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## In the Air

It is common in missionary circles to joke about days we cause hernias or overtime for the **angel bands** sent to protect and help God's children! Over the years, we have experienced many days when it was apparent that the King's security forces were dispatched for us. Knowing that He hems us in behind and before ([Ps. 139:5](#)) allows us a calm certitude no matter where we are in the world. Verlin arrived safely in Cote d'Ivoire with all luggage intact. His Tuesday and Wednesday in Abidjan let him do our initial exchanges for Ivorian currency, deliver some [Dossman music](#) to the Christian Radio Station they helped to establish, drop-off some needed credit cards for missionary friends, and submit a work order to get the telephone pole connection repaired that prevents our Bondoukou home office from enjoying DSL Internet. He next learned that two new University CHE team efforts are underway in southeastern villages. On Thursday, he traveled north on public transport with no problems. After some minor and incomplete repairs to take a shower, he found all well at home except some anticipated regular maintenance. Our dogs received him joyfully after the 15-month absence, and it appears a tree in our yard that provides one of our favorite snack fruits will give a bumper crop this year! These pleasures shared, we never take for granted uneventful travel on African roads. It is a grace and a welcomed relief to re-engage in ministry here.



Avocados

Verlin's home office setup and renewal will slow and advance by attending two funerals. Setup at home will slow as setup with personal connections speeds up. Two dear Ivorian brothers who encouraged and helped us many times over the years recently died. It is likely **angel bands** accompanied them one last time on their journey Home. Friday and Saturday, Verlin traveled again by public transport to participate in the wake and funeral of Pastor Jerome Kambou in Bouna. He died of liver cancer. Next week he will see the Alfred family in Goumère. It appears he died of a heart attack. The refrigerator repairman was one of the first in Cote d'Ivoire trained in CHE. Hopefully, by then, the Toyota [pick-up](#) will be on the ground and running to keep another **angel band** busy!

## On the Ground

While Verlin jumped through the hoops of international travel, Debbie drove back to our Tennessee home. Accidents and road repair turned a 10.5-hour trip into a 14-hour journey. In Nashville, she stopped for an oil change and for someone to check out a new noise. The mechanic tightened a belt and thought all was well. On arriving home in Cookeville, the noise was much louder and concerning. [Old Red's](#) serpentine belt and tensioner assembly were replaced the next day. No matter on which continent **angel bands** are dispatched, our [Travel Companion](#) cares for our every need!

## Prayer & Praise

- ✚ Thank the Lord with us for Verlin's safe return to Cote d'Ivoire. Also, rejoice with us that our Caravan's problems did not hinder Debbie's safe return home to Tennessee.
- ✚ Pray for Verlin as he begins a whirlwind of activities to get the car operational, repairs done, and communications services renewed. It will take two or three weeks for things we can control to get done, another two to three months for things we do not control. We regret that the update arrived late this week. Our differing travels complicated our coordination. When the written part was not ready for Verlin to edit by Wednesday, he could not get back to finish until Sunday when the needed Internet connection lost Thursday was re-established, and he had slept some.
- ✚ Pray for our Ivorian friends who are in mourning and learning to adjust to their husband or father's absence. Ask for peace, strength, and provision for the Kambou and Alfred families.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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