



Ministry Updates

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

During the week's series of devotions from a group we've been evaluating for more than a year, a [Lectio 365](#) meditation described Pentecost as God's way to "**reverse the curse** of Babel." God caused language confusion to separate people and facilitate their obeying His command to fill the earth and exercise dominion. That reality is a bane to spreading the Gospel worldwide since missionaries and other Christians encounter [language barriers](#); however, the same language challenge is a blessing in that the cross-cultural perspectives enrich understanding of God's Word. Ask anyone in a church service where the sermon is translated into several languages! Imagine the wonder of the international visitors at Pentecost hearing the truth about Jesus simultaneously in their own languages from mostly uneducated Jewish men! A significant chunk of our missionary time in the past 27 years has been spent in activities intended to **reverse the curse** of Babel by enabling others to obey God's interests rather than their own. Cote d'Ivoire has around [69 languages](#) with which to contend inside its borders.



Speaker Rosi Orozco

Verlin will continue the effort to **reverse the curse's** difficulties while attending the International Wholistic Missions Conference (IWMC) on May 15-17 in Phoenix with our Ivorian CHE brother Emmanuel. While they will hear from [excellent speakers](#) like [Dr. Os Guinness](#) and [Rosi Orozco](#) ("Mexico's leading anti-human trafficking activist"), most attendees will relish the opportunity to network and learn from each other during roundtable discussions. Many participants will be Community Health Evangelism (CHE) workers from around the world. Emmanuel pays his way as a first-year member of the CHE Global Council, which provides direction to the member service team. He will make connections and share what the Lord is doing in Cote d'Ivoire with help from Bernie, Dayo, Verlin, and other friends. He will also lead a DMM workshop.

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

Verlin submitted our 2023 tax return on the day of the deadline and made progress in balancing our books to submit expenses for validation and reimbursement. We had a large backlog of receipts to input and prepare, and the entries balanced within a dollar on the first try! Preparing financial reports with receipts in different languages and of three different currencies (U.S. Dollar, Ghanaian Cedi, ECOWAS Franc) requires hours regularly of us. He also continued addressing local ministry issues and provided training resources to a group preparing to market-test a new micro-enterprise. More on that next week. Debbie was pleased to be with her parents for part of the week. She continues informing other entities of the financial power of attorney so that she and her sister can better assist them. She addressed two instances of credit card fraud on the phone. Eddie and Sandra have the common hearing issues of octogenarians, making it difficult to handle some of these challenges. Debbie also rejoices at the progress her mother celebrates in learning to manage her congestive heart failure.

Prayer and Praise

- 🕊 Pray for the [Bible translation efforts](#) underway for hundreds of unreached people groups. May every ethnic group in the world have the joy of hearing the Holy Scriptures in their own language!
- 🕊 Ask the Lord to help international participants who prepare to go to the United States for the IWMC. Getting legal documents in order, like visas, can often be tricky.
- 🕊 Thank the Lord for the progress in Debbie's mother's health. The edema related to her congestive heart failure is much reduced. If Sandra continues to manage her CHF so well, the home health nurse will finish her visits in April. We are grateful for this progress!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [The Quiet Ones-240413.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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