

Ministry Updates

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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

We all have occasions in our lives when we wonder if, when, and how we should **intervene** in situations. Maybe an altercation is happening in a <u>public setting</u>, a company promoting ungodly behaviors, a friend choosing a destructive lifestyle, a government hindering our <u>Christian liberty</u>, or an employer exceeding his bounds of authority. Thank the Lord for people who dare to **intervene**, despite personal consequences, when they know to accomplish the law of the Lord! It is up to us to conscientiously prepare and join the fray as exemplified by the Lord, who made the most remarkable intervention on our behalf. "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation..." (Isaiah 59:16)

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)



Pups in isolation

This week we had hoped to bring you a quarterly report, but life circumstances led us to choose otherwise. First, our puppies fell ill with the parvovirus; the first died on Monday. Verlin realized he would have to **intervene** to give the others a chance to live. By Friday, the remaining six are isolated by washtub in the house, getting saline IVs and an injectable med to stay hydrated. Oral intake and parenteral nutrition have proven to not exist as options. Time seems more precious. He does not get much sleep, but two seem to be on the mend today.

In two graver situations, our Ivorian colaborer's sister-in-law (the one with kidney failure) died last weekend. As a result, K. was gone for many hours helping the family with funeral responsibilities. Also, Verlin received contact from a dear Ivorian pastor friend whose wife has been repeatedly unfaithful. They have four sons. The pastor asked Verlin to accompany him as a witness when meeting with the erring woman and her family. The date to **intervene** is next Thursday.

Debbie worked this week with what is called "prevention intervention." Crises are avoidable with wise prevention in all areas of life. She coordinates with our mission's Missionary Care Facilitator to offer a once-a-month online session for missionary parents. The effort is called "MK Moments." The meeting's purpose is to provide a safe place where parents can discuss issues they face with their children. In addition, we intend to offer information and encouragement for the joys and challenges of rearing children in foreign cultures. Pray that the Lord will use this new effort to assist missionary families.

Prayer & Prayer

- The young woman with kidney failure died last weekend. Most of the family members are not believers, so pray that in these days of grief, they will turn to Christ for salvation.
- ▶ Pray for the "MK Moments" Zoom meetings occurring tomorrow (Dec. 7) and once a month in the future. The effort seeks to encourage and equip missionaries to help their children adjust to life on the mission field.
- Pray for our Ivorian pastoral friend who sets in place the process for possibly divorcing an unfaithful wife. After years of seeking reconciliation, he sees no other solution as likely. Pray that the Christian community will help him, the children, and the errant during these sorrowful days. Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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