



# The Knickerbockers

## Church Planting in Burkina Faso

**January 2013**

Dear pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### **Cold Weather and Health Checks**

For the first time in my life, I experienced extreme weather challenges on the road. We stayed with Julie's family in New Brunswick, Canada and saw the temperature drop as low as -14 degrees Fahrenheit. The roads were covered with ice and snow mixed with dirt to give traction to vehicles. We praise the Lord for keeping us safe as we traveled in these types of conditions for most of January. This month has also been a trying month as we had to deal with a few medical issues in Canada and in the States. We are thankful that these came up at a time when we were not traveling and had the support of our family surrounding us. Julie is now as healthy as ever and doing well. It is at times like these that we realize the importance of the prayers of God's people for our family and we are truly grateful for the many who continuously keep us in their daily prayers!

### **Reloading for Deputation**

After an emotional goodbye, we left Canada and got back on the road, headed toward Connecticut for our first meeting of the year. The Lord also opened the door for us to drop in a few churches this month and meet pastors to schedule meetings. We then headed back to Tennessee and reloaded our deputation materials. With all the cold weather we had recently experienced, we were excited to have most of our meetings for January scheduled in Georgia and in South Carolina.

### **Scheduling Meetings**

So far, January has been the month where we scheduled to most meetings in such a short period of time. Several pastors had asked me to call back this month to schedule a meeting or to get further information about an opportunity to present our ministry and burden in their church. During both of the missions conferences that we attended this month, the Lord crossed our path with visiting pastors with whom we were able to schedule more meetings this year. While we are still making more phone calls, we praise the Lord that we are having to schedule for the following year (2014) because He has already allowed us to fill most of our calendar for 2013!

We are excited to report to all of you that after 5 months of full time deputation, we are at 15% of our needed support. Ephesians 3:20 states: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." The Lord has given us a lot of meetings for this year and we are praying that by December 2013, we would be near our goal of 100%.

Thank you for your prayers and support.  
In Christ,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

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### **Birthdays**

Stephen 9/15  
Julie 9/26  
Anniversary 8/7



*"Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God," - Ezekiel 39:28*