



Ministry Updates

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

We have sympathized with Israel's circumstances in [Exodus 15](#) for the past two weeks. After the Lord's amazing deliverance at the Red Sea, the Israelites arrived at Marah, where only **bitter water** was available. The people complained. Moses cried out to the Lord for help. God's remedy consisted of throwing a tree into the water, transforming the **bitter water** into sweet! Over the centuries, people have wondered which tree had such a transformative property. A comment left by the editor of a study Bible Verlin reads through occasionally speculated that [the tree](#) was a [matured moringa](#) since [moringa seed cakes](#) are known to [purify](#) surface water like [alum](#). What an interesting thought for those with moringa trees growing in their yards, even in [colder climates](#). More encouraging is that in the chapter, God identified Himself to His people as [Jehovah Rapha](#), the Lord Who Heals. He also promised that if they obeyed His commands, none of the diseases that ravaged the Egyptians would be their destiny. Today in CHE strategies used worldwide, the Lord continues to heal His people through the plethora of remedies furnished from His creation. The story of Marah's **bitter water** resonates today in Bondoukou. Our city has added water sources to prepare for the university expected to open in 2024. Until this month, we enjoyed the terrific tasting, deep well, or aquifer water. Sadly, those sources are insufficient for the demands. For years, boreholes for water were drilled. In the last two years, pipes were laid to carry water from a barrage of runoff rain or surface water. Now, many complain about the **bitter water**. Even passing through our three-filter system in the kitchen, the bitterness remains strong. Debbie uses moringa seeds to soften the taste. They help a little. In time, we expect water specialists will find additional ways to make the water palatable, like moringa seed cakes.



Tree and drying seed pods

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

This week, Verlin traveled to Abidjan to meet with the CHE university planning team and to obtain supplies. The team is progressing in preparing for September's congress and training. Debbie completed the first several-stage process to assemble CHE lessons into single-hour formats for the university's level one training. Verlin expects to check the content. Then, a second round of edits will begin, followed by a third and possibly a fourth. We also enjoyed introducing CHE to a single mother who seems interested in getting involved. On a national scale, we were pleased to know that the dedicated Ivorian CHE trainer with whom we regularly collaborate has been recommended to serve as [RESCOF](#)'s West African Representative Council Member of the Global CHE Network.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Pray the **bitter water** in Bondoukou provides good witnessing opportunities for the discerning.
- 🙏 Thank the Lord for Debbie completing the first editing stage and combining CHE lessons for the university programs. Pray we manage to make speedy progress in the subsequent steps.
- 🙏 Pray for newly appointed deacons and elders at the FWB church we frequent when here. They are the first to serve so at that location. Also, as money comes in, the congregation builds a parsonage beside the church. They anticipate expanding their neighborhood ministry.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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