

# AWA Ministry Updates

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

One reality that intrigues people observing the faithful who obey God's Word for life is their ability to **hold loosely** to possessions. People of faith trust God to provide them with means to rebound when a loss occurs. The errant or unfaithful do not live with habits that let them discover how the Lord can supply their needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus ([Pr.24:16](#); [Ph.4:19](#)). We recently noted several reminders of this truth. Last week, one example occurred when a young lady broke a snap ball tea strainer that Debbie used daily to steep hibiscus tea. ([Hibiscus tea helps keep blood pressure from spiking](#).) With trepidation, the girl brought the broken pieces to Debbie. Her relief was observable, and her spirit of service renewed when Debbie assured her fellow believer it was not a problem. In a separate event, Debbie received a call from a woman in Ghana on Friday asking to speak to Verlin, who was unavailable. She was the gas attendant who mistakenly [put gasoline instead of diesel fuel](#) in the HiLux last March. Being forgiven and not blamed solely for the fiasco gave her spirit rest. (Verlin missed her error, too, at first!) **Holding loosely** to belongings gives opportunities to be or share a testimony of God's faithfulness in life's moments of loss. We can't take what we have beyond the grave, anyway. All belongs to the Lord for management as He designed. Any mismanagement on our parts results in undesired consequences that we, or those who follow us, must fix to live better.

Sadly, during the CHE training, we heard the news of an Ivorian couple with three children who lost much in a house fire. Verlin took the family to lunch last Sunday while Debbie rested to overcome a stomach illness. Ivorian believers and US friends rallied to the family's aid. They helped the family replace lost goods to the extent that the father seemed embarrassed by the generosity. He knows other families who have endured loss and did not receive such apparent grace. Nevertheless, the provision testifies that the Lord's grace develops in human responses when families serve Jesus. Pray the family maintains faith in our Father's love as the assurance of their care, and does not confound God's work with measurable human responses.

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



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In addition, **hold loosely** has another context in our ministry. Figuring out how to multiply aspects of this and future university training events is complicated but necessary. One atypical challenge for us is the number of simultaneous CHE trainings this team manages. That stressor adds hours of prep time before, during, and after such a week. The UFHB team assumes more responsibility yearly as our exit strategy proceeds. However, significant steps remain. Pray we surpass some remaining hi-hurdles related to lesson editing, field experience, and data safeguarding to improve the phases of annual

preparations. This week, we facilitate [CHE-taught controlling in management](#) to enhance [volunteer participation](#) and [economic volunteerism](#) that develops here. In the process, we'll continue to mentor others in perceiving how human faithfulness in the accurate application of God's Word achieves better life outcomes – even eternal ones.

## **Prayer & Praise**

- 🙏 Pray for our follow-up work with the UFHB CHE team. The meeting to debrief and plan was delayed yesterday until this coming week. Several related 'controls' are best finished before we return to Bondoukou.
  - 🙏 Pray for faith development from the many material losses endured by the young family in a house fire.
  - 🙏 One of the CHE trainers could not participate this year at the university because of cardiac testing. Please pray that his serious health problems are accurately identified and treated. He's been weak for several years.
  - 🙏 Thank the Lord that political elections which occurred right before the CHE training happened in relative peace. A few areas contested results with demonstrations, but inappropriate violence was contained quickly.
- Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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