



Ministry Updates

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

Flooded. Areas of Abidjan where shelter, food, and transport get provided to visiting CHE trainers from national and international locations each September have again been touched by floods. From March to July, especially mid-May, much of Abidjan becomes [a killing zone](#). It is a [historical](#) and [current problem](#), despite huge [investments](#). Torrential rains turn over cars, wash people away, and wreak destruction. The waters traumatize certain residents with loss. Due to the inundations, the government insists that [4,000 households of more than 25,000 people](#) move permanently. Our closest university connection and confidant has seen his home submerged several times in past years. In a recent communication via WhatsApp, he confided that their personal preparations of getting things high let them preserve most goods and valuables from flood waters. Theirs is a beautiful example that getting **flooded** does not mean being overcome by life's events. On numerous occasions, they have lived the reality of God's presence and help when they "*passed through the waters.*" (see [Isaiah 43:2-3](#)) Next week we will explore other such flooding issues.

This year's flooding experience undoubtedly again complicated organizing the annual September university trainings. It inconvenienced meetings, communications, and getting invitations legalized when all the plans and connections were not completed before April's end. Adding that to our typical July in the U.S. being **flooded** by annual maintenance activities, calls, and visits, we find ourselves overstretched again. We even missed publishing last week's update! We count upon the Lord to empower our working this and other, more severe complications to stay above the "floods."

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



Simple CHE Tippy Tap for MK use

In Texas, Debbie and Dr. Jody Collinge **flooded** the Christian Health Service Corps missionary kids (MKs) from ages 6 to 13 with Bible stories, songs, crafts, activities, missionary accounts, geography, Community Health Evangelism kid's activities, and food and information from five different continents and six nations. Keeping these special, high-energy children and youth busy while their parents completed orientation from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. was an exhausting privilege! The picture shows a modified Tippy Tap (*no foot pedal as we use in most Cote d'Ivoire locations*). Making it demonstrated a valuable tool while encouraging the MKs to think of how to wash hands if water was scarce. Debbie continues to evaluate materials that hopefully can

be used with new missionary kids every year. She returned home on Wednesday. Now both of us are noses barely above water with a flood of "to-do" lists before our departure to Cote d'Ivoire.

Prayer & Praise

- ☞ Pray for the Lord to quickly provide a new ministry location for our CHE friends' marriage ministry, now displaced due to rain and roof damage in Abidjan. Also, ask that an affordable place be found to provide lodging and food for the CHE trainers invited to annual September trainings.
- ☞ Pray with us for new housing situations for the 25,000 who were told to permanently evacuate their homes. Pray the government helps them find new places to live.
- ☞ Debbie's mother, Sandra Payne, had cardioversion this week to get her heart beating normally. Praise the Lord that so far, it seems to be working! Debbie expects to spend some time with her parents next week while Verlin attends some FWB National meetings.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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