



Ministry Updates

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

Isn't it provoking to observe how often Jesus **seized the moment** to instruct or show compassion based on life's daily activities? Other times, a powerful parable emerged from His lips, prompted by a question from the crowd. Sadly, the hectic pace of life in America often leads us to neglect to **seize the moments** Jesus gives us to spontaneously interact with children, neighbors, friends, coworkers, and strangers. Unplanned opportunities frequently prove more effective than carefully crafted plans we execute, especially when unplanned encounters revolve around a person in need of encouragement or crisis. Lord, may we welcome interruptions today that allow us to **seize the moment** for Your glory! (See the April 20, 2020, [carpe diem](#) update.)

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

Verlin invested time in financial reports as he connected with stakeholders and a manufacturer for the CHE project site about eight kilometers north of Bondoukou. He took exercise breaks to walk, readied [hibiscus calyx](#) for harvest, fermented some more beans, and made yogurt for healthy, cheap eating while we are apart. He also dealt with an irritating skin rash we have yet to correctly identify after 20 years of experience. It spread to several parts of his body and now seems finished. Last minute on Tuesday, he became informed of an agricultural training event by ECHO rescheduled 3 hours south. Verlin **seized the moment** and sent two CHE-trained coworkers who use and produce moringa products. They attend to deepen connections beneficial to the nearby CHE agricultural project and other families.



1 of 7 hibiscus near ready to make a [blood pressure dropping infusion](#)

This update marks the beginning of Debbie's fourth week living in Franklin with her father in her parents' rented apartment to assist her mother in a close-by rehab center. Sandra had a setback with pneumonia this past week, from which she is recovering slowly. We hope she can come home next week to stay active and integrate new habits learned to evade a recurrent event.

Prayer and Praise

🕊 Pray the final ownership papers for the 25+ contiguous hectares of land where the agricultural project develops quell debates. The coming of the brick machine excited matriarchal family land interests, again calling into question community commitments. The matter will now be legally judged before we finalize the purchase and ship the machine for use to save building expenses. (*It will be 50% or more less expensive to press the needed bricks by purchasing the machine than to make them locally using cement alone.*) There's no need to bring the machine if villagers continue to argue over who has land use rights. The CHE trainer, previously judged as the heir of the land by his father, has worked for several years to legalize the necessary papers. The documents to be publicly presented, validated, and authorized as enforceable by the state are reportedly ready.

🕊 Continue to pray for the transition of the CHE committees in western Cote d'Ivoire from the leprosy work completed in the first 60 of 160 communities. This remains a monumental opportunity for churches to impact their communities that spin-off additional witness opportunities.

🕊 Pray for Sandra's (Debbie's mom) complete healing from pneumonia and hopefully return home to their apartment next week from rehab.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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

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