



Ministry Updates

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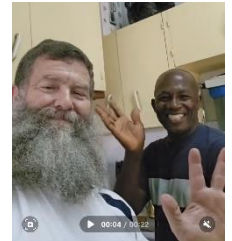
Taste and See ([Psalm 34:8](#))

During this week of prayerful reflection on Jesus' death and resurrection, a recurring theme of **fear robber** came to Debbie's mind in reading Scripture and Easter hymns. Applying the truths of the resurrection to our hearts does assuage internal fears about many topics. [Hebrews 2:14-15](#) declares that Jesus' death allowed Him to conquer the one who held the power of death, the devil, and free us from the slavery of being afraid of death. Praise be to Jesus, our **fear robber!** Many of the Ivorian FWB churches tomorrow will sing a favorite Easter hymn, "[A Toi la Gloire](#)" (written by a Swiss Protestant minister, Edmund Budry, music by Handel, with a similar English translation by Richard Boyle as "[Thine be the Glory](#)"). The third, triumphant verse directly from the French version says:

***Should I still be afraid? He lives forever, He whom I adore, the Prince of Peace;
He is my victory, my mighty support, My life, and my glory: no, I fear nothing!
Thine be the glory, O Risen One! Yours is the victory for eternity!***

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

Verlin arrived safely at our home in Bondoukou on schedule. The dogs were overjoyed to see him! He accomplished several essentials this week, but discussions with Debbie and our mission changed his plans. As Debbie still deals with issues regarding her blood pressure (the new medication is not working well), adjustment problems with her CPAP machine, and the ongoing needs of her parents, the idea of our returning as a couple to Cote d'Ivoire on April 16th is unrealistic. In addition, we have not finished discussions with our mission leadership about physical and psycho-social testing nor concerning the significant ministry changes Verlin anticipates pursuing over the next two to five years.



Greeting to Debbie

As a result, Verlin will stay in Cote d'Ivoire until May 9th, when he returns to Ghana to board his May 11th flight. In the meantime, he holes up to complete financial reporting and taxes for a few weeks while renewing local connections. He also expects to interact with the Abidjan University FHB team as they plan the September CHE training while encouraging and checking on several CHE trainers in their ministries. Thirdly, he expects to assist Emmanuel K. during the International Wholistic Missions Conference ([IWFM](#)) scheduled for May 15-17. Verlin's flight change from the initial April 2nd return to Nashville for a May 12th arrival in Phoenix will let him receive Emmanuel and share there. Debbie may join them, depending on doctor visits, etc. We then plan to spend the last weeks of May devoted to interactions with our mission. We both like this schedule change, believing we can do more in life and the ministry we have been given while on two continents for a few weeks.

Prayer and Praise

🕊️ Praise Jesus, our **fear robber**, Who did everything necessary to save us from fear! Our son, Cason, wrote [a great article posted to Substack](#) on Good Friday concerning His deliverance from our fears.

🕊️ Thank the Lord for Verlin's safe arrival in Cote d'Ivoire and all being well at home, except for a few minor repairs. Praise God that we could make schedule changes with the blessing of mission leadership, allowing us to manage ministry and health issues better. Pray for substantial progress in financial reporting and for timely medical visits for Debbie.

🕊️ Pray [violence](#) that erupted between Ivorian and Burkina Faso troops in northern CI this week remains contained. However, it indicates the ongoing tension in villages near the border.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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