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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

Snapshots permanently capture the emotions, energy, and elements of a journey together. This year, while rejoicing with you, we share a short video of the CHE university training produced in **snapshots** and video clips. Professor Luc's son, Joseph, worked late into the night to prepare this as a labor of love for the university community. The quickly transitioning 5-minute flick (that opens with a click) conveys the excitement generated as 18 CHE trainers from the nation's interior, the university, Nigeria, and France poured heart-motivated experience into 96 apprentices during the week. Participants



Professor Luc greets a participating colleague in this image collage from the video prepared by his son, Joseph, for the UFHB community.

in three levels of Community Health Engagement (CHE) separated into 4 classrooms set record numbers. As in previous years, people from villages learned in mixed classes with doctors, pharmacists, and other welleducated leaders. Honestly, only in the context of an all-inclusive Biblical, heart-changing approach like CHE could such a thing be imagined and implemented in Cote d'Ivoire!

As usual, we have emotional **snapshots** of events that touched us throughout the week. Verlin remembers a pivotal moment when a director of national health programs for women indicated having initiated community interactions in 2015. Dr. Helen unintentionally made his point with an example explaining how the annual training sessions began changing government ministry evaluation forms in 2014 that changed evaluation standards. Understanding dawned that advancement depended upon the approaches shared being applied. Debbie recalls overhearing a lady from one of the villages speaking on the phone during a break. She explained to a friend that she was following a training at the university where people from Nigeria, France, and the United States joined Ivoirians to teach her. Then came words that brought tears to Debbie's eyes. The elderly Ivoirian woman exclaimed that even the "big people" at the university greeted and talked to her. Imagine listening and commenting in classes with people who greatly surpass your education and rank. That is what this sweet Christian woman did because the CHE ministry approach insists that everyone contributes something when establishing <u>shalom (the peace of God)</u> as the standard for good health in a community.

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

Another **snapshot** comes to mind as we write and begin clean-up and follow-up. Two days before the expos began, an Ivoirian scheduled to teach beside Verlin in Level Two canceled his participation due to work demands. As a result, Verlin facilitated 21 lessons—an unimaginable number to many who use the inductive-style teaching of <u>LePSAS</u>. The Holy Spirit let him function with sufficient energy and kept participants on track as in the other levels. While others could have helped, the sacrifice helped maintain a higher quality of mentoring at all levels. Half the trainers facilitating courses did so as a 1st or 2nd experience. Only three have assisted each of the nine years. Hopefully, in the future, the growing number of experienced trainers from the interior, where over 100 programs are initiated or running, will prevent that load on any one trainer.

Prayer & Praise

Praise the Lord for another week of successful CHE training at the university! Ninety-six people learned to trust the Creator's ideas of <u>shalom</u> over their own at three levels. The number will almost certainly increase next year. Thank Him for the devoted believers of ARC-en-Christ witnessing to the nations by serving all the trainers and participants from three villages at a new location!

For the first time, one man from the university CHE team and a professed Christian expressed his desire to help us train Ivoirian missionaries later this year! Praise God since Cote d'Ivoire needs many more trainers nationwide who will respond to this growing need.

Pray for follow-up meetings this week with the people who worked tirelessly for the success of the training event. We personally have three additional training opportunities because of the week. Ask the Lord to guide our handing over of yet more responsibilities in the planning and execution of all stages of training.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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