



# Ministry Updates

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

***There is one political maxim which comforts me, "The Lord reigns."***—John Newton

Happy Fourth of July! Perhaps, like us, you find [John Newton's reminder](#) a comfort, especially after this week's presidential debate (*The link is to a reading engaging 3 Psalms; Click [here](#) for the read text.*). In recent years, many have repeatedly wondered with us, can our nation not do better than either of these men? If it is any comfort, Ivorians suffer the same plight at election times, with much less money spent! How sad we've let the election of political leaders become such a costly, partisan affair. Still, we treasure the greater relative freedom and security we enjoy today in America, thanks to the prayers, blood, sweat, and tears of incredibly [patriotic believers](#) gone on before. May ours not be the generation that lets unparalleled blessings be lessened, even possibly snatched away due to sinful choices.



***America! America!***

***God mend thine every flaw,***

***Confirm thy soul in self-control,***

***Thy liberty in law.*** — *America the Beautiful* by Katharine Lee Bates

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

This week, we have quietly yet feverishly worked together while at home to organize receipts and expenses. We remain significantly behind in completing mission financial reports. Deb learns to work the system developed over two decades to accurately report to the penny expenses in three or four different monetary currencies. The challenge presents 'bugaboos' at times. Apart from some wonderful family and grandparents' time bookending the 4<sup>th</sup>, our job description will continue to be the same next week. Pray we make excellent progress with few interruptions while cherishing moments with family, too!

## **Prayer and Praise**

- 🕊 Pray for safe travels for our Ivorian brother Emmanuel, who travels in Europe.
- 🕊 Continue to pray for a new venue for the CHE conference in Cote d'Ivoire this fall.
- 🕊 Our granddaughter Chelsea will have ear surgery to implant a new cochlear device on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Although cochlear implants usually last a lifetime, hers dislodged unexpectedly. Pray that the Vanderbilt surgeon will succeed in this second surgery and that she has no complications.

Your partners in the Gospel,  
Verlin & Debbie

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