

Ministry Updates

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Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)



There's something about **empty spaces** that makes the human spirit want to fill them. When house-hunting, standing in an empty room and visualizing how to arrange belongings to create a perfect space is fun. It certainly doesn't take long to fill and even clutter a place when we move in! Or what about an empty piece of paper that just begs us to write a letter or story or doodle? Or a plot of land enticing us to plant a garden or build a swimming pool?

This desire also applies in our thought life. How often do we try to clear our mind of work or worries to enjoy a book or meditate on God's Word, but our thoughts drift back to what we were trying to escape? Life coaches tell us that to break a bad habit successfully, we must not leave that space in our lives empty. We need to fill it with a good replacement. Two thousand years earlier, Jesus warned us of this reality in the parable of the house possessed by demons (Matthew 12:43-45). Failure to fill the **empty space** with the Holy Spirit or Godly things led to a more powerful possession by evil spirits. Food for thought.

Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

Our week was replete with filling **empty spaces** and emptying filled spaces. Debbie stood with tears and grateful prayers on Friday afternoon in her dad's empty apartment, thankful for the monumental help of family and friends to meet the end-of-lease deadline. By God's grace, we moved Eddie to Cookeville on Tuesday. Verlin has spent days making the space more livable for him. With another few days of senior-living adjustments, Eddie should have a safer space to enjoy. He is tired but settling in with thankfulness. Our busyness kept us from sending an update last weekend. Sorry for the delay.



Mounting grab bars

Prayer and Praise

- After a day or two to physically recuperate, Debbie and Eddie will continue tackling the challenge of finding a long-term place for him to live and making some necessary insurance and financial changes. Ask for clear guidance and the right people to advise.
- Pray for CHE trainers in Cote d'Ivoire. Several of them oversee or monitor multiple CHE outreaches, so their family time and rest periods are infrequent, too. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom in balancing ministry and personal time. Also, continue to pray for property for *Arc-en-Christ* (see our update called "Restore" for details).
- We eagerly await the birth of our second grandchild who will be induced in mid-March if she does not arrive early. Please pray for the whole process.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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