



Ministry Updates

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

The season of tummy aches and sticky fingers is upon Cote d'Ivoire! With the dry months past, mangos load the trees. Children often gobble them green or gorge on the ripe ones to the point of pain. The abundant fruit will leave **mango mush** on the ground around town for a few months. Our one tree in the yard produces hundreds more than we can use, so we collect them to share with neighbors. But everyone has an abundance, so the rotting fruit abounds.

But what if? What if that sweet pulp could be preserved for the months when fruit is scarce? That vision grabbed the attention of the ministry coworker and some neighborhood women. While in Bondoukou, Verlin shared tastes and the idea of making *aam papad*, a leathery dried mango treat very popular in India. Interested parties watched videos and learned to combine **mango mush** (puree), heat, sugar, and spices to make a [tasty treat](#) for later use. During the upcoming weeks, they will hone their skills and hopefully create [microenterprises](#) that will augment family incomes. It will also provide a tasty boost of fiber with Vitamins A and C during the year to accompany moringa leaf powder benefits. These small Community Health Evangelism (CHE) efforts open the door for sharing spiritual truth with friends and neighbors. People of all ethnic groups and religions want to learn techniques to nourish their families year-round. Sharing in the context of teaching Community Health Evangelism, God gets His credit.



Mango mush beginning

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

Verlin left the **mango mush** experiment to our coworker's skill development while making a 42-hour trip to and from Abidjan. The principal reason was a planned UFHB CHE meeting. He took advantage of the journey to resupply household stocks for our July return and renew the annual parking permit to have all vehicle papers in order. The travel also afforded opportunities to catch up with ARC en Christ members and speak with pastors and CHE trainers along the route to discuss the September CHE university and W. African Regional Conference events. Debbie continues to travel between Cookeville and Franklin to help her parents and visit with ministry partners along the way. Her doctor visits continue to regulate blood pressure and CPAP issues.

Prayer and Praise

✎ Thank the Lord for Verlin's safe roundtrip to and from Abidjan Thursday night through Saturday afternoon and the successes and encouragements heard and shared. Keep praying God continues to guide the oversight of the UFHB CHE activities and preparations for the September CHE training and the three pastors overseeing micro-enterprise development activities with whom he visited.

✎ Pray that the small group in Bondoukou will successfully learn to make *aam papad* with minimal frustration. Ask the Lord to allow this endeavor to again demonstrate how God generates income for families who faithfully develop products in service to others from his Creation, like **mango mush**, and give the faithful many more opportunities to reveal Christ in the process!

✎ Verlin has eleven days left in Cote d'Ivoire before returning to Accra, Ghana, by bus. From there, he will board his flight for Phoenix, Arizona, on May 11th for the International Wholistic Missions Conference. Pray he can get as much done pleasing to God as possible in the little time left until returning again in July after handling additional family and mission responsibilities.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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