



Ministry Updates

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"The Power of 4"

Sometimes a simple transforming habit can bring a dramatic change to our lives. The [Center for Bible Engagement](#) invested time in polling Christians about their interaction with the Bible. Their research of over 400,000 believers worldwide revealed a phenomenon they call the "[Power of 4](#)". If a person engages with the Bible more than four times a week, incredible benefits accrue. For example, faithful Bible readers are 228% more likely to share their faith with others, 407% more likely to memorize Scripture, 54% less likely to view pornography, and 30% less likely to struggle with loneliness. Many other advantages were noted, as well.

Interestingly, if the Bible interaction occurs less than four times a week, the person's behavior, including divorce rates, is about the same as an unbeliever. In other words, going to church and mid-week service is not enough to live a victorious life. We need the Word of God to filter our hearts and minds constantly. The most effective transformation a few million Christians could make is reading God's Word daily with our families. Other believers find it helpful to have accountability partners to remain personally engaged with the Scriptures as **DBS** groups do.

Prayerful Praise

Besides a lovely Thanksgiving dinner with new American friends, we thank the Lord for His progress accomplished through mission paperwork, projects, and home repairs this week. After two weeks of boiling water, we coached the installation of a carbon water filter because our ancient Katadyne water filter broke. Our local plumber brought two apprentices with him, as you see in the photograph. Young women learn an increasing number of roles here.



How many does it take to install a water filter?

Thank you for expressing concern and prayers for Debbie's mother. She returned home Monday evening after a three-day stint in the ER and under observation in a Nashville hospital. After numerous tests, it appears that she had a [transient ischemic attack \(TIA\)](#). At home, she is followed by a two-week heart monitor and will receive Home Health care. Debbie was thrilled to hear her speak in complete sentences this week on the phone. Sadly, last Friday, she was not able to form words.

Prayer & Praise

- 🕊 Rejoice with us that Debbie's mother is home again after three days in the ER and hospital. Pray that her two weeks on a heart monitor and follow-up visits with physicians will reveal if there are further issues to address.
- 🕊 Pray for upcoming travels that Verlin will make to Abidjan and hopefully north to check on a possible CHE training location.
- 🕊 May we all stay on mission to daily engage with God's Word. Pray that we zealously model, encourage, and assist other believers in doing the same.
- 🕊 Pray for a renewed collaboration with two pastors. They visited today to ask us for help in troubleshooting their church's use of **Discovery Bible Studies (DBS)** in a regional town.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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