



# Ministry Updates

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

It only takes a **small space** to lay our heads down to sleep. Jesus regularly sought **small spaces** for himself and his disciples as they wandered the country sharing the gospel of the kingdom. Most of us eagerly return home to familiar haunts after just a few days of travel. Imagine depending on others daily for necessities for three years! Even the tomb where Jesus lay for three days was not his own. His poignant comment to the scribe who claimed he would follow Jesus wherever He went is a crucial encouragement for us today: ***Foxes have dens and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head—Matt. 8:20.***

Nothing is wrong with using spacious homes and nice vehicles should the Lord so bless us as stewards that serve Him. Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, and Solomon are biblical figures who became extremely wealthy and influential during their lifetimes. However, most Christ-followers around the world match the description of God's people as sheep prepared for slaughter quoted to describe Jesus' experience (Ps.44:27; Ro.8:36). It's common to suffer and struggle to have **small spaces** for self-care. It is a disservice to potential believers to promise blessings on demand. Experiencing saving grace, spiritually and physically, without personal sacrifice is a promise Jesus never made.

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

Verlin gives thanks for the wherewithal to safely create a **small space** on the porch for cooking meals and preparing tree-leaf infusions. It makes do until he finds a gas stove that operates safely with an oven that maintains a temperature. Hired and assistive hands make repairs to the home and furnishings. He connects with ministry partners using CHE across the nation most days, and plans visits to several locations.



Porch cooking

On Wednesday, Debbie stayed in the **small space** of an MRI machine without a blood pressure spike or any other problems. Nashville friends helped with lodging and transport to ease the experience. When she returned to Cookeville on Thursday, a sickeningly sweet smell greeted her as she entered our single-wide. With phone help from a technician, she realized it was a leak of refrigeration gas. She followed Verlin's advice to open the doors and windows, then, the next day, found a replacement on sale at Lowe's to fit in the allotted **small space**. The Igloo cooler will be exchanged for the new refrigerator on Monday! We thank God for better material resources at this stage of life, due to lessons learned from nearly going bankrupt in the early years of marriage. The U.S. price she paid is 20% of what the unit costs in Côte d'Ivoire! It will take us a couple of months or longer to confidently locate a less expensive replacement unit for our Ivorian refrigerator, which is not cooling sufficiently to maintain anything but fermenting foods safely. It can no longer lower interior temperatures below 4°C / 39°F after local repairs were done. Formerly trustworthy suppliers can no longer provide adequate after-sales service.

## Prayer and Praise

- 🕊️ Praise God that Debbie was able to complete the MRI this time with no problems, with the help of Nashville friends. She expects the imaging results and further instructions next week.
- 🕊️ Thank the Lord that it should only be about another two weeks before Verlin can use the driveway at our rented home to park the vehicle and trailer.
- 🕊️ Begin praying for upcoming visits to sites where CHE approaches are implemented that Verlin expects to undertake while recruiting trainers to teach at the university in September.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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