



# Ministry Updates

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

The tenth University of Félix Houphouët-Boigny (UFHB) CHE training is in the record books! While we still process evaluations for final statistics and stories to share later from this year's events, we praise the Community Health Engagement trainers who impressed the participants. They were **simple servants**, living so others recognized Jesus in them while leading participants to discover their God-given gifts. The UFHB staff uses our team to build more bridges to better serve Ivorian communities in tangible and observable ways. We thank God for the opportunity to serve the Lord with them.

This year's week of four classroom courses particularly challenged our team(s). Besides lower than expected attendance blamed upon an election date change, ☹️ two trainers' health prevented their arrival; ☹️ a third's work responsibilities stopped his participation; ☹️ a fourth trainer missed Monday and Tuesday; ☹️ two university trainers developed conflicts that affected the classroom schedules. Every night, the remaining and available trainers rearranged programs for the level one course, seeing who could fill the sessions with little time to study. On Tuesday, Debbie covered a lesson with only ten minutes to prepare! Other trainers were also stretched beyond their comfort zones; the more experienced had to make many adjustments as well.

With such uncertainty, you would think that the situation might be chaotic and tense. Instead, since all the trainers came intending to be **simple servants**, we enjoyed a week of excellent interactions. Class sizes were smaller. That helped. Here follows some of the participants' specific comments about the CHE trainers:

- I loved the approach of the trainers because they were nice and open with us.
- I am astonished at the simplicity of the trainers with each subject studied.
- I am happy about the interaction of the trainers with the participants.
- I am thankful for the trainers' lives, experience, and humility.
- I am astonished that, each day, our trainers tell us essential things which really help our learning.
- I am happy the trainers are competent and show us errors to avoid.
- Today I am happy about the conviviality of the training and that it is easy to understand.
- I loved the simplicity of the trainers, yet the depth of the lessons.
- It felt like we were family, interacting with love.
- I really liked the attitude of the trainers. They taught with lots of humility.
- I liked the teaching method and the humility of the trainers.
- The training far exceeded my expectations — I am beyond happy!
- I really liked the trainers' teaching method, pertinent lessons, and humility. I thank *Allah* that we could be here. Thanks to the initiators and trainers. In brief, it was super!



*A church & community leader in Verlin's Level 2 of the UFHB training. The image and [this text link](#) to a video event record of the 2023 UFHB CHE Exposition event.*

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

In addition to the opportunity to be **simple servants** to the Ivorian people, other CHE opportunities clearly open because of the training held annually at the university. One man from Mali who adheres to the other major religion of Cote d'Ivoire sought a way with Verlin to implement CHE there and bring healing to communities after their war. Also, our UFHB partners pursue additional means to ensure that master's level public health students take CHE training as part of their coursework. Some pastors and Bible school leaders participated also. We just recognize that through all this activity and modern buzz, God reveals Himself, still.

## **Prayer & Praise**

- ☞ Thank the Lord for giving the CHE trainers strength, wisdom, and the opportunity to be a witness to all the participants. Pray for everyone's safe arrival home.
  - ☞ Pray for the participants to find ways to powerfully put the training into practice.
  - ☞ Follow-up meetings and preparations for next year will keep us busy in Abidjan for about two weeks. Thank you for praying that we finish well. We are eager to see three new puppies when we get home!
- Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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