



# Ministry Updates

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The stability of the northern neighbor of Cote d'Ivoire (RCI), Burkina Faso (BF), concerns Ivorians. As neighboring states, what happens in the BF bleeds into the RCI economically, politically and culturally. Those aware now track and mourn the slaughter of Christians. As this [New York Times \(NYT\)](#) article shares, even the president of the majority [Malikite Sunni](#) nation acknowledges the targeting of believers. Extremists desiring centralized power make inroads in efforts to gain control of the nation and region despite contrarian claims. Access to the Gulf of Guinea is likely a long-term goal. Following ancient strategies, the RCI and Ghana, economic powerhouses in the region besides Nigeria, can be isolated. Here, there has also been a less heralded yet persistent shift of power to those desiring a Caliphate. Much is at stake in the 2020 presidential elections, in both the RCI and the United States, for similar reasons.

Instead of quaking in our boots as believers, or accepting a fatalistic outlook that nothing can be done, there is a Biblical and pro-active response that counters extremism. Ready-made, the organization of federated republics like the U.S.A. demonstrates an inculcated Judeo-Christian value of collaborative governance. Neighboring geo-political states [learn to help neighbors without asserting dominion](#). Note in the NYT article what happens in BF. It reveals what informed studies of Christian persecution in history confirm: a key strategy of extremists is to torture and eliminate the influence of Christian pastors. They know that if hierarchical Christian leaders are eliminated, churches with their instructive influence on good governance usually disappear. However, that does **not** succeed where lay-people of the church are the decisive believers, fully equipped to lead others to live obediently in Christ. If congregants know how to lead worshipful Bible study, share the Gospel with nonbelievers, disciple new believers, coordinate weekly worship, and apply the truth of Scripture to every facet of life (*spiritual, emotional, social, physical, and management of the earth*), then, although grieved by the loss of others who lead, they will continuously live in truth. In the end, the church will expand, multiply new leadership, and **not** become extinct. This is why we have poured more than 20 years of the energy of our life together into training Ivorians to plant churches using Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) and engaging in Community Health Evangelism (CHE).

Thursday night, Debbie enjoyed a community celebration of Independence Day at Central Oaks in Royal Oak, MI, where Verlin grew in faith. Every year, the church allows the community to use the parking lot and lawn to view a fireworks display across the street. Church members hand out free water and popcorn and invite guests to a July Vacation Bible School (VBS). During this week of celebrating our nation's unparalleled history of freedom and prosperity, let us remember that freedom is not guaranteed into the future. It must be developed and maintained by what we teach and do. [If believers do not learn to effectively interact lovingly and share our redemptive message of the Gospel](#) with socialist, post-modern, and other people of radical ideas, our nation too will be overrun by policies of extremists who have no time for the Christian faith. What grows and preserves the church in Africa is what guards prosperity and growth in America, though unseen by most. By our obedience, let us show God's reign in freedom!

## **Prayer and Praise**

- 🕊 Pray with us for the many Christians in the world, including those in Burkina Faso and the West African region, who suffer intense persecution, and at times death, for obediently following King Jesus.
- 🕊 Give thanks that Debbie has arrived safely in Michigan.
- 🕊 Pray that American Christians will be pro-active in ways to preserve our nation's freedom, reaching family, friends and neighbors who have no concept of how following Christ truly delivers from sin.

Let Freedom ring!

**Verlin and Debbie Anderson**

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