



Ministry Updates

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

What does it mean to you to live “**the dream**?” For many Ivorians, the pinnacle of **the dream** is moving to the United States and finding work. What they see on television and hear from those who have visited America far exceeds the reality they would face. Happily, though, a pronounced shift happens in the thinking of many people here. Debbie was on the bus last week with a man who moved to the States years ago. On his first trip “back home” to Bondoukou since his teenage years, he was tired of American living and wanted to explore growing a business in Cote d’Ivoire. He represents many Ivorians who realize their nation has significant human and natural resources, and hardworking, innovative Africans can bring enormous progress. Perhaps **the dream** is much closer to home than they thought.

Life only actually improves, in enduring ways, when Ivorians and Americans realize that **the dream** of earthly ambition only happens when contentment accompanies a person living out Jesus’ teachings. Christ brings visible progress in this world and transforms the inner man for those who diligently seek Him. He is the One “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” ([Col. 2:3](#)). We model this Jesus who freely gives salvation not solely in providing a future in heaven but also by generating redeeming love through His children today. He sends disciples who, under His oversight, share the blessings learned with others and the Creation. That is **the dream** worth living for!

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

In addition, **the dream** means something else to Debbie since she lost her CPAP machine last week. From childhood, she had nightmares where she awoke suddenly, gasping for breath. These bad dreams disappeared when she was diagnosed with sleep apnea and put on a machine some years back. So guess what has begun again now that the CPAP is gone? Thankfully, the dreams are not constant because we share Verlin’s CPAP unit each night in split-shift sleeping.

Prayer & Praise

☞ Thank the Lord that Verlin’s foot recovers strength a bit daily when he evades overdoing activity. Debbie’s CPAP machine remains unfound in town. Most likely, now, it was intentionally stolen. Pray that she can arrange to receive another device in the U.S. Getting a CPAP requires a wait because of a recall made some time back.

☞ Continue to pray for ongoing CHE witness that happens in western Cote d’Ivoire. One team trains ministers from churches to assist lepers. While we facilitate a CHE training of missionaries in November, the ministry to lepers starts another phase of their training.

☞ Our pastor’s wife still suffers much from her returned ulcer(s). We had hoped to offer help with natural remedies again since the months she spent in Abidjan with extraordinary medical expenses did not bring her relief. We need to get nurse Verlin up and going first, though!

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie



A prior CHE training by AISEC in August for leper ministry

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