



# Ministry Updates

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

The renowned British preacher Matthew Henry (1662-1714) wrote a Bible [commentary](#) that remains widely popular today. He penned the following in his diary after being accosted once by robbers in London: *"Let me be thankful, first, because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."*

Developing a life-long, daily bent of gratitude toward the Lord and others requires effort! As Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth worded it in her book [Choosing Gratitude](#):

*"The grateful heart that springs forth in joy is not acquired in a moment; it is the fruit of a **thousand choices** (our emphasis). It is a godly habit and pattern that over time becomes a new muscle in our spiritual makeup. And though like every other sanctified character trait, it does nothing to make us more loved and accepted by God, gratitude does become a reliable measure for where our hearts are with Him. Look for it, listen for it—and you'll learn a lot about how you're growing—or deficient—in grace."* (page 68)

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

- *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. For His mercy endureth forever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth forever.* ([Psalm 136:1-2 KJV](#))
- Oh, give thanks to the Lord for the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) leprosy outreach initiated over the past two years, which has let leaders see and affirm excellent results! *His mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks for thousands of miles traveled safely and for keeping our family intact, although separated by continents for a time. *His mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks for a grandchild on the way after many years of waiting. *His mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks for much improvement of Debbie's mom's in rehab and a proposed return home on Tuesday—and an excellent medical referral to a cardiologist whose specialty is helping people with CHF and A-fib adjust medications, diet, and lifestyle changes. *The Lord's mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks for the numerous trainings teaching others to use CHE occurring all over West Africa and hundreds of CHE trainers reaching out in thousands of settings from the three when we began. May the transformation Jesus brings be undeniable! *His mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks that we were able to say "yes" to ministry opportunities this year because there were sufficient funds. *His mercy endures forever.*
- Oh, give thanks for excellent ministry partners who pray without ceasing and give sacrificially so that the Ivorian people can experience abundant life in Christ. *His mercy endures forever!*
- Oh, give thanks to the Lord for the "no" answers He gave to prayers offered because even those were for our good and His glory. *His mercy endures forever!!!*



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