



# Ministry Updates

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

Sometimes when situations in life seem unsure, the best thing is to **carry on** with what you can do, leaving the rest in the Lord's hands. Debbie felt a taste of this dilemma on Monday when she contacted the Ivorian e-visa site. Because of an email communication glitch, it appeared her e-visa would be delayed another week. Though she provided the last document requested, the service clarified that the e-visa would not be ready for at least 48 hours and, more likely, 3-4 days more. Still, we decided she would **carry on** with all the steps to leave Wednesday morning in hopes and faith that the Lord would expedite this second process. So she closed down the single-wide storage home and drove to Nashville to get her second PCR COVID test in the week and finish other necessary errands. After business hours on Tuesday night, her e-visa approval arrived by email! She experienced a smooth trip to Cote d'Ivoire. She even enjoyed the gift of being invited by a kind stewardess to move to Premier Business Class on the last flight of the journey!



Saturday Pic. Thursday arrival.

While glad to see each other after various delays, we have begun measuring the costs of what remains for us yet to do here. In the grand scheme of things, even if her efforts had resulted in a perceived negative outcome, Debbie would know she had done what she could. A "no" from the Lord is always acceptable. His oversight makes for unforeseen additional opportunities for witness and service. After all, it is for His purposes within His timing that we **carry on**.

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

Verlin had other priorities requiring him to **carry on** as Debbie waded through red tape and blockades in the U.S. He turned in taxes on the U.S. timetable rather than the two-month delay permitted expatriates and submitted the financial reporting from March that included expenses from Ghana. On Friday, when dining with some missionary friends who face challenging circumstances, the theme of learning to **carry on** again surfaced. As Verlin put it, when life's realities place us in clouds of uncertainty, the best course of action is to **carry on** with what the Lord showed us in the light until He clearly directs us otherwise. The theme remains a constant refrain from our lives, even repeated to others during the week. God is faithful.

## **Prayer & Praise**

- 🙏 Thank the Lord for Debbie's safe journey back from the States and Verlin being at the airport to pick her up! (*Muslim holiday traffic in Abidjan as [Ramadan](#) finished was inordinately heavy!*)
- 🙏 Verlin expects to travel to western Cote d'Ivoire to evaluate CHE progress in several locations. Pray our God-found-in-the-details of the trip encourages leaders of many Christian communities
- 🙏 Verlin's knee infection and his scheduled travels interfered with UFHB meetings. The absences complicate planning with that CHE effort. Several reunions are yet needed to elaborate plans for the Scientific Congress (Aug 31-Sep 1) and Community Health Evangelism (CHE) exposition sessions (Sep 4-8). Pray for a planning committee breakthrough this week or next.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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