



Ministry Updates

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Living Stones ([1 Peter 2:4-5](#); [Luke 19:40](#))

[NOTE: This update's verse references link to GotQuestions.org.]

A group of living stones gathered to learn their role as priests for others and thereby declare God's glory to the clueless and faithless living in Liberia last week. Living as water-giving stones for Jesus intertwined as a sub-theme for many lessons facilitated. When Jesus accepted vibrant recognition on entering Jerusalem to worthy acclaim, he stated the very stones would cry out if people who knew His works did not! The era's worker class extolled the wonder of Him whose testimony arrived before his person. The 5-day Community Health Evangelism (CHE) Training of Trainers hosted at the New Gate Center near Monrovia by the Ngenda family led some Liberians to appreciate Jesus' current work in Cote d'Ivoire. Some began to see their way forward to advance. Still, only time will tell of the impact or lack thereof upon the gathered spending October 18-23 together with two Western and three Liberian trainers. As one recognized in his closing testimony, humble obedience paves the way for God's great works to be known ([Audio Testimony](#) - 1'11").



Grassroots CHE TOT1 near Monrovia, Liberia

Stoned Lives ([Parable of the Sower](#))

Before consenting to go, Verlin had doubts the week could fruitfully use his time in West Africa. People accustomed to others paying their ways never cut paths through difficult times that others will follow except coerced or cajoled. Then, the efforts do not replicate by their own power. Souls of good volition voluntarily extend themselves to enthusiastically clear the thorny weeds of human distraction and clean the rock-strewn grounds of shallow planning that is required. These make the paths of life that lead to profitable fields of good works. One formerly thinking salaries paid by outsiders could create enduring change helped Verlin. He ended testifying that his thinking had changed. Verlin hopes the 10-day trip and two weeks' preparations may prove worthwhile ([Audio Testimony](#) - 1'40"). Still, time will tell.

Being Stony ([Isaiah 50:7](#))

Jesus paid the ultimate price for everyone to know ways of truth that bring abundant life. All who shelter their spirits in His enabling Spirit's guidance endure life's storms with calm. A young evangelist garnered understanding to light his path forward as the TOT-1 completed ([Audio Testimony](#) - 0'52"). An elder pastor germinated gritty courage with words when enjoining others that perseverance overcomes ([Audio Testimony](#) - 2'25"). Like our suffering Lord set his face like flint to do what had to be done, Christians the world over copy his gracious grit. This must be so that the witness of His Grace reaches all so some might believe and be saved. Thank you for helping clear stony ground with flint-faced disciples who develop to turn hard, fallow ground into fertile soil yielding abundant harvests. Many who read and pray these updates serve as stones of ballast for our lives and those of whom we touch, much like the [drogue stones](#) many think kept Noah's ark righted. Thank you. The Scriptures cited here formed many during the TOT.

Prayer & Praise

- Debbie arrived safely back to Verlin in Cote d'Ivoire with no travel problems. She also was able to get her CPAP machine's necessary adjustment two days before leaving! Already the change of pressure has improved her sleep and may assist in regulating her blood pressure in the long term.
- Verlin's trip to Liberia passed through some COVID era transport problems but enjoyed good interactions and training sessions. Thank the Lord for the 14 daily faithful amidst a total of 20 persons who participated. Pray each perseveres in finding appropriate local resources to grow CHE ministries there.
- Houses for Debbie's parents and our daughter Cara sold within a week of being put on the market! Pray the Paynes' bodies strengthen as they adjust to life within their new ground floor apartment and that Cara settles healthily into a new Tennessee town during mid-November.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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