



Ministry Updates

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

One commitment made as a missionary couple when our children were home growing up was to view their presence as **blessings, not bothers** constantly. Numerous hassles accompanied the process of homeschooling in rural Africa—many adjustments for us all. However, our three offspring enriched life and ministry in countless ways. Children create opportunities for witness when a family lives cross-culturally, though we simply miss their presence now! So while praying for [Children's CHE](#) (Community Health Evangelism) to take root in Cote d'Ivoire, we rejoice when children's outreaches continue to occur in our various settings. Such was the case recently.



Gospel sharing via sport; click [here](#) for video.

Hélène Ferrer, a CHE-trained believer from France, joined us for the university training earlier this month. Although her husband Franck was not involved with the UFHB team, he accompanied her in prayer and the hope of sharing Jesus with Ivoirian children via sports. He belongs to a group of believers using them in France to share the Good News. Verlin arranged that Franck partner with a CHE-trained pastor whose church integrates some sports outreaches. During the week, the two had a marvelous time using soccer to share the Gospel with several different age groups. This event only happened due to God's placing the desire to share in the hearts of a supporting family two years ago that God validated as useful in our spirits. Their gift included a provision to transport the soccer uniforms that Franck distributed with Marius. The loving donations made by the Deyton family in East Tennessee, who gave without knowing how the uniforms would be used, blessed six youth and four adult teams! Waiting on the Lord, we had preserved the uniforms until an opportunity opened. We waited for a moment when the gift would extend Jesus' Kingdom by helping many rather than one group who use CHE to spread the Gospel. This week, the same Abidjan pastor traveled to a region of Cote d'Ivoire where he grew up. He and his team set up two CHE committees where there are no active CHE team works! Pray the efforts result in many additional lives being transformed by Jesus. Sports got used as part of those starts.

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

In personal news, we received startling news from the Ivoirian coworker who cares for our property and animals in our absence. Luna, the female Rottweiler, gave birth to ELEVEN puppies this week, and none of us even knew she was pregnant a month ago! We now try to view their births as **blessings, not bothers**. The puppies will put a kink in our schedules over the next few months. However, who knows what Gospel-sharing opportunities they may open over time!

Prayer & Praise

- ☞ Our bodies have yet to fully overcome malaria and respiratory illness that developed last week, especially Debbie. Please continue to pray for complete healing and renewed strength.
- ☞ Pray for Franck, who seeks treatment for a fever after returning to France. It is likely malaria.
- ☞ Pray for the children and adults who received the Gospel message through the soccer activities of September 6–8. Also, lift up the two new CHE efforts in Pastor M.'s hometown area.
- ☞ Verlin continued CHE training follow-up in categorizing new contacts this week. Pray for an excellent conclusion to these and other details before we return home after the end of September.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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