

Ministry Updates

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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

"Au secours!" is the phrase used in French to call for help in an urgent situation. It can apply to being a help to someone in general, too. A significant part of our life consists of responding to varying degrees of cries for help in various settings. One great joy we have in promoting Community Health Evangelism (CHE) around the country is being able to respond to calls of **au secours** with more lasting solutions than what a temporary gift like money or material provides. Sometimes, a simple conversation about lifestyle changes and resources available brings significant healing to the hearer and those they tell. Even better is when CHE training and Biblical mentoring enable Ivorians to find solutions for themselves! Another way we are a **secours** (help) is by connecting experienced Ivorian CHE trainers who have already walked through troubles to a person or trainer in need. Their combined solutions will often surpass what we have to offer and engender habits of righteousness that get passed along. This week was replete with opportunities to listen to **au secours** cries and offer prayers to begin solutions.

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

We drove home Sunday, and Verlin returned to Abidian the next day. He checked on two orphan ministries that asked for **secours**. In the future, they plan to receive CHE training(s). He delivered 25 liters of honey from a CHE-impacted producer to a cocoa industry consultant. He contacted two Lebanese merchants who believe in Jesus, confirming plans to connect them with missionaries in Abidjan who have a heart to reach the over 600,000 Lebanese in this nation with the Gospel. Verlin also met with a pastor interested in training congregants of four assemblies to use CHE. Another six hours were spent encouraging the director of a Bible Institute where we have provided CHE training for three classes of students. This faithful leader has hypertension issues after hospital treatments, for which Verlin explained the genesis and offered advice about lifestyle changes to evade further complications.



Plans were made to meet with leaders of a regional pastoral training location in the north to provide annual CHE training for those in the interior. Other opportunities to be a secours arose such that he did not even start financial reports for August or September and made no progress recording UFHB CHE contacts or sending corrected lessons for some of them to review and begin as hoped!

Debbie happily remained home and began socializing the three puppies born during our five weeks in Abidjan. They are a playful four weeks old now! She was also busy addressing home issues: a sick dog, materials damaged by rain, cleaning projects, scheduling medical appointments for our next US visit, correspondence with ministry partners, and making sauerkraut and bone broth, to name a few.

Prayer & Praise

- Thank the Lord for the good connections made with groups desiring future CHE training and the numerous opportunities to be a **secours** to people needing encouragement and help. Your ministry partnership with us impacted hundreds of people just this past month!
- 🖫 Pray for our Ivorian friend C., who directs a Baptist Bible Institute in Abidjan, where we provide CHE training. Her health has been precarious, and she needs solutions to several issues to continue energetically leading the institute that sends out missionaries.
- Thank the Lord for our complete recovery from malaria and one safe round trip home. Also, pray that Verlin can finish essentials in Abidjan and return home on Monday or Tuesday next week.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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