



Ministry Updates

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

"For the Lord God will help me...therefore, have I set my face like a flint." ([Isa. 50:7](#))

Amidst the horror and carnage that began in the Gaza Strip one week ago, we observe with gratefulness the **resolute** nature of the Israelis. The entire world watched them seamlessly segue from "Rachel weeping for her children" ([Jer. 31:15](#)) to a formidable, unwavering adversary counting on the LORD to "train their hands for war" ([Ps. 144:1](#)). Of course, we realize that Palestinians are equally **resolute** in their belief that the Gaza Strip is theirs. After all, they resided and exercised political control over all of Palestine during much of the last two millennia, with little of the Promised Peoples present until the British Empire got politically forced to observe the Balfour Declaration and give the Jews a home after World War II. Politics aside, though, we again see the descendants of Jacob and Esau, the [grandsons of Abraham](#), clash as prophesied in the Bible ([Ge.16:10-12](#)). In joining those who pray for peace, help for the hurting, and containing conflict, we also pray for the Church. May we **resolutely** engage in our generation's spiritual battles concerning family security, freedom to worship publicly, and stewardship of the Creation. May we evade distraction or complacency, setting our faces like flint to find peace ([shalom](#)) using truthful faith.

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

In the Ivorian context, we gratefully pray for CHE workers who ignore naysayers and **resolutely** continue to implement CHE strategies at home, at work, and in their ministries. Verlin spoke by phone this week with several. One who we first trained eighteen years ago runs an NGO. This nurse received an award in Abidjan from the nation's President for his successful medical work in northeastern Cote d'Ivoire while we did the UFHB CHE Training he attended in '18. He thanked Verlin for teaching him to apply CHE principles he daily inculcates and facilitates through his work to save many physically. Praise God!



Example of snail farming

In a second communication, we learned of CHE team activities within a denomination we initiated training in 2007 and [at large in 2017](#). Their groups of Baptist theological origin or influence investigate different local resources to supervise using micro-enterprises. One newer project is growing snails. This same CHE leader intends to connect Verlin with a Bible Institute later this month to discuss hosting annual CHE trainings. He also asked us to complete three CHE trainings in their growing ministries. Praise God for this faithful brother's hard work despite his cardiovascular health concerns!

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Pray for Verlin's travels, taking him to Abidjan and maybe Man. Ask for a good exchange with Bible Institute leaders so that a 4th regional CHE training center develops.
- 🙏 Pray for recently trained CHE workers who begin projects and ministries in various places. Continue to intercede for the ongoing efforts to save lepers in western CI.
- 🙏 We leave for the States in just one month with many activities to complete before the flight. Pray for extra strength and wisdom extended to us in the present flurry of activity.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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