



Ministry Updates

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

In our era, the idea of **time out** often means isolating a child to consider their conduct. As adults, we take **time out** from our schedules for activities like funerals or doctor's visits. The change of pace often feels like abandoning the main agenda to handle an unexpected duty. But sometimes, the Lord uses **time-outs** to see His will done over ours. In our experience, this is often the way He works. He makes divine appointments that we know nothing about. *Graciously handling interruptions is possible when we remember that every minute God gives us is His already, as are our belongings, bodies, and breath.*

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

The past ten days burgeoned with **time-out** events. They complicated our preparations to take a **time-out** from Cote d'Ivoire for post-COVID-19 evaluations and return here for residential service peaceably. Debbie unintentionally transferred a significant file folder from Dropbox to OneDrive, which took days to correct. Our Ivorian co-worker, K., became ill with malaria this week and spent 2.5 workdays apart from us in self-treatment, then searching forests for a CHE homeopathy project. An Ivorian friend who formerly lived in Bondoukou returned to visit. He is the same Gideon we previously connected for equipment to [project the Jesus Film](#). We hosted him for two nights while he assisted an itinerant South African missionary who equipped him and others to use [The Heart of Man](#) Evangelism flip-chart technique. Another day, missionary friends dropped in for a visit to discuss a medical issue. Reviewing our to-do list(s) while thinking about leaving next Wednesday now daunts us! But the Lord knew about these **time-outs**, so we trust Him.



Verlin with friends

The most rewarding and impactful **time out** happened on Thursday. Two men presenting themselves from the Department of the Interior's Religious Affairs division asked to speak to Verlin. They wanted to understand more about what we believe and do since the word is out that we effectively integrate spiritual and natural solutions promoting good health (*shalom*) in the region. Three intense hours of deeply spiritual conversation followed our serving of local plant teas, with shorter follow-ups on Friday and Saturday. Topics included earnest church leadership, hearing from God, defining good health, the problem of sin, who Jesus is, the anti-Christ(s), 666, and why Verlin has a beard! ☺ Their questions seemed sincere; the answers given were deeply appreciated. Below is a DEEPL.com translated portion of a text message one sent Verlin. Praise God for another **time out** that had eternal consequences!

"I was blessed, edified, and taught this morning. I heard God speak to me through the channel of your mouth. I received clarity on issues that were cloudy to me. You opened my heart and spirit to many things. I have an inner peace. Thank you, and may God bless you and your family."

Thank you for helping us help people find peace with God, themselves, others, and the Creation. On returning, we look forward to new horizons as we spearhead yet another ministry amidst Ivorians.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Pray for K., our local co-laborer, who missed some work but now feels recovered from malaria. Ask the Lord to give him additional wisdom in handling his increased responsibilities during our absence.
- 🙏 Pray for the several with whom we had spiritual conversations during the week. Particularly, pray that the two from the government learn to live vibrant lives of faith manifested by Godly conduct.
- 🙏 Pray we sense peace about getting done what we possibly can before our travel to the U.S.!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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