



Ministry Updates

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

A colorful and important part of American Christian history is the story of [circuit-riding preachers](#). Although the [Methodist](#) movement was likely the most highly organized and documented, Baptists and other groups also used travelling preachers to share Christ. Hundreds of thousands of early Americans were saved, blessed, and comforted by these sacrificial servants of God. Foreign nations and regions just coming under the influence of the Gospel often take a similar approach of circuit preaching—although the method of travel is most often a small motorcycle, bicycle, or on foot. FWB Ivorian preachers usually have a circuit in their region, since there are far more small groups meeting than pastors available. Some endure the conditions of American circuit-riders, but none we know the 200 to 500 miles of territory to cover.

Verlin enjoys pointing out that American [circuit-riding nurses](#) often followed in the tracks of the preachers to help with the medical needs of remote populations. In early days of settling America, judges also would travel circuits for work, among other professionals. The lessons learned and examples set by [circuit-riding](#) workers prove very helpful in Community Health Evangelism (CHE) ministries around the world. Primarily, they demonstrate the importance of taking the truth locally to the people, rather than expecting poor, rural populations to come for centralized help.

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

Verlin completed his own version of [circuit-riding](#) this week. Tuesday through Saturday he made a circle from Abidjan up through western Cote d'Ivoire and back across and down to Bondoukou. The aim of his visit to several different towns, conversing with both individuals and groups, was to encourage current CHE trainers at work and to reconnect with several entities considering adopting CHE or who want training. We seek facilities scattered around the nation to host regular CHE trainings. Three locations are already in place, and this trip fanned the flame for six other potential sites. One CHE leader who attended the CHE Internship in Ghana earlier this year shared how what he learned is helping in ministry. He has connected with around 25 other pastors in his area who plan to collaborate on some CHE endeavors. Another pastor in a large city looks ready to host a training next year.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Thank the Lord for His hand on Verlin's trip and encounters as he traveled in remote areas of western and central Cote d'Ivoire! He expects to arrive home late Saturday night.
 - 🙏 Pray for a new Discovery Bible Study (DBS) being led by an Ivorian brother here in Bondoukou.
 - 🙏 Pray for the family of a FWB pastor who died last week, Pastor Danso. An elderly man in his 80s, his death occurred only weeks after the National Assembly recognized his retirement and years of service.
- Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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