



Ministry Updates

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

It impresses us how many plans and **backup** plans federal and state governments put into place to accommodate crowds expected for the [total solar eclipse](#) on Monday, April 8th. States of emergency orders in some areas will help handle crowd control. Elaborate plans exist to **backup** food, water, and electricity. All is done to manage anticipated crowds during a natural phenomenon that lasts just minutes! It testifies to how people groups whose ancestral habits were changed when obeying God's Word in the past prepare for demonstrations of His wondrous works today. This brouhaha should pale when compared to what must be our more rigorous, determined, and thorough preparation to stand before Jesus for judgment, but does it? Do local churches faithfully prepare their communities for Jesus' unannounced return date? Will our neighbors be surprised when Christ displays His rule over all Creation in person again? As we reflect on these questions, we look forward to the testimony of His ascension by a national holiday in Cote d'Ivoire this Sunday and in the four after that. Preparations for the solar eclipse over the US remind us that neighbors need our help to prepare for the greater astronomical and cataclysmic certainty of Jesus' return.

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

When growing up in Africa, our children heard *ad nauseam* as Verlin taught them to make **backup** plans for any activity—and **backup** plans for the **backup** plans! That mental planning for contingencies saved our bacon on numerous occasions! This week, he briefly chatted with a CHE trainer who visited unannounced. In the past, this Ivorian, like others, leaned heavily on outside funds to do ministry. (It is considered an honor to ask you for help in their cultural milieu.) He expected our help early this year with training. Upon our failure to return in February as projected, he did not grow discouraged. He instead proceeded with CHE agricultural and microenterprise projects using a **backup** plan. He even roped in another trainer who was inactive and lived elsewhere! Thankfully, whether a benefactor is present or absent, his commitment and trust in the Lord persists. That is a measurable change that he acknowledges. He joins a crowd of Ivorians who gain confidence to make do with what God has placed in their hands because of our service here.



Another micro-biz to glorify God – [make Aam papad.](#)

Verlin spent most of his time submerged in arranging finances for bills, accounting for months of work and absence, and preparing to submit US income taxes. He made good progress. We also changed our travel dates to conform more closely to our present reality. The resulting lowered airfares let the changes happen with nearly no fees! Debbie continues with family responsibilities and ministry partner contacts as enjoined by Verlin. She wrestles with a stomach virus while striving to regulate blood pressure with medication changes. Verlin discovered that eating lots of sardines and honey with little fiber during a week stimulated gout symptoms in his feet, believed to be the culprit of several years of suffering. Now, he knows lifestyle and nutrition changes to find relief.

Prayer and Praise

- ☞ Thank the Lord that through flight changes, we only incurred a charge of \$25 for one ticket and none for the other two. Give thanks that we learn to resolve lesser health issues than others we have confronted and overcome in our past adventures.
- ☞ Continue to pray for calm on Cote d'Ivoire's northern border with Burkina Faso.
- ☞ Pray for the Ivorian CHE trainer ramping up his agricultural and microenterprise outreach.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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