



Ministry Updates

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Weed Wars

Debbie arrived to see an unwelcome sight at our homestead in Cookeville. Weeds had overtaken our driveway. Some had thick stems over three feet tall! Thankfully, the friends who drove her from Nashville were in a truck, so they could pass. Unfortunately, the man who usually [brush hogs](#) our property (using a [Bush hog](#)) was delayed three months because of heavy rain. Finally, he cleared the jungle last week, allowing Debbie to spray weed killer on what remained along the 240-foot long gravel driveway.



Sprayer & conquered driveway weeds

Taking up chores that the other spouse typically handles is challenging when we are separated by thousands of miles. Debbie will gladly relegate the weed war to Verlin next time! ☺ During the hours it took to learn the sprayer and pump the weeds, she pondered how [weeds are like sin](#) in our lives. How much easier it is to pull small weeds before they entangle and strangle good plants, not to mention the time saved! It can also discourage seeing how untreated weeds spread into new areas. Our lives incur high costs when we do not deal with sins or poor habits at inception or before conception! [We use examples of weeds when facilitating CHE lessons on the Kingdom of God drawn from [Matthew 13:24-30](#)]. Unforsaken sins contaminate new areas of life, touching other people and impeding progress. When the weeds get removed, though, we are gratified by clear paths with beautiful and helpful plants that flourish instead!

Wisdom's Ways

In the upcoming weeks, we will experience several new kinds of events and situations in ministry. We seek Wisdom's ways in every decision and trust you to cover us in prayer. Verlin travels to and within Liberia for the first time, helping with Community Health Evangelism (CHE) training in English. We do not know if he will be able to establish an Internet connection which affects our capacity to send updates. Soon after he returns to Cote d'Ivoire, a Zoom meeting with a university class in Florida will occur. Debbie expects to complete numerous time-consuming tasks before returning to Africa in late October. We also must consider and make decisions regarding some Ivorian co-workers and weeds that need to be tackled. All of these events and decisions will require extra infusions of Wisdom and creativity.

Prayer & Praise

- ☞ Verlin left for Liberia this week to participate in a CHE training. He will return to Cote d'Ivoire on October 25, while Debbie's flight arrives on October 28. Pray for Spirit-filled meetings and for him to have clarity as he teaches in English instead of French!
- ☞ Debbie has a time-sensitive adjustment needed on medical equipment. (CPAP machines [limit heart disease risks](#).) Pray that the adjustment can be made next week, leaving a few days to test the changes before she boards the airplane. Getting medical needs accomplished is always a challenge when time is limited.
- ☞ Pray for our daughter Cara, as her house just went on the market, and she expects to close on a new home in November.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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