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



As American citizens take the weekend to celebrate freedom from a bygone money-motivated monarch, citizen-led interventions act to help lepers in Cote d'Ivoire become free and "touchable." About five years ago, the Ivoirian overseeing leprosy treatment programs was exposed to CHE at the UFHB (university). When the [Raoul Follereau Foundation](#) learned of CHE approaches, the director supported adopting CHE for the national organization. In the next 12 days, the Ivoirian CHE Network (AISEC) president, Emmanuel, will accompany Ivorian and other leaders to meet with local authorities. They coordinate to launch volunteer community efforts in **sixty** villages. Between July 4th and 14th, US and French Independence days, communities targeted for leprosy treatment will be visited.

Later, two Ivoirian CHE trainers of AISEC will train community leaders, foundation-affiliated members, and believers from various churches. These CHE-trained teams expect to coordinate with regional government leaders and organizations to bring lepers to *shalom*, God's healing peace. As [Jesus did for the ten](#) in His day, we anticipate "untouchable" lepers being transformed by His touch to become "touchable."

Today, [leprosy is curable](#). Like another mycobacterial infection, tuberculosis, drugs freely provided through the World Health Organization treat the disease. However, the ill need community follow-up to see progress in conquering the disfiguring illness(es). Service to others in Jesus' name helps the infected gain hope during treatments and eventually reintegrate into old and new communities. Praise God for setting the stage so that CHE may be effectively used among leprous Ivoirians!



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

This week Verlin had a minor setback on one dental repair. Still, we both made significant progress on other projects that we want to complete before returning to Africa. Verlin did some video-conference coordination with RESCoF partners in CHE, whom God used to connect the Raoul Follereau Foundation for the above-mentioned good work. Deb spent over 30 hours prepping orientation materials for our mission and handling medical issues. On weekends, we visit Cookeville area churches that, past or present, pray and give so we can extend CHE ministries in Cote d'Ivoire. Another joy this week will be our granddaughter's literal, **touchable** visit to our home!

Prayer & Praise

- ☞ Pray for CHE Disabilities training to be potentiated over the next twelve days in Cote d'Ivoire. Ask our Father to call many people to CHE understandings which can bring salvation and physical relief to help suffering lepers find right relations with God, themselves, others, and the creation.
- ☞ Pray with us that the wife of the Bondoukou Children's DBS leader experiences no complications in childbirth. Her baby is a week overdue. Services at the local hospital in Bondoukou are minimal.
- ☞ Income to our mission account this June was better than June of 2021. However, the totals remain lower YTD than last year, causing us to pause and pray more about answering increased ministry requests for our presence and counsel. Continue to pray for more ministry partners. Praise the Lord, one new couple engaged to partner financially this week!

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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