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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

The Lord directs the life decisions of His children in various ways. Sometimes we hear a clear word behind us saying, *This is the way; walk in it.* (*Isa. 30:21*). (Deepen by consulting a <u>commentary</u>.) On other occasions, His direction on <u>the Way</u> seems less precise, leaving us to consider the **pros and cons** of specific choices with fervent prayer. The prayers lead us to

trust that Jesus orchestrates the outcome of our work for good. For overseas missionaries, complex topics surround evaluating the **pros and cons** of means to <u>educate their children</u>. What is the best solution in their unique setting to rear productive, welladjusted adults who love Jesus through life? Sometimes the diverse opinions of family, friends, and coworkers complicate decisions. Last Saturday, with the support of our mission's

<u>Member Care Coordinator</u> (Joy Vonk), Debbie gladly led the discussion during a recorded Zoom call about various options



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discussion during a recorded Zoom call about various options for educating missionary kids (MKs) overseas. Since many Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC) families struggle with this decision, the session was designed to equip and encourage them in making decisions in *shalom. (Peace with God, self, others, and the Creation.)* Discussing and evaluating the **pros and cons** of using national, international, boarding, or home schools helped. This session is part of an ongoing ministry to CHSC missionaries entitled 'MK Moments,' a forum to share information and encourage dialog.

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

Verlin stopped intense exercise, rested, and took some meds to see his infection begin to heal! Last Sunday, considering the **pros and cons** of appropriate oral antibiotics versus training his gut's microbiome, he decided the **pros**' for' outweighed the **cons** 'against.' He outlined details for a <u>Care Plan</u> and started treatment. For now, the choice seems wise. We appreciate not having to travel for an opinion. Also, he connected with another while seeking the desired CHE trainer for the university. We should know by next weekend if a brother from Burkina Faso can come to observe and teach using <u>LePSAS</u> lesson plans.

<u> Prayer & Praise</u>

Thank the Lord that God heals our infections! Pray that no complications develop.
Pray for missionaries who face difficult choices while rearing their children overseas. Ask for wisdom in dealing with schooling issues and finding healthy friendships. Also, pray for a solution to the slow Internet connection that hindered the Zoom call Debbie facilitated.
Ivorian elections will occur during the week of the CHE university training. Although this one is not a presidential election, there are still often areas of unrest during the voting. Pray for a peaceful election process.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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