



Ministry Updates

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

One delight of ministering in Africa for a long time is the family that you accumulate. Last week, a **"third son"** visited us. He is one of the Ivorian young men who played hundreds of hours with Corbin. Brice hailed from a nominally religious family and had no personal experience of following Jesus in the years he came to our place to play. That experience began later while he attended college in Abidjan. Still, when sharing with us his current walk with the Lord, he mentioned how our household's conversations, habits, and ambiance piqued his curiosity and brought the fragrance of Christ into his life early on.



During college, and after receiving Jesus as his Savior, he considered becoming a veterinarian. However, the expense seemed too great. Next, he pursued an agricultural degree but did not pass a final exam. This shocked him and his classmates because he was a leading student! Then, an older Christian man counseled him that God does not make mistakes. He instructed Brice to thank the Lord even for that failed exam because other doors would open to him. Although it was hard, he did that with tearful prayers in his room. Sometime, while trying to figure out what to do, he sensed the Lord telling him that a job would not find him sitting in his room; he should get out and look for the next opportunity! Then Brice felt led to develop an orientation class to help new students at a particular school. Starting with his own money and administrative skills, he did that. Over 500 students participated. It was considered a great success. A Tunisian woman who wanted to start a school in Abidjan saw what he did in organizing the orientation and asked him to become her assistant. He explained that he had no business degree, but she said that was irrelevant. The work ethic and skills she saw him use to assemble the orientation class were enough. He worked with the Tunisian for two more years. His talents became so appreciated that she wanted Brice to study further in Tunisia. His father nixed that idea, fearing for his safety, though he thanked the lady who had done so much for his son.

At some point, Brice made his boss aware that he wanted to continue his education, but this time in the medical field. She helped arrange for him to take the entrance exam for a nursing school. Also, she has paid all his tuition, books, and supplies since then. He currently gets his clinical experience at the Bondoukou Hospital and will finish exams by the end of the year. He gives the Lord credit for changing his behavior and habits in tangible ways, making his boss willing to invest in him. Once, he was sent to buy a glass costing 1,000 francs (about \$1.80). He negotiated to get it for 800 francs and gave his boss the change. She was amazed at his honesty since most people here would pocket the savings. His boss trusted him even more!

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

Another **"third son"** for whom we pray does not fair so well. Because of consistently poor lifestyle choices, he cannot keep a job and needs the Lord's help to break the destructive cycle in his life.

This week Verlin traveled to Abengourou and picked up our repaired truck. While there, he coordinated with Community Health Evangelism (CHE) trainers and visited new missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire. He also began corresponding with and calling trainers to confirm university training teams.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Pray for Brice to finish nursing school well and for another **"third son,"** K., to experience healing.
- 🙏 Pray we adequately prepare and coordinate our part in arranging for and prepping trainers for the 10th annual CHE strategy expositions at the university in September, which follow the third scientific congress.
- 🙏 Pray for the Ivorian brother struggling to rectify a property attribution, where an official removed his name as the property owner and introduced his own. The property was formerly dedicated in perpetuity for pastoral formation (shepherding) to be funded by the CHE agricultural projects on that and other lands.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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