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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

Do you dare be as bold as the Apostle Paul who told believers in <u>1 Corinthians 11:1</u> to **imitate** (copy, follow) him as he **imitated** Christ? As a teenager, Debbie wondered if Paul was too audacious and arrogant when he said that. After all, no one ever **imitates** Christ perfectly, so how can we ask that others **imitate** us? Now, a few more decades of experience later, and the principles of **imitation** in Community Health Evangelism (CHE) vivid in thought, the concept seems more straightforward to understand. Effective CHE multiplication depends on learners who carefully imitate the <u>LePSAS</u> learning process used in training (learner-centered, problem-posing, self-discovery, action-oriented, Spirit-guided). Each lesson put into practice within a community requires careful imitation so the desired changes affect every household. No trainer or committee member or volunteer health agent claims to do everything perfectly. He or she simply demonstrates that there is a correct standard or procedure to follow and encourages everyone to join in striving to perform it better!

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

The two-day CHE regional conference midweek occupying five days of Verlin's time blessed CHE leaders coming from 8 different countries! (9 if you count the USA.) Participants shared successes and challenges in implementing CHE in their various ministries across French-speaking West Africa.



Verlin served others while gaining insight into their lives and ministries while transporting visitors to and from the airport and bus stations. He commenced editing lessons for next year's university training, which has been on hold since Debbie did initial edits last year and inventoried the training supplies. He remains in Abidjan through next week to participate in a final summary CHE meeting at the university, finish updating the lessons, follow up on participants, and plan travel. Debbie happily received a retired missionary friend and ministry partner at our place in Tennessee last weekend. She continues spending many hours on issues for her parents, making some progress.

In a follow-up from last week on Tuesday, directors of public health education in Benin and Guinee communicated with Ivorian leadership that they desired to **imitate** the academic program integrated with CHE in Cote d'Ivoire for their respective nations. They schedule coming to learn and observe how to imitate what is done in Cote d'Ivoire next year during the Scientific Congress and the subsequent week of training. Those we have trained will train them. Praise God!

Prayer and Praise

- Thank the Lord for an excellent regional CHE meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday after the week-long training at the university. Pray Verlin sleeps well tonight after carrying people to and from the airport and bus station from early morning to late evening every day but Tuesday.
- Pray the CHE-trained Ivorians further implement CHE practices in public health arenas, expanding the success in Cote d'Ivoire. Ask the Lord to open the hearts of leaders in two Baptist movements who spoke with Verlin this week about launching meetings to reconsider using CHE to build their faith communities.
- As the CHE university team and Verlin meet next Friday to discuss the results of this year's training and plan for next year's, pray for wisdom, guidance, and good follow-up regarding this event.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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