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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

The YWAM (Youth with a Mission) bus tragedy in Tanzania on February 24th reminds us that sometimes "unsafe travels" result in **safe travels** to heaven. When praying for the people and nations touched by this stunning loss, also covered during our mission's weekly video-conference prayer meeting, we remember thousands of hours that we have logged on similar African roads. Prayers for **safe travels** (which you have done so often for us) do not just include a desire for accident-free arrivals from Point A to Point B. They sometimes reflect our earnest desire to exude faith and, if necessary, a testimony of steadfast dying grace. Deathbed words remain influential in West Africa. If our bodies were crushed in an accident far from USA-level emergency care, our chief desire would be to testify to the calming grace present at death in lives lived for Jesus.

In addition, two beloved women in our circle of friends made their **safe travels** Home this week. One dear friend, <u>Amy Robinson</u>, served Jesus wholeheartedly in South America for 30 years with her husband, Paul. Their ministry and gentle servanthood were remarkable, influencing Verlin's family and many other members of the now-named <u>Central Oaks Community Church</u> in Royal Oak, MI. The other woman was the mother of missionary friends and a locally faithful servant. People often forget the parents of missionaries who lovingly and prayerfully release their children to serve Jesus in hard places. We remain incredibly blessed by parents who ease the process as best they know how and make the goodbyes with as little stress as possible!

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)



This week, we expected to report that Verlin made **safe travels** to the West African CHE Internship in Ghana. Instead, please pray for his rescheduled trip on Friday, March 8th! Text messages and emails from the Ghana embassy indicate that his passport will arrive around March 5th, presumably with the renewed visa. Due to the delay, a helpful team member assisting us and other missionaries as a travel agent successfully planned the later flight, and Verlin readjusted his lodging reservations. Flights to Ghana fill quickly, so he was blessed to get a space on those March 8th flights. Debbie spent her fourth consecutive weekly stay with her parents, this time Monday through Thursday. She feels good about a first home health nursing visit to assist her mother.

Praver & Praise

- Thank the Lord for the less than \$100 flight change for Verlin going to Ghana on March 8th. The embassy emailed that his 'secured data' was FedEx-ed last night. Pray for his **safe travels**.
- Pray that those touched by the YWAM tragedy will influence media outlets biased against belief in God to reconsider their presentations. Also, ask the Lord to console them and the friends who lost beloved mothers this week—women who wonderfully served our King.
- The Ivorian university, where a team of CHE trainers presents CHE each year, began regular planning meetings again for the September 2024 event. Verlin, who typically organized occidental participants, could not participate due to our continued absence. He hopes to make a stop by to catch up while in Africa this month for the West African CHE Internship.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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