

AUGUST 2020: CHP BROADENING OUR OUTREACH HORIZONS!

Greetings from Guinea, my friends in Christ!

The “Hungry Season” is upon us here in Guinea as we eagerly anticipate the harvest to come! As we await the coming bounty, this week our VHW (village healthcare worker) supervision trips to several remote villages will also include our training our rural VHWs in door-to-door nutrition teaching as well as their ongoing COVID-19 prevention teaching (which impacted over **12,000 people** last semester!). *(photo right)*



We developed teaching modules for the majority of our CHP programs, then recently trial ran three modules using our new posters at a Friday gathering before prayer time. It went so well!! The women loved the girl adolescent teaching session. All heard and responded to two other topics as well. *(photo left)*

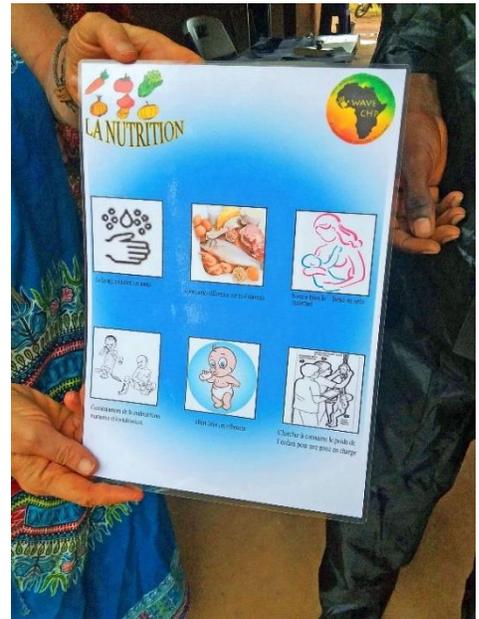
This week we braved the elements to supervise our large COVID-19 prevention program collecting monthly reports from over 100 trained, part-time personnel in rural areas, in town, in schools and homes all over!! And...in rain! To keep our 20 VHWs healthy and dry, each was gifted with a raincoat and boots to facilitate their door-to-door & village-to-village training, supplementing their education and disease prevention work!! It's chilly and wet weather in the 70s here...brrrr!! *(photo right)*



New staffer Ann Koro speaks fluent Pular and engages equally well with both the village children and our adult VHWs...such a blessing for CHP! *(photos below left and right)*



Ann did an enthusiastic nutrition preventative teaching session with several of our VHWs. We shared about good foods to eat, hygiene (our STOP COVID-19 mantra!!), and malnutrition treatment while interacting openly with 8 of our VHWs. I was even able to share our expanded version of this session with 3 of our VHWs. From the recommendation I gave to eat a rainbow of colors of foods during the week for best mineral and vitamin intake, I was able to segue to the story of Noah and the ark with God's salvation plan for humanity & creatures complete with a rainbow covenant promise not to flood the world again. God loves and cares for us! (photo right)



We also reached out with general COVID-19 barrier prevention methods to students studying for national exams as well as their teachers, advising them "Il vaut mieux de prevenir que de guerir"- better to prevent than to treat!! (photo left)

These 180 students then share this preventative info in the TOT (Training of Trainers) model to their families numbering between 5 and 13 members. Thus, yesterday we reached over **1000 people** with our CHP STOP COVID-19 poster program! Wow!! (photo right)



At 7,777 cases today, Guinea is seeing a slight increase in cases following *Tabaski fete* traveling. Let's stop this community spread! Let's pray these 6th graders pass their exams with the few months' study time they had to prepare! Let's help families nourish youngsters well! Let's see our rural programs and teaching open up for the good of the poor rural community! Let's pray for a harvest of souls with the proclamation of God's Gospel!

Praying for you as you fight against COVID-19. I hope you are enjoying rural harvests of corn (memories of my own Michigan grandpa's crop). Thank you for keeping our harvest of both crops and believers in your cherished prayers! May God's grace and mercy abound for us all!

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