



Ministry Updates

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

Soil, sacks, and salvation may seem odd to discuss in a missionary update! It makes perfect sense in a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) context. One agricultural technique becoming popular around the world is [sack farming](#). We know numerous people in West Africa who use this method effectively in their CHE ministries. City dwellers with little space find sack farming a great alternative, as do people concerned about water conservation and the capacity to move crops around. Other benefits include pest control, weed reduction, proximity to home, and making experimentation easier. Check out this phenomenon online in articles and YouTube videos!



Sack farming in action

One of our FWB CHE pastors began using this agricultural tool after seeing it effectively demonstrated at the CHE Internship Center when he attended. **Soil, sacks, and salvation** relate to sack farming in his context because it is a witnessing opportunity. He now has over 40 people (most of whom adhere to a religion besides Christianity) ready to be trained in CHE.

Neighbors and friends have seen his family's use of sack farming and other agricultural or health improvements, and they are now prepared to learn.

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

Verlin finished some home projects this week, including repairing the hot water heater and ridding our cement patio of green slime and holes that invited falls and twisted ankles. Having been gone months, important banking and upkeep issues remain for Verlin to address, but several were handled. Late in the week, he drove to Gagnoa to evaluate large brick-making equipment we mentioned last week. [Géo-béton](#) bricks, made of [soil](#) and 5 to 10% cement, are very durable and significantly cheaper. He also visited a CHE teammate and some Raoul Follereau CHE sites (prevention of leprosy programs).

Prayer and Praise

- ✎ Thank the Lord for Verlin's safe journey to western Cote d'Ivoire to see the builders of the physical and spiritual Kingdom of God and to evaluate the brick-making equipment.
- ✎ Pray for CHE practitioners learning to use sack farming and having Gospel opportunities by teaching their neighbors some practical agricultural methods.
- ✎ Continue to pray for Debbie as she searches for new housing for her parents. She had a 3-day setback when a back muscle spasmed, but moving and driving is almost pain-free now.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

Last Week: [Venture out-241005.PDF](#)

Prior videos: [Worth](#) - [Simple Servants](#)

2023 Q2Report: [Pruning Priorities](#) -
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'22 Budget: [CHSC-0118 ANDERSON-Budget 2022](#)

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