



The Knickerbockers

Church Planting in Burkina Faso

April 2013

Dear Pastors, supporting churches and praying friends,

New Supporting Churches

The Lord has provided in an amazing way this past month. In the last Newsletter, I mentioned that we were at 24% of our needed support and by the end of this month, we are at 28%. The wonderful thing is that this is actual financial support that has come in. Out of 7 churches visited this month, 6 of them have already voted to take us on as their missionaries to Burkina Faso. This will boost our percentage up the 48% promised. We are nearing the half way mark. Praise the LORD!

5% Closer and More

It was a privilege to share our ministry with the members of Bluelick Bible Church in Lima, OH. This precious Church is already heavily involved in my family's ministry in France and has been for many years. During the last meeting of the Missions Conference, Pastor Neighbors called in a business meeting to take us on for 5% of our needed support. It was encouraging to see the eagerness of the church members to vote to take us on. Bible Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC also voted to take us on as their missionaries the last night of their conference and Calvary Baptist Temple in Kentucky voted us in as part of their missions family the same day we presented to them our ministry. It is not every day that we hear back so quickly from churches or become part of their missions family during a service. We thank the Lord for the investment of God's people and the eagerness to see us go to Burkina Faso for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

Deputation Outreach

For us, most of the opportunities we have had to share the Gospel while on deputation has been in hotels, restaurants, and gas stations. I met a hotel clerk in North Carolina who was from India. I handed him a tract and gladly shared with him what Jesus had done for him on the cross, but he interrupted me and let me know that he was on a path to finding himself. He went on to explain what I immediately identified as Hinduism. This man was not just a Hindu, but he was trying to convince me that I needed to find who I am. I let him know that I already found who I am and told him that I am a dirty, rotten sinner, and that in me there is no good thing. That is why Christ came: to seek and to save that which was lost. On another occasion, Julie and I had a free day where we could enjoy the outdoors. We decided to go Kayaking and God allowed us to meet a Catholic man, in the middle of the lake, who was very interested in our mission work. Once again, we Praise the Lord for opening opportunities to share the Gospel anywhere we go. Please pray for us, that even on our "days off", we would never lose sight of an opportunity to reach a soul for the Lord. I pray, that like many others who have received the Gospel in literature, that these men may repent and believe in Christ alone for eternal salvation. We know that if God's word is given, it will never return void.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Stephen & Julie Knickerbocker

*"...for my name shall be great among
the heathen, saith the LORD..." - Malachi 1:11*

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Birthdays

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

Praises

- We are at 48% of our needed financial support.
- New friends everywhere we go who welcome us back to stay with them.
- very encouraging conferences and meetings this month.
- Dad has arrived safely in the States.

Prayer Request

- Salvation of lost souls around us as we give the Gospel
- Protection on the road
- Continued health
- Wisdom in scheduling meetings
- More supporting churches
- Endurance as we present our ministry and burden
- 100% of needed support by the end of the year
- Safety as we fly to Colorado, Puerto Rico and California.
- Quick recovery from recent 2nd degree sunburns.