



Ministry Updates

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

Christians must always expect and prepare to stand alone in allegiance with Christ exceptionally. Such times are inevitable due to sin, but usually, our call is to **keep watch** over each other in community. Jesus faced the cross in terrible isolation—especially when forsaken by His Father to take the penalty of our sins. Still, most of His traveling ministry occurred surrounded by His disciples. He secluded Himself for many hours to pray but sent His disciples out two by two. How telling that He asked His closest friends to **keep watch** with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane ([Matt. 26:37-38](#)) before enduring the agonies of betrayal, trial, and crucifixion. The Twelve were unready for the traumatic events that unfolded despite Jesus' attempts to prepare them. One topic covered in the CHE Internship this week involved helping others through long-term trauma recovery. Worldwide, CHE ministries endeavor to be on the frontline helping when pandemics occur and where traumatic evils like human trafficking exist. Interns studied many other topics, including micro-enterprise development (MED) with practical applications like [soap-making](#) and [sack gardens](#). An experienced businessman and his wife from the US facilitated the MED discussions, providing practical examples from his life experience. A prolific writer of CHE lessons and trainer in Mexico rose during the wee hours of her morning to advocate for Children's CHE by Zoom. Dr. Jody's insights help many CHE teams worldwide to begin ministries among children.

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

One way Verlin could **keep watch** with regional CHE Internship Center developments that inform programs in Cote d'Ivoire came by chauffeuring Dayo, the Internship director, along with the businessman and his wife, who represented [Heartbeat for Africa](#) (HBA). They had asked for advice in pursuing possible land purchases in the Cape Coast area. Ghana experiences similar difficulties in the legal management of land as Cote d'Ivoire: people who are not citizens have limited options. The two national systems work out tensions between tribal and family-based land controls and the [Roman system](#). The latter provides centralized government controls to enable long-term ownership and invite international investments. Though outsiders get told they can buy land, the more truthful description is that they will likely obtain a long-term lease if not deceived into paying the wrong person for a lot. Despite challenges, the visiting couple from the States secured good connections for advice in purchasing with Dayo's and Verlin's help.



Cape Coast, Ghana

Prayer & Prayer

🕊️ Ask the Lord to help all of us be aware and committed to **keep watch** with individuals He puts in our sphere of influence. May His Spirit guide us to effectively minister to the traumatized or those facing hard times or new experiences.

🕊️ Pray the provision of regular funding and scholarships continues and expands the CHE Internship program. That request made, we know participants need to participate financially beyond giving their time. Most of the young who attend now have little hope of paying for the total package. In reality, finding means to share expenses equitably remains the subject of serious discussions between leadership and interns who find common bonds despite inheriting separate colonial belief systems.

🕊️ Last week the email service we use to send this update failed to send our content on Saturday. They sent it Sunday. So, Verlin changed our payment plan with iContact in case the snafu repeats this week or a review does not occur speedily. Hopefully, this problem will not repeat itself.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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