



Ministry Updates

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

Today, it is quite popular to see couples renew their marriage vows. This practice echoes what early churches were encouraged to do to strengthen commitment by following the Lord's instructions to the church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:4-5. In response to their sin of having spiritually lost their first love, He commanded them to **remember** how they had fallen, **repent**, and **redo** the works they had done at first. Every Christian, indeed, every couple, too, does well to engage in these **3 R's** regularly. The principle applies to ministry using Community Health Evangelism (CHE), too. Remembering, repenting, and returning to basics is often necessary.

The first CHE program to gain public and international acclaim for its successes in Côte d'Ivoire has been relatively dormant for 13 years because of political wrangling within the church movement, which we perceive as related to outside funding that influenced its priorities. Other groups have since achieved many successes despite the absence of witnesses from this movement's early experiences. However, our God is patient, and the denominations' pastors gather next week to reconsider how to use CHE in their outreaches. Pray that they experience revival using the **3 R's**.

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

Verlin made progress on his meetings and tasks in Abidjan but didn't finish them, partly because a 2018 filling made here fell out on Sunday. Much of Monday's and Tuesday's time was spent filling the painless hole. Next week, he plans to continue the large project of consolidating materials for the university CHE lessons for pedagogical review in committee, and he has yet to follow up with the university team. He met with three other collaborating teams this week but still has over 800 direct and group messages to review and possibly address from the trainings. Video closed-captioning and attaching pictures to participants' names in the 14 year ongoing database are on hold. Debbie obtained a consultation appointment with the endocrine surgeon for October 14. She is trying to get an earlier appointment by joining a waiting list. She has many questions before agreeing to the surgery that several endocrinologists have recommended.

At our rented home in Bondoukou, the reinforced concrete bridge installed to cross a ditch is dry, allowing people to knock on our gate again to visit. We paid for it to be wide enough for a vehicle to enter, should the owner decide that returning the gated entrance to that side of the property, as when we arrived, is a good idea. Traffic circulation has increased significantly on the other side.



Cement bridge

Prayer and Praise

- 🙏 Pray for the church-based CHE training seeking to revive some early labors happening next week.
- 🙏 After finishing follow-up work in Abidjan, Verlin intends to take several steps in the CHE agricultural program in the Bondoukou region during October. Pray for the acquisition and transport of a brick-making machine to reduce building costs and help get the project rolling, meeting the needs of the seller and buyer. Ask that the open hearts in the village where they will demonstrate the building and farming techniques grow more obedient to the Gospel.
- 🙏 Pray with us that Debbie gets the information she needs during her consultation with the surgeon on October 14. She is on a waiting list for an earlier appointment time.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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