



AWA Ministry Updates

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This is Your Life

Often people wonder what keeps missionaries busy during their time stateside, especially in our age of COVID-19 scares. Hopefully, this summary will provide a peek into our lives and inform your prayers.

- **TOGETHER** last Sunday morning, we attended a local church. Verlin preached. We both shared during the Sunday School hour. Our van stalled on the way home due to a loose wire. Verlin and a Good Samaritan got the vehicle going, and we arrived home without calling a tow truck. *Tuesday night, we gathered with others in Nashville for the funeral remembrance of a beloved friend. Her unexpected departure from this life to her Heavenly Home reminded all to redeem the time we have on earth. *Thursday, we took lunch to her husband and daughter. We comforted one another by recalling some happy memories shared by our two families and acknowledged the love of Christ demonstrated to and by their family during these difficult days. *That night, we attended an outdoor Christian concert with other treasured friends, accountability, prayer, and ministry partners. *Saturday morning, we attended a regional meeting of churches where Verlin shared a short ministry report. We also started editing this update that generally takes us ten to fifteen hours to write, edit, and post.
- On his own, **Verlin** had a full plate of activities throughout the week. Sunday night, he preached for a minister who felt under the weather as Debbie rested her injured ankle at home. Monday, he tuned-up our travel vehicle to fix the stalling problem, then prepped information for our mission report. *Tuesday, he replaced an emission control valve on our vehicle and planned for a family museum. *Wednesday, he called and texted pastors in TN and KY, read a recommended book, and met with a group of local believers being transformed as they help broken people. Their 5P to 7P worship helps new believers replace their formerly addictive habits with renewed hope. Fellowship members gain capacities for change as they exercise faith in and obedience with Jesus.* Friday night, he joined a service with an association of churches.
- **Debbie** also stayed busy while we were briefly apart. She spent over 25 hours during the week
 - writing thank you and sympathy notes,
 - attempting to reach Ivorian ministry partners,
 - handling a Synchrony Bank problem,
 - reading materials sent by our mission and preparing input they requested,
 - corresponding with ministry partners who had questions about CHE or other matters,
 - connecting with accountability partners,
 - setting doctors' appointments,
 - researching and updating information on ministry partners and
 - investigating a new method to pay doctors' bills with our health insurance's online app.
 - In addition, she prepared a meal for our bereaved friends, ran personal and mission errands, and spent two nights with our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, where she was delighted to help with Chelsea's first-grade distance learning.

Prayer & Praise

- ☞ We resume our out-of-Tennessee ministry travels this upcoming week. Thank you for praying with us for safe travels, productive meetings, and Spirit-filled services as we head to Michigan on Thursday.
- ☞ On Friday, we were able to connect with the Ivorian CHE partner who oversees our home in Cote d'Ivoire. All is well, although he said that police or gendarmes continue to visit churches and mosques every week to check on social distancing and other COVID protocols.
- ☞ Our granddaughter's school district prepares to receive special needs students on-site in several schools before the end of September. This is an answer to prayer.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last weekly: [The Long Haul – 200829.PDF](#)

Prior video: [Among Us – 200815.PDF](#)

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