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### **Free to Choose**

One sobering truth about being free is that people can choose to become slaves again ([De.15:12-17](#); [1Co.7:21-24](#); [Ga.4:1-11](#)). Conversely, rarely are slaves given a choice to be free. When things got hard in the desert, remember the Israelites begging Moses to go back to the harsh servitude of Egypt? ([Nu.14:1-4](#); [1Co.10](#)) The same mentality exists in us when we choose not to accept God's gifts of salvation, gender, race, self-governance, etc. How foolish when we choose to walk our own way instead of trusting the boundaries of God's Word. How sad when we politically devour one another instead of working together for the common good as free people in covenant rather than driven serfs. During this celebration of centuries of unparalleled liberty and opportunity in a nation-state, may we remember that our choices today affect the freedom of future generations. Happy 4<sup>th</sup>, dear friends!

### **Choosing to Serve**

We remain regularly encouraged by the choices of fellow Ivorian CHE workers called to freely teach and serve. When recruiting Community Health Evangelism (CHE) examples to share at the scientific congress this fall, Verlin heard of these developing witnesses.

One trainer reported an outreach started years ago that continues to multiply even though he moved to another town. His goat project worked this way. He modeled how to raise the goats, then gave two goats to a trainee under an agreement that the second man would get his herd going and give two goats to a third person. Thus, each person trained is given two goats and pledges to mentor someone else, giving them two goats. The results have been outstanding.

Another trainer now presides over the Parent-Teacher Association ('[Coges](#)') in our town. For months, he counseled the treasurer to give account for monies spent and provide receipts. The treasurer balked at the Christian instruction until a recent audit by regional leaders. He discovered that accountability could lead to the *Coges* receiving funds from the government to benefit students and teachers. Choosing financial accountability leads to blessing.

### **Choosing to Disobey**

While adult examples abound, a two-year-old child of a close CHE co-worker and friend models the problems of disobedience well. Unfortunately, he chose to disobey this past Monday while passionately keeping a tube of toothpaste from his older brother. As a result, he ran out into the street near their home and was hit by a motorbike. His mother rushed him to the doctor. An x-ray revealed a cranial fracture, so our friend took him 7 hours south for a scan to show greater detail. Thankfully, the precious boy recovers, unaware of nearly having lost his life through disobedience.



### **Prayer & Praise**

- 🙏 Pray for young Josiah to recover from the accident without permanent brain injury, as is likely.
- 🙏 Thank the Lord that our son Corbin found an engineering job. Pray for the details of him moving, finding an apartment and new church home, and settling into his new position with excellence.
- 🙏 May each of us make choices that perpetuate spiritual and physical freedom for generations to come. May our liberty in Christ, demonstrated by good works, draw others to unite with us under Him.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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