

# AWA Ministry Updates

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

Testimonies about skills the Lord develops in ourselves or others can **inspire** people we have never met. We frequently experience this truth when CHE trainers [share experiences](#) on social media or in meetings. A person wholly unrelated to them or their circles of influence can open a link and hear a testimony that leads to an “aha” moment of understanding. Verlin met such a person at the African Internship Center (AIC), pursuing CHE as a way to **inspire** the witness of youth in his denomination.



Verlin and Pastor Ollo

Ollo Kambou, a Lobi participant from Cote d’Ivoire at the West African CHE Internship, experienced the **inspiration** to pursue Community Health Evangelism (CHE) from videos. One he cited and shared with three participants from France and the Ivorian CHE Association president was the testimony of an Ivorian FWB pastor. A few years back, CHE trainer Benjamin made a video in which Pastor Kobenan shared how apiculture impacted a neighboring village that enlarged Gospel witness in his sector. Learning how to raise bees and sell honey served with other CHE-developed opportunities to inspire some young people to stay in their rural areas instead of seeking jobs in big cities. Pastor Ollo heads up youth ministry amidst the Assembly of God denomination in Cote d’Ivoire. He lives in a town that is considered the equidistant center of the nation and seems eager to train youth to use CHE nationwide.

In another example, the NGO using CHE strategies to identify and distribute care for lepers provides **inspiration** and hope to many more communities than anticipated. Instead of targeting around 60 villages, as initiated three years ago, the outreach now targets 160 communities! The successful strategy attracts the attention of additional agencies of the government's public health administration as 100 communities currently see firsthand reasons to adopt CHE models. The approach integrates ordained and lay people in witness that touches every community’s courtyards.

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

The West African CHE Internship training finished today, and Verlin participated in distributing certificates of completion. After visiting more of the 20+ local sites using CHE approaches in the North Tongu District today, participants begin returning to their home countries on Sunday. Pray that safe travel, wisdom, and determination let each put into practice what they have learned. Verlin again shared during class periods this week. He and our Ivorian CHE brother Emmanuel demonstrated and led participants to practice using Discovery Bible Studies on Thursday, Friday, and this morning. He, Emmanuel, and Ollo will leave Ghana on Monday by public transport to enter Cote d’Ivoire by nightfall. Emmanuel plans to travel to the US for meetings during the [International Wholistic Missions Conference](#) (IWMC), being held May 15-17 in Phoenix, AZ. He expects to pick up his passport and visa next week.

## **Prayer & Praise**

- ☛ Verlin travels by bus to Cote d’Ivoire from Accra, Ghana, on Monday. He, Emmanuel, and Ollo will discuss changes and plans during the trip. He returns to Accra on April 1<sup>st</sup> to leave for the US April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ☛ Debbie’s mother experienced significant improvement in her cardiac health this past week with the prescribed medication changes. Keep praying as she adjusts to the reality of congestive heart failure, which requires continual evaluation and adjustments.
- ☛ Pray for the rapidly expanding leper ministry via [Raoul Follereau](#) in Cote d’Ivoire. Instead of 60 or 100 villages, Christian NGO leaders now target 160 villages!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Unimpeded-240316.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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