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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

Give me a child until he is seven, and I will show you the man." —Aristotle (adopted by the Jesuits, as well) Community Health Evangelism (CHE) serves as a **champion for children** because of the statistics that show 80 to 85% of Christian believers receive Christ as Savior between the ages of 4 and 18. It is crucial for a brighter future that families, churches, and Christian organizations inculcate the truth of God's Word in children's daily lives. Children's CHE, as practiced in hundreds of locations around the world, teaches kids the

Gospel with its implications for health and the development of social skills they use to foment change in their families and communities. The children, change agents from birth, open doors for CHE in the settings they influence: home, school, and church. For years, we have prayed that Ivorians get a burden to focus on starting Children's CHE in numerous settings. For longevity and local ownership, Ivorians must answer the call to spearhead such efforts, but we can encourage and provide network connections to improve ideas once the vision to be a **champion for children** takes root. Please use this five-minute video to see the urgency of reaching children for Christ.



Another organization effectively reaching and discipling children for Christ since 1937 by a renewal of original Sunday School approaches is <u>Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)</u>. Being a **champion for children** by hosting Good News Clubs in public schools is their most notable, historic missionary strategy. Recently, Verlin was positioned to introduce by text and email Dr. Jody Collinge, a CHE trainer and friend who writes many of the Children's CHE lessons, to a collegial friend in leadership at CEF. Perhaps in the coming years, CEF and other organizations will discover ways to implement CHE strategies within their ministries to enhance and multiply outreach to children even more! Children winning children to Christ is the best means to redeem our future.

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

With rejoicing, Verlin finished twelve hours of online psychological assessments this week. We are left with only an interview or two left to do. In addition, we completed a Gottman relationship assessment. The results and recommendations encouraged by these tools will be available in about two weeks. The MRI of Verlin's foot showed no bone breaks. The scan defined muscle and tendon issues Verlin is to address by regular exercise as the weaknesses most likely stem from childhood and early adult sports injuries. (Old injuries return with age, it seems.) Thursday's visit to Vandy Neurology provided us with their synopsis, releasing us to return to work while providing the occasion for us to visit ministry partners and see our firstborn and his family on Cason's 36th birthday. Debbie happily stayed with her parents for three days this week, taking them to a doctor's appointment and otherwise being helpful. She also has the opportunity to aid our mission's effort to be a **champion for children.** She joins a few other missionary wives as the member care director, Joy, compiles resources for MKs (missionary kids) and their parents. This project will be ongoing as each person peruses the resources already in place and gives Joy suggestions of other resources to add.

Prayer & Praise

- Thank the Lord that our medical testing is nearly done! It will take a few weeks for physical health results to be compiled along with the psycho-social assessments. We will then provide the findings to the Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC) to evaluate our self-care and plan how to proceed with new work(s).
- Pray for Children's CHE and CEF ministries across the world. Ask that CEF leaders and Africans effectively implement the proven approach of Children's CHE, equipping children to change their lives for eternity and that of their friends. This will plant churches in the youngest generations among us.
- We appreciate your continued prayers for the health of Debbie's parents. Her mother, especially, has had some setbacks since December. Debbie will spend as much time as possible with them this month and next. Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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