



Ministry Updates

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



Still have the dishes!

Last Sunday, Debbie spoke with a Michigan friend who helped us get dishes and other essentials after we evacuated from Cote d'Ivoire in 2002 during a political crisis. This dear sister has personally experienced a loving team of **persistent pray-ers**, lifting her urgent health needs to the Lord over decades. She used the example of those **persistent pray-ers** as a witnessing tool in the hospital numerous times, fighting for her life. As she said to Debbie, she told doctors, nurses, and visitors about specific people worldwide (including our family) petitioning our Father for her healing. Now, we again join her other **persistent pray-ers** as she faces a grave heart condition and her husband fights a dangerous infection.

Isn't it strange that we pray as a last resort when we can do nothing else? The more Biblical approach is to pray **before** anything else. Why is being a **persistent pray-er** such a vital habit to develop? Here are just a few reasons we use to remind ourselves: 1) Prayer is [commanded](#); obedience is at stake. 2) Prayer is a conduit God uses to accomplish His will on earth. 3) Prayer encourages the person prayed for and changes the person praying. 4) Prayer binds the forces of evil in Jesus' name. 5) Prayer helps us resist temptation. 6) Praying testifies about our confidence in God to others. 7) Prayer directs glory to God as we recognize Him at work, not ourselves.

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

Debbie drove home to Tennessee on Wednesday, leaving Verlin in Michigan to connect with ministry partners and tend to family matters as much as possible. It is beautiful to see friends who have blessed and encouraged us as missionaries for over 24 years! Debbie also injured her knee last weekend (not sure how!) and has difficulty putting weight on her left leg. It reminds her of a meniscus problem in the other knee about ten years ago. She plans to pursue testing next week.

Prayer and Praise

☞ Thank the Lord for Debbie's safe travel home to Tennessee. Pray that she recognizes what is needed for her knee injury next week. Ask the Lord for strength as she reengages to help her parents with various issues.

☞ Verlin continues to visit ministry partners in Michigan. On Saturday, he and his siblings will catch up with their mother on any adjustments needed to maximize her and their thriving as Mom nears a ninth decade.

☞ Praise God for you, the **persistent pray-ers** in our lives! Thank you for decades of obeying, encouraging, binding the enemy, witnessing, and glorifying God through prayer. You inspire us and challenge us to persist in prayer. Pray for our Michigan friends with their health problems and several ministry partners recovering from surgery and cancer.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Connect the Dots-240601.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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