



# Ministry Updates

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*Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*—Zig Ziglar ([crediting Carl Bard](#))

## **Restore**

"**Reboot**" and "**restore**" became priorities in our thinking this week. With a sigh of relief, we arrived home on Sunday. Verlin and our Ivorian helper worked many sweat-filled hours **restoring** pathways in our yard following a water supply pipe repair that left gaping holes all over. After unpacking, Debbie spent over 20 hours ascertaining why a computer refused to allow a critical system update. She lost count of the times "**reboot**" became part of the process. **Reboots** are a normal part of life, though, [even in the spiritual realm](#) (i.e., [Lam.3:23](#) - *God's mercy and compassion are renewed every morning*). Planning for that reality in the physical and spiritual world is a regular part of our ministry. Returning from Abidjan, we ate supper with a young CHE (Community Health Evangelism) trainer at a restaurant in his town. It was a joy and relief to see him in good spirits. After the university training, he was confronted by several of the CHE trainers about some personal habits and decisions. Thankfully, he received the correction and instruction with grace. During supper, he testified how the Lord nudged him to review "[Experiencing God](#)" principles shared by Henry Blackaby. That Bible study sealed his commitment to Christ over a decade ago. Pray for this brother as he **restores** habits of depending on the Lord. We also give thanks for some CHE training opportunities he has in schools.

## **Refresh**

It only took 24 hours for local friends to realize that we were back. Visitors began dropping by to **refresh** bonds of friendship and ministry. November is also when we as a couple start to **refresh** our plans with others for the following year. During the upcoming dry season, preparations for CHE agricultural projects and some visits to rural villages need to happen. Trainings in collaboration with other CHE trainers will get inked rather than penciled onto our calendars. There are many details and priorities to consider. The new puppies also met at the house remind us how life cycles renew perceptions of all of God's creation!



2-week old Rottweilers

## **Refurbish**

An answer to prayer happened before we returned home. Our landlady and we pleasantly met to investigate if heirs will provide us a long-term lease or not. Many repairs need doing to make the house durable. For example, the roof is >50 y.o. If the family does not sign a long-term lease, we will not pay the funds upfront to be reimbursed by rent deductions. We should know their decision within the month. This will help us decide whether we stay at our [present location](#) ([7 min video](#)).

## **Prayer & Praise**

- Thank the Lord that Verlin's Zoom participation with a [GCFU comparative education class](#) went well on Tuesday. Despite a few Internet connection lapses, participants seemed grateful for his insights.
- An unrepaired surgically caused hernia site of Verlin's beloved mother recently opened to air. The [poor healing](#) was likely caused by prior bouts of cancer. She sees a surgeon soon about options. Choosing another surgery seems unlikely due to previous surgical failures. Pray with us for healing.
- Ask the Lord to give us clear direction as we plan activities and priorities through next summer. Pray we will gain certainty on continuing to rent this house or about looking for another in town.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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