



Ministry Updates

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

Anyone who has lived in French-speaking West Africa or France knows what a pleasure it is to **break open** a fresh *baguette* (a loaf of French bread) or butter croissant. Truly a mouth-watering experience! Earlier this week, Verlin sent an Ivorian coworker for baguettes to **break open** with his family. On return from buying the bread, K. reported a prior experience of mentioning to a reseller that Verlin and he personally did not eat bread frequently because the eating of [refined carbohydrates](#) encourages the development of cancers. K. was startled when the lady immediately began crying. It turned out that she was fighting cancer and wanted to know what to eat and anything else she could do in her condition. K. shared words of hope from what he has learned with us. Later, she called him and thanked him profusely for sharing Jesus's hope with her. K. asked permission to connect her with Verlin and knowledgeable Ivorian medical professionals in our circles for nutritional counsel as she pursues cancer treatment.



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

When Verlin arrived home in Bondoukou on Tuesday, he found everything well except for minor electrical and plumbing issues. (He enjoys cool showers boosting [brown fat](#), "feel good" [dopamine](#), and other [hormetic benefits](#)!) One awaited answer to prayer is the arrival of fiber optic Internet to town. The least expensive subscription service now available cuts our former household service cost to less than half yet provides speeds close to what we enjoy when in rural Tennessee as fewer devices are connected here. It makes video conferencing and other communications much more effortless. Even the work to update the 2013 laptop, unused for nine months, and make it operational for University CHE team trainers was easy. It only took a night and day to prep the old unit with sufficient drive space to print CHE lessons and handouts offline during the upcoming UFHB training. Debbie made good progress on a few projects related to helping her parents, in addition to taking them to the doctor and observing their first physical therapy home visit.

Verlin received a visit from the Ivorian brother who seeks to share Biblical moral lessons, micro-enterprise, and agricultural know-how with Muslims in our area. The Ivorian is to check with the head imam (Muslim cleric) in town to confirm what he considers ideal for life and dress to let us meaningfully engage in teaching CHE household to household and **break open** God's truth for life.

Prayer and Praise

🙏 Thank the Lord that Verlin arrived safely home to Bondoukou. We are also grateful for fiber optic Internet, which will help speed up our communications across continents. (The photo for this update uploaded in 2 seconds rather than half a minute or longer!)

🙏 Rejoice with us! Our son Cason and daughter-in-law Suzanne expect their first biological child in March. Chelsea is delighted she will be an older sister! We look forward to being Grandma and Grandpa for the second time!

🙏 Pray for the Muslim bread vendor with cancer. May our coworker and Verlin have opportunities to speak [words of salvation](#) to her, as well as practical [nutritional advice](#) to [assist treatment](#).

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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