



In Ivory Coast, Africa, **BEEKEEPING** is an important activity. Honey has healing properties, and since the people need to rely on natural methods of healing, they regularly use honey. Honey is sometimes sold door to door by the spoonful! *A hive can provide a family with enough income to live on!*

BACKGROUND of this Ministry- Dea & Charlotte Lieu helped set up Demonstration Farm & Training Center in 1987, which helped hundreds of farmers learn new farming and business skills and learn the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Beekeeping was one skill Dea Lieu taught to local farmers: **how to build hives, how to attract swarms, and how to build hive parts.** He also had tools and machinery available for them to start their hives. Everything stopped in 2002 when rebels took over, destroyed and looted the entire Demonstration farm. Dea & his family fled and Dea came to the US and earned a degree in missions & agriculture from Dordt College.

Dea returned to the Ivory Coast in 2007 and gathered a group of enterprising Christians who formed the **Christian Association for the Fight Against Poverty (ACLCP).** Along with the North American Affiliate (based in NW Iowa) and Partners Worldwide, **Dea and the ACLCP have worked to rebuild the Demonstration Farm, the Training Center and the loan program for farmers and small businesses, continuing the mission of bringing Christ to all they meet.**

Dea Lieu and the ACLCP would like to **rebuild the beekeeping operation** so farmers can be trained to keep bees and start selling honey to provide for their families.

The beekeeping operation will also be a source of income for the ACLCP and help them toward their goal of being **self-sustaining** within the next few years through the reestablishment of several enterprise operations, such as egg production, grasscutter husbandry, feed mill operation, beekeeping, broiler production, and escargot production.

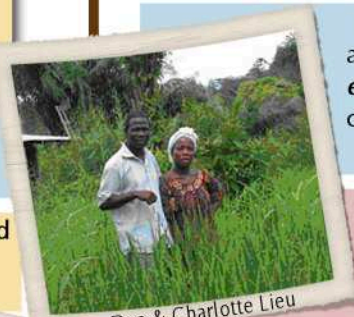


Last Friday, **Ron Rynders**, who has taught 2nd graders about honeybees for several years, spoke to the students about **beekeeping and communicating salvation to people in the Ivory Coast.**

SCCS has chosen this ministry as our Fruit of the Spirit Thanksgiving project. Each family who gives a donation of any size will receive a honey bear (filled with honey from Ron's bees!).

As you eat the honey, **be reminded that God's Word is sweeter than honey ...to those, like us, who hear it daily and to those who hear it for the first time through the witness of Dea and the beekeeping ministry.**

Donations will go toward the **purchase of beekeeping machinery, protective gear and beehive parts** that will be used to setup a beekeeping operation on the Demonstration Farm plus **provide training, gear & parts for farmers** starting their own beekeeping operation.



Dea & Charlotte Lieu

Though this whole effort seems headed in an agricultural and financial direction ... it is also headed in an **eternal direction** as Dea and his helpers make vital connections while training, that may lead people to **accept salvation through Jesus Christ.**

Please prayerfully consider how your family can "bee" a partner in God's ministry in the Ivory Coast.... your support is vital to the larger goal of leading people across the globe to our gracious God.



HOW TO GIVE: Please send your family's donation to school in an envelope (please write "Ivory Coast" on front) with one of your children. They can bring the envelope to Cheryl or Donna in the office and in return will be given a honey bear to take home for the family.

(One honey bear per family) Checks can be made payable to SCCS.

Please bring donations to school by Friday, Nov. 20 THANK YOU!!

What is the North American Affiliate?

The North American Affiliate seeks to promote the cause of the ACLCP in the US. We are also involved in decision-making, accountability & encouragement of the organization in the Ivory Coast. Members of the affiliate come from three churches in Sioux Center & Orange City, Iowa. Key members are Chad Feenstra, Ron Rynders, Cal Cleveringa, Pastor Jeff Keady, Amy Vander Berg and Rich Haan.

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Everything the ACLCP does at this point is examined by the **representative of Partners Worldwide, Renita Reed.** The Reeds live in Ghana to the east and also work in Liberia to the west, so she travels through Ivory Coast regularly to oversee the organization. Initial examinations have proven the ACLCP to be structured correctly and functioning well.

