



Ministry Updates

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

What would most villagers choose if they had the two following very different offers of help? You? Imagine, on the one hand, foreigners or officials arriving in a vehicle and offering people funds to help build a needed well. Then picture a simply dressed man of their own ethnic group arriving on a bicycle and offering to walk beside them to bring community transformation using local resources and their own sweat equity. Few choose the more rewarding but harder second path.

At the 8 West African national CHE associations' meeting in Senegal, the story of a CHE trainer in Togo was shared. He rode his bicycle 70 kilometers to offer help to a village. The chief looked him over from head to toe and told him they didn't need his help. Move on. He did. His offer was accepted in a nearby village. There, he inspired villagers to establish a mechanics school, build a school for their children, start a women's enterprise center that now sells naturally bottled fruit drinks, and build a water tower to serve the region. In fact, the village chief who had refused his help later knelt before him to ask that he return to help his people. Their village gets water there!

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

During a second week in Bondoukou, Verlin focused on logging into our records to verify the hundreds of small expenditures incurred during our absence and confirm that the funds were spent as authorized. He continues to oversee the M-Sa cleaning and daily one to two repairs while listing parts or supplies needed to complete others, such as storage shelving, supports, or cabinets whose wall anchors fail with age, as poorly made cement gives way over time. Those repairs, like the others, will get assigned or delegated and then inspected for sufficiency. Verlin only takes time to repair something himself in our place, which serves as a way station between ministry site visits, if the local work quality is known to be insufficient to be safe or to endure our expected time here. Despite having someone faithfully working around the house during absences and maintaining the appearance of habitation, issues like roof leaks go unnoticed unless someone lives in a 50+ year-old house. Our second 50cc motorcycle, purchased over 18 years still runs well, used as another mobile, tangible testimony for how [God restores usefulness and power efficiently](#). It has been readied with new tires and maintenance for the short in-town errands that Verlin does not take as an opportunity to walk for exercise and meet neighbors. Conversations with neighboring church leaders about eating together weekly, or at least twice a month, to catch up over the next few months began. He continues to receive a visitor every day or two and hopes to begin making local in-town visits next week. The health of our two dogs has improved with his return.



Debbie continued sorting her dad's possessions, visiting ministry partners, and connected with the Speed Queen seller to get a squealing clothes dryer serviced while fighting a respiratory virus.

Prayer and Praise

- 🙏 Pray that the new CHE ministries, having no direct connection to us other than a 2nd or third generation trainer who began creating new outreaches, endure with patience and clear vision.
- 🙏 Ask the Lord to continue renewing opportunities for Discovery Bible Studies in our area among people who do not feel free to safely attend local churches.
- 🙏 This week, Debbie hopes to receive clarity on just a few remaining questions regarding her father's financial affairs. Sorting and releasing his belongings for remembrance proceeds well.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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Prior videos: [El Roi - Simple Servants](#)
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