



AWA Ministry Updates

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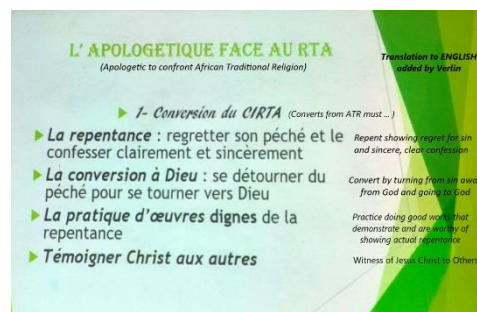
Taste and See ([Psalm 34:8](#))

This week, we rejoiced as stories surfaced of veterans, pilots, first responders, pastors, churches, and neighbors rescuing Hurricane Helene victims, working to do good despite discouragements of overwhelmed governance. We have many friends in devastated areas. Thank the Lord for the people who **venture out** of their comfort zones to share supplies or rescue others. In one story of romance, a father walked 30 miles overnight to attend his [daughter's wedding](#) in Johnson City, Tennessee, to perform his responsibilities! These individuals make us proud to be Americans.

Candidly, the global church needs reminders of the impacts that happen when believers **venture out** together into our communities and their worlds. The Kingdom does not grow when believers huddle in homes and church buildings. **Venturing out** requires time, effort, and risk. Thankfully, the outreach rarely requires heroics. It can be as simple as giving a meal, providing a ride, or mowing a neighbor's lawn. All of us can take the opportunity to **venture out** in Jesus' name if we keep our eyes open and cultivate servant hearts daily, even if bedridden and receiving visitors!

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

Verlin interrupted his week to **venture out** and bless a brother in Christ with an unplanned ride to Abidjan. On Tuesday, Verlin went to Goumère to deliver a repaired printer needed for income generation and visit one of our pastors who helped at the university CHE training. As Verlin prepped to leave, he helped receive a Nigerian pastor giving a one-day seminar the next day. The workshop aimed to help the congregation **venture out** of the walls built by their heritage of African Traditional Religions and become more effective witnesses in life and ministry. After the visiting speaker showed interest during a brief exchange on seeing the video we shared last week, Verlin decided to attend with three others who promote family Bible studies in Bondoukou. The speaker's message overlapped with CHE and Discovery Bible Study (DBS) principles. He and Verlin decided to further their exchange. Verlin's driving him to Abidjan provided sufficient time when a bus ride was missed. *(Verlin also needed to finish two other follow-up meetings in Abidjan).* The 6 hours of ministerial conversations let Verlin connect the speaker as one partnering with another Nigerian Baptist pastor in Abidjan with whom Verlin has already been planning training in Community Health Evangelism (CHE)! Verlin met with the other on Thursday. The two met today at their conference to examine with others the interest of all considering using CHE as their ministerial strategy during a future training of trainers (TOT). We pray that these will form a CHE team in SE Cote d'Ivoire, where no training team is dedicated to growing and planting churches.



Prayer and Praise

- 🙏 Ask the Lord to guide the group of Nigerian Baptists who met today and whose leadership planned to discuss considering CHE as a primary evangelistic and discipleship strategy to use.
- 🙏 Pray for the ongoing development of strong CHE training teams and sites in nine areas of Cote d'Ivoire. Thank the Lord that groups exist in seven of the nine regions anticipated since 2008, making participation in TOTs less expensive. We pray and work that the CHE training happens in all nine areas annually.
- 🙏 Pray for a safe and productive trip to see the brick-making equipment, which will probably be late next week. Ask the Lord to clarify if the first use of the equipment is feasible for partners living and working around Abidjan.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Worth-240928.PDF](#)

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