

Ministry Updates

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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

During a week when the world exalted International Women's Day, Deb reflected on a subject we have often discussed: how our Savior uplifted females during His ministry and teaching while He walked the earth. He recognized the equal worth of women in managing creation while accomplishing different roles in remarkable ways, considering the 1st-century Greco-Roman culture. He appeared to women first after His resurrection. He extolled their right to approach Him when others attempted to exclude or denigrate the ways ladies served and worshipped Jesus. One moving example was His tender acceptance of the woman who anointed His feet with a costly fragrance in Mark 14. While those present scolded her, Jesus praised her action with two bold proclamations to inspire women everywhere. First, He said she "did what she could" to prepare His body for burial. Next, He assured all hearers that her lavish worship would be recounted everywhere the Gospel is shared. No effort or sacrifice for the Lord goes unnoticed. In addition, He only expects us to do what we can do in our circumstances. We are sanctified from glory to glory over time. What a comfort to women who feel unimportant or inadequate. With our Lord's help, what each can do is enough to please Him!

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

Crossing into Ghana consumed double the time planned for Verlin and his passengers on Thursday. The paperwork took three hours to complete despite Tuesday's preparatory visits. Another hour expired as they got phone chips to stay connected with family, friends, and associates. Driving to the coastal Accra region took twelve hours, with speed limits reduced to 50 mph on rural highway stretches and 30 mph in villages, towns, and cities where the road remains a two-lane highway. Sadly, the reserved rooms were unavailable due to a scheduling snafu. Substitute accommodations got found within two hours by 1 AM. The twenty waking hours made for a long first day, but we rejoice for safe travel and better fuel economy!

Debbie enjoyed spending three and a half days with her parents in Franklin, Tennessee. She **did what she could** by handling errands for them, helping them find solutions to issues in their apartment, and obtaining medical equipment. They always find grace in reminiscing about their early years in Cote d'Ivoire and how God has grown His kingdom over the decades since then. Debbie also visited ministry partners and collected equipment and supplies for her joining Verlin in Cote d'Ivoire. Because Verlin will stay in Ghana until early April related to CHE ministries, Debbie's flight ticket schedules her April 11 departure from Nashville to arrive in Abidjan on April 12.

Prayer & Prayer

- Thank the Lord, Verlin and the three passengers arrived safely in Accra. They continued to the internship training site on Saturday and arrived before we sent this update. Pray that families of all students and trainers from various African nations stay healthy and safe during their absence from family and other local partners in ministry.
- Debbie has time-sensitive medical and other appointments that need to happen quickly. Pray for those details and her ability to complete several ongoing projects in the next three weeks.
- Solution Our Ivorian co-worker watching our home and dog in our absence has typhoid and chicken pox! Please pray with us for his speedy healing.



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