



# Ministry Updates

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

There is a saying when dealing with people that you have to worry about “the **quiet ones**.” The personalities of serial killers and mass shooters may fall into that category. Still, we prefer to think of amazing, **quiet ones** we have the privilege to know as friends and coworkers! You know the kind of people we mean—background heroes who energetically engage to accomplish great things. People who sometimes speak before thousands, but can also be seen scrubbing toilets. Friends who do not need their names emblazoned on plaques or in print but who faithfully serve others. Debbie was blessed by kind, **quiet ones** in Cookeville this week, while Verlin heard an encouraging report from one in Africa.



*Side mirror woes*

Did you know that some car paints, like that for an older F150 truck, can cost up to \$1,000.00 per gallon? Debbie learned that intimidating fact from a seasoned mechanic in Cookeville. She was looking for a used side-view mirror for our 2005 Toyota Avalon, having allowed a small branch to break the driver’s side mirror as she backed out of our driveway during a heavy rain. Thankfully, our regular mechanic directed her to a cheaper alternative, even though that meant he would not get our business this time. She ordered the part secondhand. Although the gray paint may not match perfectly, it will be close in color and save us several hundred dollars. In a world where some

mechanics take advantage of those ignorant of car repair, we are grateful for a **quiet one** who knew that sending us elsewhere would increase long-term loyalty. In addition, Debbie was blessed by other **quiet ones** who offered rides to and from the repair shop and a good pair of loppers given to us years ago that allowed her to clear the bothersome branches overhanging the driveway!

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

On another continent, Verlin received an encouraging report from a **quiet one** in Bondoukou during a brief visit. We trained this retired teacher to use Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) some years ago. He has been sharing DBS with rural village Christians without churches or where some have closed their doors. As he conducted Bible studies, he trained interested attendees to lead DBS and join him in training others just as he trained them. In an area where many small but growing Baptist churches formerly helped to surround Bondoukou, DBS became another local leader’s primary means of evangelism. Numerous people have been saved, with more decisions for Christ than have been seen for years. Further, a high school student he trained has started other studies among college students. Praise the Lord for this man faithfully working in hard places, receiving little to no public recognition for the labor!

## **Prayer and Praise**

🙏 Thank the Lord for the kind help of **quiet ones** who helped Debbie with car issues this week. She is grateful for the many people available to help when we spend time apart for ministry.

🙏 Pray for the CHE university team as they continue developing their village programs and plan the CHE training week scheduled for September.

🙏 Intercede for our brother, who works in villages surrounding Bondoukou using Discovery Bible Studies to reach people with the Gospel. Pray that the people he has trained to lead studies will, in turn, continue reaching out to many others for Christ.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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