



# The Knickerbockers

## Church Planting in Burkina Faso

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**March 2013**

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

### **Friends from Crown College**

I met Michael Casada while attending Crown College and we had several classes together. He and his family are now pastoring in Kentucky and invited us to be a part of their missions conference. We were thrilled to get the news that their church voted to take us on for financial support. We had a blessed time of fellowship with them. While attending the conference, we were blessed to spend some more time with the Smithey family, missionaries to Chile, who were at Temple Baptist Church while we were in college.

We also had the opportunity to travel up to Illinois and present our ministry in several Churches where the pastors had graduated from Crown College. While spending time with Pastor Mark Wilkerson, he informed me that one of his recent contacts was a French speaking family. This news got me excited and I eagerly suggested that we should follow up and meet the father who speaks French. The Lord allowed us to meet that family and present the Gospel of Christ to the Father. It was encouraging to know that he had placed his faith in Christ and committed to attend church with his children. The Lord sure knows how to prepare us for the field even here in the USA.

Another friendship the Lord allowed me to establish was with Mike Bird, my first Resident Assistant at Crown College. He is now the youth director at a church in Ohio, serving under Pastor Samples, who is also a graduate of Crown College. We rejoiced that this church voted to partner with us for the furtherance of God's kingdom in Burkina Faso.

### **New Supporting Churches**

We Praise God for the great meetings that He allowed us to be in this past month. Three churches voted to take us on for financial support and four other churches started to send financial support this month. We are currently receiving 24% and have been promised up to 31%. We are Asking God to give us a 100% by the end of this year. Please join us in your prayers.

### **Tragedy/Opportunity**

The news came to us that the teenager that received Christ as his Savior last month had passed away in a sudden car accident. Julie and I were saddened to hear this news, but later rejoiced to hear that the Pastor and his wife visited many family members who came to the next church meeting. There were 40 visitors that day. God's way is definitely higher than our way.

Thank you for your prayers and support.  
In Christ,

*Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker*

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### **Missions Agency**

WWNTBM  
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Kings Mountain, NC 28086  
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### **Birthdays**

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

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## **Praises**

-We had recently encountered a few problems with the car. We praise the Lord that all these needs were supplied and our car is running as if it was brand new again!

## **Prayer Request**

- Protection on the road
- Continued health
- Wisdom in scheduling meetings
- More supporting churches
- Endurance as we present our ministry and burden
- Stephen's father is coming to America from France for a short Furlough this month
- 100% of needed support by the end of the year

*"...The just shall live by his faith." - Habakkuk 2:4*