



Ministry Updates

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

This week, Verlin and a denominational leader of a sister Baptist group traveled to visit a village in the Sassandra River basin. The small community of Boutoubré has fully **engaged** with a swift adoption of local transformation strategies. They practically apply scriptural admonition since the pastor began to implement ideas after being [exposed](#) to Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in 2019. In some [prior updates](#), we reported results the village enjoys from working together: a dispensary and school built, latrines in use, solar panels on homes, and that almost all the villagers now live harmoniously for Christ as their Lord. Verlin, the pastor, and the visiting denominational leader rejoiced to hear in person the testimony of men who formerly adhered to another religion. One of the newly saved men is the village chief; another, a former drunk transformed by Jesus! Front and center in all the remarkable changes is how the entire population **engaged** by faith together to use their local resources.

One new story reported to us explained how the women **engaged** together as a dynamic force to widen and redo their road. Taking courage from the 2004 CHE story of Bébou and using only their Africa [dabas](#) (*daba means "hoe" in the Dioula language*), they fixed and widened a 200+ meter route from the civic center to the new dispensary, church, and school. The effort required hundreds of hours of labor. On Saturdays, they check the route, regularly making repairs. Because it is maintained, the road becomes a thoroughfare for others who seek to board the local ferries. The visiting pastor was so impressed by the villagers' changed worldview and their joint success that he plans to encourage CHE as THE strategy for church planting in rural areas of his denomination's efforts to win others to Christ.



Pastor & leader on road in front of the dispensary to church & school.

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

Verlin also re-**engaged** with the university CHE team in a meeting on Friday. (*That's an answer to prayer from last week's requests!*) As a result, he has the details needed for planning his part of September's UFHB CHE events. Another aspect of the university training we hope to address in all of May is creating copies of the specialized and combined CHE lessons used. An experienced Ivorian CHE trainer has accepted our invitation to come to Bondoukou next week and will review the work with us to begin the editing. Hopefully, he can stay **engaged** throughout the process. In addition to these UFHB engagements of our time, we facilitate invitations of Ghanaian and other foreign ethnic community members to see the changes here to copy where they live during this year's events.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Thank the Lord for Verlin's safe and encouraging journey in southwestern Cote d'Ivoire to visit a thriving CHE ministry ready to be multiplied. Pray for continued transformation in that region and for many more churches and NGOs to engage in CHE.
- 🙏 Pray for the long-delayed lesson editing project we seek to complete in May and June. The lessons used at the yearly CHE seminar of September need to be combined in a single format to clearly present the Education, Evangelism, and Engagement perspectives of CHE. Pray for safe travels and good health of the Ivorian CHE trainer we anticipate seeing next week to discuss the work.
- 🙏 A planning meeting *did* take place yesterday with university team members who organize the CHE seminar in September. While added coordination will be required, essential answers were received. We give thanks for this rapid answer to our prayer request of last week and pray we get our parts done!!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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