

Ministry Updates

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Taste and See ([Psalm 34:8](#))

As Verlin traveled to and from a celebration of life ceremony, we better understand an incredible story of how **ferry fees** bless a community using Community Health Evangelism (CHE). In south-central Cote d'Ivoire exists a village that can only be reached by ferry. Pastor S. began a CHE ministry there while planting a church in the past two years. The villagers were aware of many things that needed to change. They had no electricity, school, medical clinic, or latrines. In addition to poor hygiene, the population lacked social cohesion. The Lord gave them the wisdom to use the resources within their hands! After unifying to build latrines upon the Pastor's pulpit explanation of how the water used for bathing, cooking and cleaning contained runoff from their private waste, a new sense of "common-unity" emerged. (*Common-unity is a simple CHE definition of 'community.'*) They decided to use the fees paid for ferry crossings to meet their joint needs. So far, they have built a clinic, placed solar panels on homes, and continue constructing latrines. The church built a school with three classrooms with their own funds. And again, we get the best news. Nearly 80% of the village now professes to be Christian, whereas before, only about 20% claimed Christ as Savior! Praise God with us for this remarkable transformation accomplished in such a short time using CHE! May this village continue to flourish and help other villages around them experience a similar touch from the Lord.

Come and See ([Psalm 66:5](#))

On January 15, we reported that CHE trainer [Pastor Jean Tra-Bi](#) entered eternity before us. He belonged to the same Baptist group as Pastor S. in the story above. COVID shut-downs hit after this group was CHE-[trained in 2020](#) following a March 2019 [Vision Casting](#). Pastor Jean and the other pastors divided their churches into small Discovery Bible Study groups of ten since larger church services were not legally permitted. Their groups grew from 300 to 600 in less than six months! Verlin attended Pastor Jean's wake Friday night in central Cote d'Ivoire to represent the national CHE movement. He last talked with Pastor Jean during the summer of 2021. They discussed Verlin coming in 2022 to clarify how to initiate a CHE agricultural ministry using moringa and Farming God's Way at that last meeting. Instead, our brother enjoys the delights of heaven. Other CHE-trained leaders in the region plan to continue the work beautifully modeled by these two pastors. Verlin spoke with other vital leaders regarding ways to help their vision grow to win yet others. Tra-Bi's vision shared with Pastor S. has molded a beginning plan to implement CHE with their denomination that [expects great things from God](#).



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Prayer & Prai

- ☞ Pray for the widow and the five children of Pastor Tra-Bi, that the Lord will continue to comfort them and provide for every need. Also, ask our Father to encourage and produce great fruit in co-workers who saw his example.
 - ☞ Lift up Pastor S. and so many other Ivoirian trainers in CHE. They seek the Lord's guidance in bringing needy communities to abundant life in Jesus.
 - ☞ Thank you for your faithful ministry partnership through prayer and giving. CHE ministries are growing remarkably, but there is much more to do! We are so grateful for your help.
- Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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