

# Ministry Updates

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

Learning to anticipate the **unforeseen** is a regular part of missionary life. No matter what, we do not have to let ourselves be shaken because the Lord at our right hand ([Ps. 16:8](#)) guides us. He is never surprised. Debbie expected to board an April 11<sup>th</sup> flight in Nashville to return to Africa and Verlin but found herself in an **unforeseen** situation. The airline did not accept the scanned biometric copy of her new Ivorian residence card, valid until 2027, though accompanied by her expired documents, or take the time to check with relevant authorities. Gatekeeping personnel, therefore, refused to check her in. United Airlines insisted that she have the original card, despite it having been processed and picked up by Verlin *after* she left Cote d'Ivoire. They refused all logic from the accompanying formerly valid documentation. Then began a flurry of phone calls that allowed Verlin to consult with Ivorian authorities, who were surprised by the intransigency. Debbie sought means to evade fees for the added delay. She called Legal Shield to check the legality of what happened and see if the airline could be held accountable for the added costs of the delay. After hours of seeking resolution on both sides of the Atlantic, we followed the advice of the Ivorian official. She seconded that Debbie obtain a 90-day e-visa while influencing US airline policy to recognize European and African processes similar to the acceptance of scanned US driver's licenses. The e-visa would allow Debbie entrance into the country where her five-year residence card waits. She applied for the e-visa on Wednesday and hopes to have it in time to board a flight on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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



Verlin experienced some **unforeseen** events recently, as well. First, as he drove to Abidjan on Sunday to handle business and supposedly meet Debbie, he also had the pleasure of transporting a Cuban physician of our church movement so she and her two children could meet their returning husband or dad, who was expected to arrive two nights before Debbie. Secondly, our vehicle will need repairs due to **unforeseen** roadblocks in Ghana. As Verlin drove visiting people in Ghana after the CHE Internship, law enforcement added numerous barricades trying to get gifts for Easter or Ramadan. Our truck had a run-in with one intrusive barrier but can be safely driven as is.



## **Prayer & Prayer**

- 🕊️ Ask for a resolution to Debbie's travel delay. Pray that the Ivorian e-visa arrives promptly and that she can take a flight on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 🕊️ Thank the Lord and dear friends for an excellent first quarter of donations in 2023! We remain grateful for ministry partners who have given faithfully for many years. In addition, several churches and friends gave exceptional gifts allowing us to replace worn-out equipment without diminishing our level of activities due to lack of funds.
- 🕊️ Our son Corbin's new job is progressing well. It seems to be a good fit for him. However, he has not yet found lodging within reasonable driving distance, so pray for that need.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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