



Ministry Updates

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In the Air

And so the journey home begins again! We thought Verlin would fly Sunday, March 7, from Dallas to return to Cote d'Ivoire. Instead, he ended up in a Texas ER with appendicitis. After his surgery Friday night, we returned to Christian Health Service Corps headquarters in Grand Saline, Texas, for his recovery. This detour put his return "up in the air" for two weeks. Issues awaiting him once his feet touch African soil include: catching up with CHE (Community Health Evangelism) team leaders on the way to Bondoukou, then getting our vehicle off blocks and operational; renewing vehicle paperwork and insurance that expired; seeking to restore Internet, which was cut in our neighborhood in Bondoukou over a year ago. Daunting, but doable. All these tasks may be complicated or delayed by the legislative elections that took place Saturday, March 6. We've been informed to expect less violence than what occurred around the [recent presidential election](#) though the [participation is more significant](#). We join Ivorians in praying that there will be no enduring unrest after the elections. Verlin counts on help from his **Travel Companion** to face any challenges.



Verlin's turn to be photographed in a hospital bed

On the Road

And so the journey home begins again! Debbie thought she would return to Tennessee on Monday, March 8, or Tuesday in the Caravan, Old Red. Now, whenever the journey occurs, she counts on her **Travel Companion's** help for any surprises on the 10.5-hour trip. Awaiting her at home is a plethora of errands and activities that include: being available for input as the shed roof is replaced on our property; oil changes and/or tire rotations for the vehicles; clearing leaves from a blocked culvert; last-minute eye and dental care; attending a dear friend's wedding; finishing thank you notes and buying supplies; prepping our home indoors for a long-term absence; and, final visits to friends and family. Daunting, but doable.

Travel Companion is our title for this update for a specific reason. Daniel Kambou is an Ivorian Christian singer who gained prominence during the days of Debbie's parents on the field. His song "[Travel Companion](#)" remains an Ivorian favorite, and we thought you might enjoy it. Here are the [lyrics](#) (link) in French and a [translation](#) (pdf) into English made for you.

Prayer & Praise

- ✎ Pray the peace of reconciliation through Jesus-Christ grows for the population of Cote d'Ivoire after today's legislative elections.
- ✎ Our Ivorian brother and friend Pastor Jerome Kambou met his **Travel Companion** face to face as he took his final journey Home this past week. Pray for his beloved wife and children, who mourn their enormous loss. Jerome served the Lord with vigor and intentionality through FWB ministries for over 30 years. We will always appreciate his encouragement and kindness to us.
- ✎ Ask the Lord to give us both exceptional wisdom and strength to accomplish our "daunting but do-able" tasks when apart, now later, on two continents. Pray that we have opportunities to be the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus to people who need a touch from Him along the journey.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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