

Ministry Updates

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

What are these among so many? The disciples considered that question in John 6:9 when faced by Jesus' command to feed thousands of people. He asked them what was on hand, and they found a boy with five loaves and two fish. Having recently finished touring and performing many miracles, Jesus was testing their faith. They initially proposed sending the crowd away after the long day together. Jesus told them to feed the crowd. He then modeled giving the throng what they needed, feeding them from what was available there.

Mark 6:30-46 set the theme of 'Feed Them Ourselves' for the biennial West African French-Speaking Community Health Evangelism (CHE) meeting. Leaders of national efforts gave reports in Senegal. Only two West African nations remain without CHE models; part of the meeting addressed networking to enter those communities. Often, African believers are tempted to wait for outsiders to provide resources for ministries to begin. However, Emmanuel reinforced the meeting's tone by recalling a CHE pillar: using local resources. Next, the reports shared how the separate national programs had expanded their ministries, developing and using their local resources rather than perpetually waiting on others. That said, several received funds from partnering ministries that chose to accompany them, though any shared funds did not alter the plans made. The minuscule bread and fish were more than enough in Jesus' hands that day as the disciples passed out the portions. Similarly, today, Jesus multiplies the resources of those who serve with what they have.



Conference Video

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

After completing errands and visiting two coastal pastors who are interested in using Community Health Evangelism (CHE), Verlin returned to our rented home/office in Bondoukou on Tuesday. Finding the house intact with electricity and water functioning, and two dogs alive was a blessing. He reviewed the current state of affairs, oversaw cleaning and pest control, and completed errands and repairs so the place is ready to receive guests. A stove and refrigerator will need repair or replacement. As friends and ministry partners began dropping by to welcome him back, Verlin offered avocados and pomelos from our yard as well as hibiscus and papaya leaf tea infusions. New prospects developed as Verlin resumed walking for short, in-town tasks. Stopped by a man who adheres to local religions and teaches Koranic recitation, a 30-minute conversation began, spanning health and religious beliefs. They decided to meet again to continue discussing Jesus, which the teacher had started.

Prayer and Praise

- 📌 Pray for the 60+ pastors trained to use CHE with DMM last month in central Cote d'Ivoire. They need a follow-up to determine how best to implement what they learned in their ministries.
- 📌 Ask the Lord to enhance the prayed-for opportunity for Verlin to engage in meaningful spiritual conversations with the Muslim teacher met to connect with yet others to engage in Bible study.
- 📌 Pray for Dr. Peter Stafford (the missionary who contracted Ebola in Congo), his family, and the many Africans and communities at risk of contracting Ebola.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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