



Ministry Updates

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



Verlin & Emmanuel learned lessons for development from the Sonoran desert.

Last week, we were blessed to **draw near** to many brothers and sisters in Christ using Community Health Evangelism (CHE) strategies worldwide. We encountered fellow mentors and friends with whom we have exchanged mutual influence for decades. The Ivorian brother Emmanuel K. shared within several contexts at the International Wholistic Missions Conference (IWMC). Well-received, he described how CHE operates in Cote d'Ivoire, lamenting personally at the lack of W. Africans choosing to participate in the meeting. Plenary speakers helped us and others to **draw nearer** to our freedom-giving King Jesus. Twice during worship, we jointly used a prayer app that guides users to pray for all who live in places considered unreached by the Gospel. (Check it out [here](#).) Rosi Orozco challenged nonparticipants to [move beyond talking about human trafficking](#) and personally **draw near** to at least one person who rebuilds their life after being rescued. In addition, Dr. Os Guinness, in a stirring message about our Western culture living through a seminal moment ([similar presentation here, starting at 7:25](#)), urged us to **draw near** to God in repentance and work together to reclaim our nation(s).

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

Besides the conference, we took the occasion to **draw near** former FWB missionaries [Jerry and Carol Pinkerton](#), who live about one hour from where the meetings occurred. They warmly welcomed us to Cote d'Ivoire in 2000 and Carol again last week as Jerry endures an obscuring mental fog. We also visited three other friends engaged in pastoral ministry there, whom we knew from Nashville. Debbie returned to Tennessee Saturday, falling promptly ill with a fever. Verlin extended his stay until Monday, letting him host Emmanuel and help him attain his international flight gate. We let the harried and blest week slow our sending the update last Saturday until today's prayer meeting!

Prayer and Praise

- Thank the Lord for the blessings and encouragement we provided and received while conferencing with aging colleagues and making younger ministry connections.
- Pray our trip to Michigan, beginning later this week, will provide similarly encouraging and blessed interaction with family and ministry partners there.
- Emmanuel safely arrived in Abidjan yesterday and is now home in Cote d'Ivoire. He will see his family for just a few days and then resume the distant-from-family efforts to grow the CHE leprosy program. He typically spends three weeks training and supervising the leprosy ministry each month and then one week at home. Pray for his safe travel and the family's continued blessed advancement in school and society.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Priceless Privilege-240511.PDF](#)
Prior videos: [Simple Servants - Reflect & Rejoice](#)
2023 Q2Report: [Pruning Priorities - 2023 Q2 Report 230722 PDF](#)

2022 Budget: [CHSC-0118 ANDERSON-Budget 2022](#)
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