

# AWA Ministry Updates

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It has been a privilege and joy for Verlin to receive Joel White, a [new member](#) of the Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC), in Cote d'Ivoire. Joel currently develops the role of Program Coordinator with our mission. For the moment, he focuses on producing a portfolio of projects for writing grant proposals that the more than 35 CHSC medical missionary families scattered around the globe may find helpful. He completed the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) internship training in Ghana during March, then spent April with [Samaritan's Purse](#) in Mozambique where he assisted this [linked disaster relief effort](#). On returning here, he continues visiting missionaries who live and work in West Africa. He and Verlin have been traveling so he can meet Ivorians who are involved in CHE and expand his understanding of how this ministry produces enduring and repeatable results ([link to his blog](#)). We, in turn, look forward to discovering with him in partnership how projects of regional or national scope could use grant processes to leverage the use of CHE strategies and effect additional lasting changes in ministries throughout Cote d'Ivoire.



On Friday's 9<sup>th</sup> site visit, they participated in the weekly meeting of the university CHE team. Joel was interested in the answers that these varied medical, public health and dental professionals would give to the question of how CHE had affected them each professionally and personally.

- One managing a national department's effort to fight malaria mentioned that a foundational concept of CHE has been of great help in her professional life. In the past, the government has seen little success in coming to communities with their "program" and insisting that villagers follow their directives to beat back malaria. Instead, involving the communities in the process is already giving better and measurable results.
- Several affirmed that [LePSAS](#) teaching approaches (*i.e.* [Learner-Centered, Problem-Posing, Self-Discovery, Action-Oriented, and Spirit-Guided](#)) have changed the way they interact with learners on a daily basis. One emphasized that a "Starter" (see [handout](#)) is used in every class now.
- Another mentioned that CHE has helped identify a great problem of her family and the culture here: they wait upon others to change life. She now knows that does not have to be the case.
- Yet another said that implementing CHE processes have taught her the importance of patience. We cannot expect people to adopt whole new ways of living overnight but must train, and then wait, and persevere for communities to own and engage in the process of transformation.

## **Prayer and Praise**

- 🙏 Pray for Joel's last weeks in Africa. Ask for good health and safe travels as he finishes his visits in Cote d'Ivoire. He returns to Ghana to see two more couples. God willing, he returns home June 1.
- 🙏 Pray for the CHE university team as they prepare for the CHE training series offered by the [Public Health, Hygiene, and Development department of the university every September](#). This week, many of the team will travel two hours, one-way, to a village using CHE for follow-up with [Romeo](#).
- 🙏 Debbie only has a few more sessions of physical therapy. When they are completed, she plans to travel to Michigan to be with family and share with some of our ministry partners there. Pray for uncomplicated travels and that she can connect with people easily.

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

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