

# Ministry Updates

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## **Diverging Roads**

Many students in high school read and get captured by Robert Frost's poetry. Few of us understand the meaning beautifully expressed in [The Road Not Taken](#) when younger. Life experience develops the pregnant words: *I shall be telling this with a sigh*

*Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*



Forty years of life-altering decisions later, we understand better the concept. This week, we learned of several people who similarly face choices at differing crossroads and who need, with us, your prayers.

## **Crossroad to Heaven**

The businesswoman who chose to become a disciple this year led a visiting niece to accept Jesus' invitation to live in the Kingdom of God recently. The teen, now also a former adherent of the other dominant religion in our area, had come to visit her aunt for a while. She returned to her village for the school year two weeks ago with a French Bible and a MegaVoice audio copy that recites it in [her language](#). The typically mild, beginning persecution by her parents and other family members has already started for her choosing to follow Jesus. Keeping her Bible at home was out of the question. It remains at a friend's house. Earbuds let her listen to the audio Bible version less obviously while in her room each day. Pray this new believer blossoms rather than withers while under pressure from her family to renounce Christ.

## **Crossroad in Health**

Our gentle and hard-working pastor's wife also suffered the symptoms of a cerebral vascular accident two weeks ago. She now rests and labors to regain mobility. She appreciated the nutritional advice and nursing counsel that Verlin was able to give. The family remembers how the dietary advice given her husband speeded his recovery from back tuberculosis (*i.e., Pott's disease, tubercular spondylitis*) a decade ago. (*He has no hunchback or residual weakness today!*) We give thanks that the diagnosed stroke effects are not severe. Congregants pray for this sister's complete restoration to her activities of daily living.

## **Crossroad in Ministry**

This week we also hosted a missionary friend in our home and town. He and his family had to displace themselves from a growing Children's CHE ministry in another African country. The tense political climate prevents their mission from blessing a return to the place where they would love to serve. They and their teammates now consider other sites to accommodate ministry here and there, including a few locations in Cote d'Ivoire. They are at crossroads. As much as we would love to have them come to Bondoukou, we pray that they will clearly discern and embrace the road that the Lord would have them choose.

## **Prayer and Praise**

- 🙏 Thank the Lord for the young woman who decided to follow Jesus. Pray that she perseveres in faith as she experiences persecution from her family and former friends.
- 🙏 Pray for the dearly beloved Ivorian pastor's wife who recovers from the diagnosed stroke.
- 🙏 Pray that the missionary families in limbo will sense God's Peace leading them to a new base for ministry.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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