

Ministry Updates

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



Most of this year's CHE trainers

The Lord heard your [SOS prayers](#) for the university Community Health Engagement (CHE) training this week! As Aaron and Hur supported Moses of old, you held the Ivorian CHE team's arms up for victory as they overcame last week's challenges. Three trainers from other nations **got their feet wet** for the first time at the university (*including one of the amazing men who trained us in 1998*), while another Western trainer returned after a 4-year absence. We thank the Lord for that additional blessing this week. Since the training ended Friday afternoon, Verlin has yet to read the evaluations for the other classes. However, he's heard stories from the other three classes every evening when all shared the

classroom discussions facilitated. This week, there is only space to select details from the Level 2 class (TOT2) where Verlin taught with two others. He facilitated 19 of the 29 lessons in that class.

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

On Monday, Verlin successfully memorized the names of 22 people taking Level 2 while getting acquainted with their efforts over one, two, or five years since trained in Level 1. He learned one fact that day that thrilled his soul: twenty of the 22 participants **got their feet wet** in work or ministries based on the CHE principles that they had learned during Level 1 (TOT1). That is an amazingly high percentage. Verlin is impressed when 50% have done something with what they received! Many of the projects were medical, but one pastor shared a striking testimony, too. The Lord convicted his heart during the training in 2023 that his church was self-focused and ineffective in drawing others in the community to Jesus. The CHE training gave him the courage and tools to start two outreaches during the year that now bless the community and witness for Christ. Most in Level 2 were Christians, with 3 Muslims in the mix. All testified to growing in understanding that while our Creator desires us to enjoy blessings and abundant life, we must live within the norms He designed to receive them. The 23 people of that class alone are responsibly active in various roles, working within or overseeing works in 1,000 communities! Praise God for the transformation becoming possible because of what they learned!

Prayer and Praise

🙏 Thank the Lord for the over 85 professionals and community leaders who attended the CHE training at the university this week! Despite all the last-minute changes of trainers in various classes, all went well. Pray that each attendee learns how to powerfully apply the CHE process in their lives and work.

🙏 Pray for the regional CHE leadership meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. While it fatigues the body to meet after finishing the week-long CHE training, all are excited. The CHE trainers from other nations are encouraged by Ivorian works. Pray network attendees effectively share the tools that broaden Gospel ministries. Ask the Lord for safe travels and help with many last-minute details. Verlin is not in charge of this meeting as [at the beginning](#), but helps with details in the background.

🙏 As Ivorian public health leadership observes the impact CHE is having on projects in Cote d'Ivoire, one leader this week posited the need to have CHE teams in each district (like a county in a US state) of Cote d'Ivoire. He works with regional governors and assistant governors (*prefects and suprefects*) doing research with the World Health Organization. To have him suggest a CHE team in each district is exactly what we have prayed to see since we arrived in the year 2000! May it be so!

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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