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

There is something nerve-wracking related to personal pride when first doing an activity in public. Remember sharing your first sermon, Bible lesson, musical solo, sports effort, or apple pie? We have heard many an experienced pastor remark that after studying for hours for an initial sermon, expecting it to last half an hour, they finished in five minutes! Rarely are first efforts memorable to observers; it seems even harder to keep calm when experienced people listen or watch.

No mature teaching or piano prodigies happen without small beginnings. It is just that way. Jesus sent out His disciples, two by two, to minister to the masses when He could do the task perfectly ... but that was not the task! It is likely that if some people walked in His shoes, they would never have trusted the disciples' bumbling efforts. Others would have followed at their heels, breathing down their necks, pointing out every little error. A key component when training people to use Community Health Evangelism (CHE) is quickly sharing what they learn with others. On day two of the first discipleship training, we send each participant to witness. On day three, each maps a neighborhood. On day five, each facilitates a lesson. Participants are encouraged to begin training and implementing the process immediately upon returning home. It is one reason CHE ministries, like Disciple Making Ministries (DMM), can multiply rapidly when appropriately encouraged from the heart. Of course, experienced CHE trainers mentor and follow up with new workers, remembering the awkwardness of doing a first. Whatever the learning environment, we have learned to embrace the messy process of "first efforts." It is the only way for the next generation to successfully embrace serving to expand God's Kingdom.

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

Verlin lost electricity for parts of five days this week. While hampered from completing an expense report, the time became free for conversations and repairs. During a surprise call, he reviewed nutritional education with a network developer and a new father who had ridden with him to a CHE-trainer friend's funeral. Debbie chips away at her to-do list while addressing health issues that were ignored while caring for her father. The attempt to fix our stateside refrigerator by clearing a hoped-for ice dam failed. She will invite a repairman to help in the process next week.

### **Prayer and Praise**

- Our mission facilitates missionaries at the Nyakunde hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a care center addressing today's Ebola outbreak. While our co-workers are not presently there, they raise prayer, financial support, and care partners to address the dangers and growing operational needs. [Click the image or here](#) to view a 1'41" video by the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of our mission, Dr. Kent Brantly. He suffered Ebola during the Liberian epidemic, where the spread abated and stopped threatening entry to Cote d'Ivoire when Samaritan's Purse integrated CHE techniques into trained household visits. Kent survived by God's grace and sufficient supportive care through others. [Samaritan's Purse](#) is now preparing two treatment centers to help stem the outbreak in two cities of the Ituri region in the DRC: Nyankunde and Bunia.
- On Friday, Debbie had a CT scan for abdominal pain. She has diverticulitis and a spot on her adrenal gland and her liver that merit further follow-up.
- Pray regularly that Verlin's connections with people from another faith lead them to accept, then pass along to their clans, the claims of Christ.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie



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