



AWA Ministry Updates

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

A little hope goes a long way during life's uncertain situations. Hope was showcased this week in Bondoukou as Verlin encouraged a pig farmer, an adult child with sickle cell anemia fearing death, and an overdue pregnant friend. Debbie also experienced hope while discussing adrenal symptoms with the endocrinologist on Monday and later reminding a sick friend of life-giving truths. Knowing that your circumstances are not uncommon, or being open to an infusion of new knowledge, often enables hope to take flight. American poet Emily Dickinson described hope as *"a thing with feathers that perches in the soul—and sings the tunes without the words—and never stops at all."*

Even better is the believer's understanding of hope. [Romans 15:13](#) describes it. The God of hope fills us with joy and peace as we trust Him, then hope abounds (overflows) in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In that way, the Source of hope uses us as a conduit of hope. What an amazing privilege!

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

Verlin took opportunities to decant hope for others this week. A tidbit passed to an over-due pregnant friend about [dates helping women go into labor](#) coincided with results: she birthed a daughter within 48 hours of accepting the dates! Secondly, he counseled a mother with an adult child justly fearing death by sickle cell anemia. Apparently, Sunday's courtyard conversation reached the mother, who informed the daughter that DNA treatments of [Casgevy and Lyfgenia](#) now exist to cure sickle cell anemia definitively. Verlin helped her don the helmet of salvation (i.e., hope in Christ). He taught her how to connect with others to overcome treatment barriers of cost and access in Côte d'Ivoire, while also teaching in-waiting hydration and using yard-grown moringa leaf powder as a more complete iron supplement. Moringa counteracts crisis-developing inflammatory processes and better limits the crises that can lead to death. Next, Verlin made a site visit to the youth leader's pig farm. (*He's the last week's-mentioned former playmate of our son Corbin*). This young man took encouragement from the alternative techniques described and a colleague-shared PDF on CHE strategy-initiated pig farms, combined with Verlin's willingness to connect with him. They anticipate working together to gradually transform his farm step by step, with resulting increased profits, into a local display and part of the mentoring zone. Verlin delayed travel for our truck due to the level of activity and having received no notice of either appliance being repaired.

Debbie appreciated her appointment with the endocrinologist in Nashville. She felt heard and is armed with new information. The doc ordered more testing to distinguish further or rule out three adrenal abnormalities that affect blood pressure. She now plans a trip to Michigan between the test results arriving for her follow-up appointment. Thankfully, a plumber identified the source of the strong mystery kitchen odor. It was from a loose Studor vent. Friends who helped with other issues remind us with hope that God will lead us through this time apart to be stronger when reunited.

Prayer and Praise

- 🙏 Thank the Lord for Verlin's opportunities this week to encourage the youth leader who is a pig farmer and help a family struggling with sickle cell anemia.
- 🙏 Our Ivorian co-laborer K., who has helped us for almost 20 years, and his wife were blessed with the safe birth of their fourth child.
- 🙏 Debbie's appointment with the endocrinologist was informative and helpful. She was tested for three different adrenal abnormalities and will have a follow-up on Aug. 7th with the specialist.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie



Sweet arrival!

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