

Ministry Updates

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

*A good father is one of the most **unsung**, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society...If there were no heaven and no hell, I would still want to be a Christian because of what it does for our homes and our families in this life.*"—[Billy Graham](#)

Happy Father's Day to some of the most **unsung** heroes in the world! Every time we return to the States, we are dismayed by the downward cultural spiral of minimizing and mocking the role of men—particularly fathers. Commercials, TV shows, and movies frequently portray men as buffoons, losers, or violent avengers rather than patient and loving God-fearers who build new horizons for new generations. The percentage is shocking. Although we do not want to discount the extraordinary number of women who largely succeed in rearing their children alone, the sociological and psychological data is clear: [girls](#) and [boys](#) need their fathers.



Father and son

We praise God that our two fathers shaped our lives by actively participating in homelife! Their devotion to Jesus shaped the family during our childhoods. The Lord gave the Church vibrant means to influence boys and girls in our families and communities: exemplary, loving, Godly male role models. The picture shows one of the last hugs Verlin and his father shared at an airport. Goodbyes were later shared at home as [Earl's suffering through dementia](#) sped his passage to Heaven in January of 2011. However, 'Dad' Anderson consistently did not say goodbye; he said, "See you next time." His lifetime patterns of godliness shone even in those last days when emotional drives overpowered confused reasoning circuits. We expect our "next time" will be a glorious reunion!

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

Verlin continues to visit long-term ministry partners and make friends in Michigan. He heard a recurring theme this week during six visits. More than one pastor or church member expressed their desire for their fellowship not to get distracted by cycles of gimmicks to rope people into a church building for prospecting. Instead, leaders seek Biblical, Godly ways to impact families within their communities using Bible studies, like we use [Discovery Bible Studies](#) (DBS) in the context of Community Health Evangelism (CHE). Verlin anticipates rejoining Debbie next week in Tennessee as we work out continuing these emphases in Cote d'Ivoire in July while family needs are met.

Prayer and Praise

- 🕊️ Pray fathers recover knowledge and confidence in their inestimable, **unsung** worth in family life to see God's will be done on earth as in Heaven! May the Holy Spirit's power embolden more to step by faith and provide, protect, and prepare their offspring to live abundantly in this generation.
- 🕊️ Pray churches validate or shift their methods to reach people as needed so that moral values sustaining life are rebuilt. Ask the Heavenly Father to draw others to use powerful means, like Discovery Bible Studies, to equip men and women to lead their families with purpose and strength.
- 🕊️ A doctor's visit with x-rays revealed that Debbie's present knee and leg pain is due to an inflamed [pes anserine bursa](#). Rest, massage, ice application, and heavy-duty anti-inflammatories have been recommended to regulate the problem within six to eight weeks.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Persistent Pray-ers-240608.PDF](#)

Prior videos: [Simple Servants](#) - [Reflect & Rejoice](#)

2023 Q2Report: [Pruning Priorities](#) -

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

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