



Ministry Updates

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

From a human perspective, the arrival of Jesus during a harsh imperial Roman occupation seemed a mistake to Hebrew nationalists. Some, like Judas, would choose doubt over trust in God's designs and would have likely preferred a "kinder" period and place in history for His advent. Praise God that He orchestrates the events of humanity and the finite details of our lives with **impeccable timing**! God makes no mistakes. We sleep in peace and assurance as disciples, persisting through the world's crises, knowing our Lord overcomes the worst the world can throw at us ([Jn.16:33](#)). His rule by His Word never fails to execute His plans; accepting His rule facilitates peace and goodwill.

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

Debbie spent time with her parents for three days this week despite her resurgent cough from unfamiliar American allergens and viruses. Health events that challenge her parents' independent living have occurred in recent months. Those situations encouraged Debbie, her sister, and their parents to pursue getting [medical power of attorney documents](#) in place. As a beginning, this permits the well-being and wishes of beloved parents to be addressed efficiently. Neither parent experienced a crisis while Debbie stayed with them. The opportunity gave Debbie an occasion to praise God for His **impeccable timing** once again. She obtained counsel from a fellow missionary kid and childhood friend living in Michigan, [Gene Richards](#), who is now an elder law and estate planning lawyer. He provided invaluable information and processes to consider.

We continued our doctor visits and procedures, completing six appointments since Monday. On Tuesday, Verlin met with a referred physician for an esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) and a colonoscopy to rule out gastric and colonic causes of last year's chest pains. The procedures were completed yesterday. There are [no evident causes](#) for the residual and occasional sternal pain and no polyps. *(There was one change. His diverticulosis was unseen and unreported. Maybe changing to a [higher fiber, calcium, and magnesium-rich diet](#) with bone broth [collagen](#) and [Akkermancia muciniphilia](#) friendly foods made the [difference](#) for diverticul'-osis' and '-itis' over nine years! He was instructed not to return for screening except if symptomatic.)* Until the end of the year, we cease travels to and from doctors' offices to focus on deskwork and meeting with counselors, friends, and family in person and electronically. Debbie attended a [Nashville Symphony and Chorus](#) production of *Messiah* with our dear friend Teresa Snow on Friday night. *Messiah* has been her favorite Christmas music since childhood, so this was an incredible blessing.



Prayer & Praise

- 🕊️ Praise the Lord for His **impeccable timing** in all events of our lives! What a relief and comfort to trust Him with the details as we learn to live in peace with Him, ourselves, others, and Creation.
- 🕊️ Pray for Debbie and her sister Laura as they help their parents put in place legal and practical ways to carry out their wishes before and beyond the temporal grave to honor our God.
- 🕊️ We praise God with several of you for a wonderful start to end-of-year giving in December! Continue to pray for complete 2024 funding to expand the ministry to others untouched in Cote d'Ivoire. Thank you for your faithful ministry partnership, which has never faltered in 26 years! Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Breath of Life-231209.PDF](#)

Prior videos: [Simple Servants - Reflect & Rejoice](#)

2023 Q2Report: [Pruning Priorities - 2023 Q2 Report 230722 PDF](#)

2022 Budget: [CHSC-0118 ANDERSON-Budget 2022](#)

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