



Ministry Updates

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

World change happens **one deed** at a time, not by thousands of deeds we **think** about doing. This fact makes the words and deeds we choose daily more worthy of reflection. As Debbie assists her father in sorting through his worldly goods and dramatically downsizing, they are surrounded by memories of **one deed** after another offered or received in love and service over a lifetime. The reminders make us thoughtful and thankful. One who visited Debbie's dad, Eddie, reminded him of **one deed** offered decades ago, planting a seed that redirected this friend's life into an unexpected trajectory. In recent years, the friend has led a mission group to touch several hundred thousand lives with the Gospel through Discovery Bible Studies. The willingness to consider witnessing using a different tool than he was accustomed to using as a U.S. pastor came from a booklet Eddie gave him about current-day church planting movements that we also [share regularly](#) (see that [English CPM link](#) or [our French one](#)). **One simple deed**, one enormous consequence. It reminded Debbie of a much smaller event with a seemingly more minor influence. About 15 years ago, she had a conversation with a woman who was struggling in her marriage. Years later, the woman came to thank her and said Debbie's simple advice helped her not give up. She and her husband were reconciled and doing well. Debbie remembered the lovely face and the problem but had no idea what she specifically said. One simple conversation, **one simple deed**.

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

We spent several hours on Saturday alongside our son Corbin arranging items in Eddie's storage so some furniture pieces could be sold. Verlin continues managing mundane issues like ensuring maintenance at the family's homestead property while reporting and connecting with African partners. Planning or doing timely maintenance and repairs on the single-wide manufactured home took fifteen to twenty hours as Verlin preps the place should it be needed to welcome Debbie's dad for a short time until a more suitable place opens up for him. It would be much easier on his 85-year-old body should he move directly into an independent senior living situation. However, there are waiting lists at most places. We also await a copy of his birth certificate from Arkansas, which has stalled our application for locations.

Prayer and Praise

- ☞ Thank the Lord for many people performing many deeds to help this transition for Debbie's father go more smoothly. Continue to pray for lodging that fits his needs.
- ☞ The West African Community Health Evangelism (CHE) internship in Ghana approaches in February. Pray for the new leaders who spend hundreds of hours in preparation and effectively make adequate provisions to train those coming to be mentored and make plans to attend.
- ☞ Continue to pray that the partners of the CHE agricultural project near Bondoukou remain steadfast. Ask the Lord to facilitate Verlin's phone connections with African ministry partners. Fruitful phone conversations are sometimes difficult because of work schedules and time zone differences.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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