

Ministry Updates

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

The twelfth CHE university training is in the books! Rejoice with us that 126 leaders were equipped to use CHE (Community Health Engagement) in their various settings. One retired community health professor from the city of Bouake was effusive in his enthusiasm and praise. He plans to bring his wife to next year's training, and declared that the heads of all government ministries, health leaders, and others in authority should enroll in CHE. Several experienced government and collegiate attendees in the first-year courses initially expressed surprise at the approach's simplicity. By midweek, all had realized that the simple approach contained profound methods that provide the key to opening the doors to what is most often missing from their community endeavors: community ownership and leadership. The farmer and the educated professor can learn to work together, putting into practice the principles Jesus taught that yield abundant life, which CHE inculcates and mentors people to adopt in deed and word.



It was a thrill to see that the mayor of the commune of Cocody in Abidjan sent a deputy mayor (municipal counselor) to learn CHE's strategy. Mr. Guibony Roland is pictured here. He will be the boots-on-the-ground representative working to get CHE implemented in the Cocody area, with a population of around 700,000. This is the first time we have heard of an Ivory Coast mayor taking the initiative to use CHE in his town. Praise God! Hopefully, a video recap of the week's activities will be available next week with English subtitles. It is available [here](#) in French, but it will take Verlin some hours to prepare English closed captions. He intends to work on it as time allows during the week.

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

Verlin will remain in Abidjan for one to two weeks. He preps the lessons and handouts for pedagogical reviews, completes debriefing sessions with all participating trainers, communicates with many attendees, meets with the university team to wrap up the details, and takes the pulse of the classes with some he asked to follow in the classrooms. Debbie heard back from her endocrinologist after the group consult about her situation. They all agreed that, given where we work, surgery seems the safest option. She was referred to a surgeon who specializes in adrenal surgery for a consultation. She should know her appointment time to discuss options next week.

Prayer and Praise

- ☞ Thank the Lord for a week of CHE training with great impact! Pray for safe travels home for trainers and attendees. The university team continues to absorb more and more responsibilities each year. Pray that we will participate by training, observing, and encouraging in a few years rather than managing any of the diminishing administrative details.
- ☞ Pray for those who attended the training. Many recognized that the way they previously learned to enter communities led to projects and ministries failing. In CHE, they see practical solutions for community engagement, but now join the numbers who realize change will take time and effort.
- ☞ Debbie was advised to consult with a surgeon about possible surgical solutions for her adrenal problem. Continue to pray for wisdom.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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