



Ministry Updates

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

Debbie's mom, Sandra Payne, peacefully passed into the arms of her Savior, Jesus, on Friday morning, December 20th, around 3:30 a.m. It seems fitting that care similar to that she provided others when serving the people of Cote d'Ivoire as a **loving nurse** for over 20 years, and then while ministering to mentally ill patients for decades more in Nashville, was provided her by **loving nurses** who were part of the team assisting her in many ways during her final days on earth. A **loving nurse** practitioner extraordinarily helped us just two days before she passed. Sandra sensed the need for a particular medication to help her with end-of-life symptoms stemming from congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation. There was not a quick response from her primary care physician's office. It's supposed he was likely taking needed time off for the holidays. However, the nurse practitioner of her cardiologist's office did respond promptly. She called Debbie, even though she, too, was on vacation this week. The medicine was provided the same day. It greatly helped Sandra pass peacefully from this life to heaven. Fittingly, a **loving hospice nurse** with kind tears in her eyes placed the last stethoscope on Sandra's chest to confirm her passing. Finally, Sandra's **loving nurse** daughter gave her the last dose of medicine around 2:00 a.m., having come at midnight to give Debbie a chance to rest. Anyone who has received the compassionate touch of a **loving nurse** understands our gratitude for the exemplary ministry Sandra offered for over 60 years. Best of all, she gave that love and care in Jesus' name.



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

Verlin closes some activities and delegates others to return to the States on December 24th and accompany the family. Debbie lives primarily with her father as the family prepares for Sandra's funeral. Hopefully, all funeral details will be finalized by Monday. We thank the many people who have sent their love and prayers to our family, especially those to Eddie, Debbie's father. The lovely remarks about their ministry together for over 64 years bring tears of joy and remembrance.

Prayer and Praise

🕊 Pray for our family as we praise the Lord for a life well-lived. Some grandchildren did not see Sandra in her closing days. That may bring its own kind of grief. Pray attendance during the celebration of her life will galvanize the healthier perspectives of engagement in life Sandra helped to form.

🕊 Pray for Verlin as he travels from Africa to Nashville during the busy holiday travel season.

Have a blessed Christmas, friends!

Verlin & Debbie

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