2016-Q4 Report - Account Balance (not inclusive of Q4 2015 Cash set aside for storage)	\$43,385.37		
Donation Totals(Jan - Mar 2017 = \$6,209.86 +\$5,495.28 +\$4,884.36)	\$16,514.50		
Fees: 7.5% Admin Fees (\$465.74 +\$412.15 +\$366.33) + Medical Emergency Evacuation Insurance (\$835.00)	(\$2,079.22)		
Expense Reimbursements via CHSC #0118 in, and for, 2017-Q1	(\$12,803.67)		
2017 Salary in Q1 accepted from CHSC #0118 : averaging \$2,153.60 after tax + payroll taxes of \$356.78 per month	(\$7,531.17)		
CHSC 2017-Q1 Operating Account Balance (not including \$15K cash set aside of 4Q 2015 in #0118; \$25,000 is return threshold)	\$37,485.81		
Personally Paid IRS Allowable Expenses incurred Q (\$1,221.24)	\$1,221.24		
Personally Paid IRS Allowable Expenses of 12/2013 through 03/201/Cote d'Ivoire Exp @517.53 F/\$)	\$61,757.22		
2015-Q4 Set Aside remainder(vehicle purchase completed; \$15,000 remainder to diminish moving losses of 2014-2016 storage)	\$15,000.00		

While this edition was prepared, a faithful fellow disciple who serves others to make them disciples had an accident . . . the bizarre kind . . . while going to a Discovery Bible Study to hear from the Lord. It was the latest in a number of tests that the Lord leads these church-planters to overcome. Read other exploits of our Lord in this news.

Browse to www.che4a.org (CHE for Africa)

to begin giving so others yet will learn to multiply their witness by the power and grace of Christ

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