



Ministry Updates

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Out of Season

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecc. 3:1). Interestingly, even seasons like winter serve purposes in God's timetable for harvests. As the natural world models, Christians also produce fruit "in season" (*Ps. 1:3*). It is counter-productive to be discouraged when fruit remains unformed. If faithful to do as told, much happens unseen. The LORD grows His Kingdom on time. Our collaboration simply demands that we cooperate with His pruning, relax in His timing, and rejoice with others whom we may perceive to be reaping bountifully while our service matures. Easier said than done!



While visiting ministry partners this week in the American northwest, we used some freed-up time to enjoy God's nature. We made a stop at the [Red Butte Garden](#) in Salt Lake City as we traveled to our destination in Idaho. We took this opportunity to review the provisions Jesus makes for our healing in the plant kingdom. The time let us glean further knowledge from medicinal and herb gardens that we can grow.

Learning plant nutritional and medicinal values remains a passion of ours in life and ministry. In Cote d'Ivoire, we connect with people who catalog the tropical plant diversity and develop uses for it. We rejoiced

to discover that the greater than 7,000 plans in this botanical garden are referenced online for study. The tips for [year-round gardening](#) help us too.

In Season

"To everything there is a season..." While it may be a comfort to affirm that the Lord works even when there is little evidence, we innately know that developing harvests is a continuous occupation. Planning, soil preparation, planting, and follow-up tasks are essential. Much sowing happens before any reaping with joy can. Thank you for toiling beside us in work in Cote d'Ivoire! Whether you pray and give monthly, quarterly, once a year, or less frequently, your participation makes the harvest we share possible. The sowing has been watered by your fervent, faithful prayers, like the rain. As is true for many ministries, we count on strong December giving to keep our mission account stable. Bountiful end-of-year donations will fund our African return with financing sufficient to weather unexpected expenses and overcome months of lower-than-average giving. Thank you for all you have done and do for Jesus' sake.

Prayer & Praise

- 🙏 Pray for many ingenious Christmas outreaches to happen in Cote d'Ivoire and other places. Opportunities abound around the world to share Jesus in word and deed.
- 🙏 Ask the Lord for healthy end-of-the-year giving that will help return us to Africa to carry out partnership responsibilities with confidence. As departures and arrivals are tiring, ask that the Lord's strength and guidance sustain us as we finish personal and work duties.
- 🙏 Join us in praying that none of us neglect our part of sowing and reaping in the Kingdom. It is easy to get distracted, discouraged, or just ineffectively very busy.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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